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## Pioneer Park Days Crowds, Cash Up

By MICHAEL KELLY  
Of The Herald-Advocate

The 50th anniversary of Pioneer Park Days saw an increase in both attendance and revenue, but registered a slight loss after the county's billing for the event's use of its equipment and employee time.

Attendance figures revealed 10,444 people visited the park during the three-day festival, up 621 from 2017 figures of 9,823.

Revenues totaled \$85,585 while operating costs were \$26,128, showing a nearly \$60,000 profit before factoring in transfers to other county funds utilized by the event.

That, on paper, leaves the event with a \$1,269 loss for the year.

Last year, Pioneer Park Days posted a \$46,025 loss after the county was reimbursed for all its employee time and resources required to prepare the

area and staff the event.

A total of \$26,106 is proposed to be transferred from the Pioneer Park Days fund to reimburse the general fund, transportation trust and Hardee County Fire Rescue.

Personnel services, which include salaries for hourly workers, overtime pay, Medicare, retirement and portions of life and health insurance costs, were \$14,205 for the three days.

Last year the county racked up \$45,472 in the personnel services line item.

Labor for salaried workers was \$8,730 compared to \$10,910 the previous year.

Utilities at the park for the week are estimated at \$3,400, nearly the same figures as the previous year.

Volunteers, who receive a week of free camping at the park for each day they work, totaled a \$8,284 loss in camp-

ing revenue compared to \$17,272 in 2017.

A total of 28 county employees were used to staff the event and assist with preparations and cleanup afterward, down from 36 employees used the previous year.

The county relied on more local volunteers this year, which included people from Visit Hardee, the local Lions Club, various community members and the committee

that was formed to help improve Pioneer Park Days.

Andrea Thompson said more than 850 volunteer hours were logged by Visit Hardee, which handled the marketing and promotions for the event.

She said the group targeted Lee County and the Fort Myers area, and saw a good response of visitors traveling to Hardee County to attend the event.

County commissioners See **PARK A2**



## BOSTON BOUND

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Speedwork sessions on the track.

Strength and core exercises with a personal trainer.

A combination of slow long distance and shorter runs.

In total, Regan Davenport's course has trekked across more than 1,000 miles in the past six months.

Davenport, 45, will put her work to the test on Monday when she competes in the 122nd running of the Boston Marathon.

"Running the Boston Marathon has pretty much always been a dream of mine, a bucket list item," Davenport said.

A resident of Bowling Green, Davenport has been a runner since her days in elementary school after being introduced to the sport at Bowling Green Elementary by Coach Cliff Lunn.

"I fell in love, and have been doing it for most of my life," Davenport said.

The Boston Marathon was established in 1897 and today draws crowds of more than 500,000 spectators as an average

of 30,000 runners compete annually.

Davenport's journey to the streets of the City on a Hill, began in earnest in January of 2017 as she entered the Celebration Marathon with hopes of turning in a run that could qualify her for Boston.

She handily exceeded expectations.

"I beat the qualifying time by 11 minutes for my age group," Davenport said.

Then followed eight months of waiting until registration See **BOSTON A3**

### WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
04/03	90	60	0.00
04/04	89	55	0.00
04/05	85	56	0.00
04/06	89	52	0.00
04/07	85	59	0.21
04/08	81	62	0.03
04/09	90	68	0.00

Rainfall to 04/09/2018 - 3.74

Same period last year - 4.52

Ten Year Average - 49.17

Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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## No One Hurt In School Bus Crash

By CYNTHIA KRAHL  
Of The Herald-Advocate

No one was injured in a two-vehicle crash involving a school bus at one of Hardee County's most notorious intersections.

The U.S. 17 and REA Road wreck occurred on Monday at about 3:42 in the afternoon, the Hardee County Sheriff's Office said.

One child was inside the school bus at the time. She was not hurt.

Further, neither driver reported any injuries, the Sheriff's Office said.

According to a report filed by sheriff's Dep. Bryant Ovalles, Krystyna Csuk, 65, of Wauchula, was traveling northbound on U.S. 17 when she allegedly failed to stop for a red traffic light and struck a westbound Hardee District Schools bus.

School bus driver Charlene Rokosh, 54, of Zolfo Springs, had been on the east side of U.S. 17 and had the green light to cross the highway, the deputy said.

Ovalles said Csuk described driving northbound and "not paying much attention" before colliding with the school bus.

A witness to the crash, who also was northbound but was stopped in the left-turn lane, confirmed the statements made by both drivers.

Ovalles said the front of Csuk's Jeep struck the left side of the bus behind the front wheel.

The Jeep sustained about \$4,000 in damages, he estimated, while the bus damage was placed at about \$3,000.

Both vehicles were able to See **CRASH A2**

### IN FLIGHT



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

The pilot of this gyrocopter looks toward the aircraft carrying the photographer as this picture was snapped over the rural Hardee County landscape on Thursday. It was all part of the 45th annual Bensen Days Fly-In at the Wauchula Municipal Airport. The event, named after father of gyrocopters Igor Bensen, was open to the public and offered plenty thrill-seeking rides. For more on the action, see **B6**.

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#### LETTERS:

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



### Kelly's Column

By Jim

My mother Anna Mildred Walker Kelly lived for 102 years, passing away in July 2010. She was born in Norborne, Missouri, a town that sits on 415 acres and had a 2016 population of 672, down from 708 in 2010.

The town was founded in 1868 by Norborne B. Coates, a civil engineer for the railroad. Located in Carroll County 60 miles north of Kansas City, Norborne has one traffic light (same as Bowling Green), one main store and is big in agriculture, especially soybeans.

Her father was a farmer, never finished high school and wanted his kids to go to college, so the family moved to Kansas and farmed there. My mother graduated from nearby Kansas State University.

Congratulations to the Town of Zolfo Springs, which now has two traffic lights, twice that of Bowling Green.

In addition—like Atlanta and Jacksonville—Zolfo Springs now has a highway bypass to avoid the traffic of downtown. Having lived in Wauchula and now Bowling Green (as well as four other Florida cities out of Hardee County), my life would be more complete had I lived in Zolfo Springs for a few years.

Among other attributes, the Town of Zolfo Springs can brag about having the county's only tractor dealership (selling John Deere), a large pepper processing plant (Mancini), and a concrete mixing plant (Jhana). The U.S. Highway Bypass looks first class.

Congratulations to the Tampa Bay Rays who won a game Monday after eight straight losses. The win improved the Rays' record to 2-8.

A recent news report showed China exports three times the value of goods to the U.S. than it buys from us. This is a main reason President Trump wants a more fair balance of trade with China.

The Herald-Advocate rain gauge after Tuesday's heavy rain showed 3.0 inches. The only trouble is there may have been some water in the gauge before the rain.

It is interesting to follow the Florida orange crop and annual orange juice consumption per capita in the U.S. Both have been in serious decline. Here's a look:

1998 — The per capita consumption of orange juice in the U.S. was 5.8 gallons a person. Florida produced 244 million boxes of oranges that year.

2008 — Per capita consumption of orange juice in the U.S. was 3.8 gallons a person. Florida produced 170 million boxes of oranges.

2018 — The Florida orange crop is estimated at 45 million boxes, thanks to diseases and the hurricane. The latest per capita consumption of orange juice (2016) in the U.S. was 2.6 gallons a person.

Now Florida is not producing enough orange juice for the U.S. Imports are needed from other countries, mainly Brazil.

Reasons for the declining consumption of orange juice in the U.S. include other juices, many types of bottled water, price, etc. Just look at the wide array of juices, waters and other beverages in the grocery store aisles.

Winona Hansen of Wauchula has a 2018 calendar from Newt Gingrich and his wife Callista entitled "Rediscovering God In America." Gingrich was speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995 to 1999.

Gingrich said "Praise be to God" is inscribed on the capstone of the Washington Monument. "Preserve me, God, for in Thee do I put my trust" is inscribed in a window of the U.S. Capitol's Chapel.

The National Archives has an image of the Ten Commandments engraved in bronze on the entrance floor. Clearly, our Founding Fathers wanted God in the public square, said Gingrich.

"Yet for the last 50 years, ACLU lawyers and left-wing judges have been outlawing God in our culture. They insist that 'separation of church and state' means 'under God' must be removed from the Pledge of Allegiance...In God We Trust' stripped from U.S. currency...and all references to God erased from American history books and national monuments. But they're wrong," said Gingrich.

"America's children will benefit from having God in the public square. The Founding Fathers built America on their faith in God. Our young people should be influenced by their same Judeo-Christian morals in this day and age."

## PARK

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seemed pleased with the improvements that have been made, and the consensus seemed to be the event will continue in the future.

"I think it deserves another shot," Commissioner Mike Thompson said.

Thompson said the county has to get out of handling the money and get the human resources department out of operating it, but does not mind the county staff assisting with mapping out the park and setting it up.

Chairman Russell Melendy called it a "step in the right direction," and felt there was a buzz back in the community.

Commissioner Colon Lambert questioned about \$20,000 in "subjective costs" charged to the event by the county, but felt overall the event was back on the right track.

"Considering the limited amount of time the committee had to work on this, I feel it's definitely moving in the right direction," he said.

## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

• In Germany in the 1500s, a court physician by the name of Oswaldt Gabelthouer wrote a medical book full of remedies that he guaranteed would be effective. For insanity, the patient must cut his or her hair close to the head, then tie two halves of a ram's liver to the head. A severe case of epilepsy, he claimed, could be cured if the patient wore the right eye of a wolf and the left eye of a she-wolf on a thong about the neck for three months; also, the patient had to forgo bathing during that time. There's no mention in the record at hand of how a patient would go about redeeming the guarantee.

• According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a mumpsimus is "a stubborn person who insists on making an error in spite of being shown that it is wrong."

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## HSHS Auditorium Remains Unusable

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Seven months after Hurricane Irma lashed the region with wind and rain, the auditorium at Hardee Senior High School remains "unusable."

"(The damage) was severe enough that it made the auditorium unusable," said Rob Krahl, director of education facilities.

Plagued by years of water intrusion, the auditorium — built below ground level — suffered "major damage in the below-ground area in front of the stage."

Krahl has been working since October to develop a plan to address flooding concerns.

The plan, the result of months of engineering studies, will be presented to the School Board tonight (Thursday) at 5 p.m.

Krahl is requesting authorization to put the repair project out to bid.

According to Superintendent of Schools Bob Shayman, the cost is likely to be substantial. "It is easily going to cost upwards of six figures," Shayman said.

Funding, according to Krahl, will be allocated from reserve funds in the capital outlay account.

The project now faces a time crunch if crews are going to be able to complete the project by the start of the new school year in August.

If approved for bid, Krahl plans to return to the School Board on May 24 for contract approval.

"We need to get this done, along with the associated interior work, in order to start the new school year with an auditorium at Hardee Senior High," Krahl said.

## Financing Approved For New Garbage Pickup Plan

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The topic of trash gained little talk Monday night as the Wauchula City Commission moved forward with financing the acquisition of a side-arm garbage truck and roadside collection bins as part of a reorganization of the household collection system.

The \$332,000 investment was approved without discussion in a 5-0 vote of the board following a motion by Commissioner Ken Lambert and second from Commissioner Neda Cobb.

The action followed a related vote earlier in the meeting to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of up to \$300,000 in bonds to bankroll the project.

The bond vote, too, was without discussion and was ap-

proved 5-0 following a motion by Cobb and a second by Commissioner Russell Smith.

The revenue bond will be backed by a revenue pledge from the city's solid waste department as part of a larger funding deal with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The USDA has agreed to purchase up to \$279,500 of the bond issuance under its rural communities development program.

The remaining cost of the project will be directly funded by the city.

The garbage truck — equipped with side load arms — will be used to collect refuse from collection bins. The bins, which were also authorized for purchase, will be distributed to homes within the municipal limits.

## CRASH

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COURTESY PHOTOS

A Hardee County school bus was struck while crossing U.S. 17 at REA Road on Monday.

be driven from the scene.

School Transportation Director Rob Krahl was at the crash site Monday afternoon, along with other district personnel.

He said the bus was carrying just one student, a sixth-grade girl, at the time.

Krahl described damage to the bus as minor.

He said the bus driver was able to continue driving, and remains on her usual route. The bus, too, he said, has stayed in service.



The driver of this Jeep allegedly failed to stop for a red light on U.S. 17, striking a school bus.

## Corrections

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

### APRIL

- 12 — HC School Board Meeting/230 S. Florida Ave., Wauchula/5 pm
- 12 — Fitness in the Park/Strong/Heritage Park/5:30 pm

Hosting a community-wide non-profit event? List it here! It's free and it's easy. See instructions below.

- 13 — Story of Jesus/HC Cattleman's Arena/507 Civic Center Dr., Wauchula/7:30 pm

- 14 — Story of Jesus/HC Cattleman's Arena/507 Civic Center Dr., Wauchula/7:30 pm

- 17 — Devotion & Lunch/Hardee Help Center/713 E Bay St, Wauchula/Noon

How can you get your event posted on this community calendar? Check out the instructions at the end of this column.

- 16 — Fitness in the Park/Yoga/Heritage Park/5:30 pm

- 19 — Financial Fitness Class/Hardee Help Center/713 E Bay St, Wauchula/10 am

- 19 — Fitness in the Park/Yoga/Heritage Park/5:30 pm

- 20 — Story of Jesus/HC Cattleman's Arena/7:30 pm

Your event could appear here. For free! See submission instructions below.

- 21-22 — Wildcat Golf Tourny/The Bluffs/8 am

- 21 — Story of Jesus/HC Cattleman's Arena/7:30 pm

- 21 — Mr. Hardee High/Wauchula Auditorium/7 pm

- 23 — Fitness in the Park/Yoga/Heritage Park/5:30 pm

- 26 — Fitness in the Park/Yoga/Heritage Park/5:30 pm

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

- 29 — Gardening Workshop/Extension Service/5:30 pm

- 30 — Fitness in the Park/Yoga/Heritage Park/5:30 pm

### MAY

- 4 — SendMeMissions Run-Walk/6 pm

- 14 — Baccalareate/First Baptist Church/7:30 pm

Hosting a community-wide non-profit event? List it here! It's free and it's easy. See instructions below.

- 15 — Devotion & Lunch/Hardee Help Center/Noon

- 19 — Graduation/Cattleman's Arena/9 am

- 24 — Z.S. Town Commission Meeting/6 pm

- 24 — Lunch & Learn/HC Chamber of Commerce/Noon

- 26 — HC School Board Meeting/5 pm

Your event could appear here. For free! See submission instructions below.

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.

**BOSTON**  
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for the Beantown run opened in September of 2017.

Having a qualifying time, even one that beat the mark by more than 10 minutes, was no guarantee the local educator would earn a coveted slot.

"Once everyone registers, they rank each age group from fastest to slowest. They have a certain number of spots for each age group and once they have met that number, no one else gets in. So, you can run a qualifying time and still not be selected," Davenport said.

Less than a month from applying, word finally came: Davenport had officially earned her chance to compete at the iconic event.

"I have never been more ready for anything in my life," Davenport said.

The Zolfo Springs Elementary School teacher will take off from the starting line at 10:50 a.m. under bib number 21181.

NBC Sports will be providing televised coverage of the event. A pre-race show will air on Sunday at 8 p.m. on the Olympic Channel. Live race coverage will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on NBC Sports Network. For those missing the live telecast, the event will be rebroadcast on Universal HD at 8 p.m. on Monday.

Davenport, though, is not the only Hardee Countian to earn a spot at the Boston Marathon.

Sean Brown, 45, of Wauchula, will compete in the second wave under bib number 10788. His portion of the race begins at 10:25 a.m.

Davenport was scheduled to fly to Boston this Wednesday. Accompanying the pavement-pounding educator is her youngest son, Zander Durastanti,

and best friend Julia Roberts and her son, Nolan. Both youngsters are members of the Hardee County Sole Crushers, a travel track team headed by Davenport.

Davenport's oldest son, Zackary Durastanti – a standout on the Hardee High Senior High School cross country and track and field teams – is expected to travel to Boston on Friday following today's (Thursday) district track competition in Wesley Chapel.

Zackary will be traveling with Brown to the event.

The delegation will get in some running time of their own on Saturday as they compete in the Boston 5K.

"The boys and Julia will be competing in the Boston 5K on Saturday morning," Davenport said. "We will also be attending a Red Sox game, going whale-watching, spending a lot of time sightseeing, hanging out at the pre-race expo, and soaking it all in. We will also be attending a special showing of the Boston Documentary movie."

The days leading up to her departure have been emotional.

Last week, Davenport was feted to a pep rally by the faculty, staff and students of Zolfo Springs Elementary School.

"They kept it secret from me for over a month, and I truly had no idea," Davenport said. "It was impossible to contain my emotions."

"What a special place to work," she added. "I am so thankful for the people I surround myself with every day. Knowing that everyone will be tracking me and cheering me on will be in the forefront of my mind while running ... I cannot wait to represent Hardee County next Monday."



Exceptional Student Education teacher Regan Davenport stands in front of a sign at Zolfo Springs Elementary School that honors her upcoming participation in the Boston Marathon.

COURTESY PHOTOS



Regan Davenport posed for a picture surrounded with family following a pep rally in honor of her plans to compete in the Boston Marathon. Pictured (front row, from left) are Davenport and son Zander Durastanti; (back row) mother Betty Durastanti, son Zack Durastanti, fellow Boston Marathon runner Sean Brown, and father David Durastanti.



Students at Zolfo Springs Elementary hold a sign reading "#LaserFocus" at a pep rally honoring teacher and marathon runner Regan Davenport.



The "Dedication" of teacher Regan Davenport in her efforts to earn a slot at the Boston Marathon were honored at a pep rally last Friday at Zolfo Springs Elementary.



Regan Davenport makes her way through a tunnel of cheering, pint-sized fans at Zolfo Springs Elementary School during a pep rally last Friday. Davenport, an Exceptional Student Education teacher, will be competing Monday in the Boston Marathon.

# 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 .....8:15 a.m.  
.....10:00 a.m. & 11:45 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**  
2400 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  
Dominica .....10:00 a.m.  
Servicio .....11:00 a.m.  
Lunes Oracion .....6:00 p.m.  
Miercoles Servicio .....7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1999 State Rd. 64 East • 773-2101  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship Service .....6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Supper .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Activities  
(All Ages) .....7:00 p.m.

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

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

**NEW PHILADELPHIA WORSHIP CENTER**  
1652 Old Bradenton Road  
Sunday .....10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday .....6:30 p.m.

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

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
4350 W. Main Street • 735-0321  
www.ogbwauchula.org  
**Sunday Schedule:**  
Bible Study for All Ages .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday Schedule:**  
M&M Kid's Klub .....6:00 p.m.  
Youth Group .....6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study .....  
.....6:30 p.m.

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

**PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
149 Manley Road • 452-1281  
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Evening Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

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

## WAUCHULA

**ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
408 Heard Bridge Road • 773-4089  
Saturday Mass (English) .....5:00 p.m.  
(Spanish) .....7:00 p.m.  
Sunday (English) .....8:30 a.m.  
(Spanish) .....11:30 a.m.  
(Creole) .....1:30 p.m.  
Catecismo .....9:45 a.m.  
Daily Mass in English .....8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

## ZOLFO SPRINGS

**CREWSVILLE BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
8251 Crewsville Road  
Church 735-0871 • Pastor 385-7867  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer .....6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
2465 Oxendine Road • 832-7829  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Evening .....1:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible & Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.

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

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

## ZOLFO SPRINGS

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

**PRIMERA MISION BAUTISTA HISPANA**  
518 8th Avenue East  
Escuela Dominical .....10:00 a.m.  
Servicio del Domingo .....11:00 a.m.  
Servicio del Miercoles .....7:00 p.m.  
Servicio del Miercoles .....7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

**SAN ALFONSO MISSION**  
3027 Schoolhouse Lane • 773-4089  
Domingo, Misa en Espano 10:00 a.m.

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

**Seeds of Hope**  
Guido Evangelistic Association  
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"This is going to hurt me more than it does you," said the father to his young son as he took him from the family room for interrupting our conversation. I'd heard that statement many times and always wondered what the parent wanted the child to understand when it was used. If it was used to redirect a child's behavior and teach him or her an important lesson about life, why not say so. That's what the author of Psalm 94 meant when he wrote, "If God disciplines you, consider yourself blessed" or "full of blessings!" To discipline means "to teach." Discipline is not punishment as we understand it - though it may involve suffering and loss, disappointment and feelings of rejection. When God disciplines us, it is His method to bring us back to live within His commandments and laws and the teachings of Jesus. It is about "getting our attention" when we are overcome by temptation and fall into sin. It's about being confronted by God when He corrects us for allowing the "things or the people or the attractions of this world" to take His place. It is about worshipping those things rather than the Creator of those "things."

One of the blessings of discipline is that it has long term benefits for the Christian. If in His mercy He brings loss or suffering to teach us a lesson today, and if we are willing to learn from the loss or suffering when it happens, we will be spared from greater losses or more suffering in the future - and bring more honor to Him.

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**DISCOVER THE PROMISE**



There's a whole new world to explore outside the window! It's a bright, wonderful day of promise and there's a pal to share it with. In every life the future holds a world of promise. Whether it lives up to our expectations depends less on what is outside than on how we feel on the inside. Our attitude can influence how we perceive the events and experiences of life. How do we develop a positive attitude? Just as a window lets light shine in, the teaching of moral and religious truths lets faith enter into every heart. With faith we can grow up with an attitude of gratitude. To discover all the promise in this world, begin by learning the promises of God. Visit your local house of worship this week.

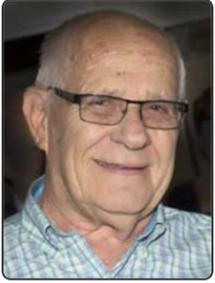
Daily Devotional Reading					
1 Peter 1:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-25	1 Peter 3:1-22	1 Peter 4:1-19	1 Peter 5:1-14	2 Peter 1:1-21
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society					

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Zolfo Springs, FL

# Obituaries

## In Memory



**ROY CARLTON  
'R.C.' WEEKS**

Roy Carlton "R.C." Weeks, of Lake Placid, passed away on March 28, 2018.

He was born Nov. 28, 1932, in Lemon Grove, FL, to Roy Weeks and Willa Mae (Green) Weeks. After graduating from Hardee High School, R.C. joined the U.S. Air Force where he was a staff sergeant in the Korean War. When he was discharged



from active duty he came home and began his career as a builder and general contractor in the Hardee County area.

R.C. married Ada Merle Collins in 1960. The couple had two children, Jed Weeks, of Wauchula, and Krista Weeks Peterson, of

Tampa. R.C. has gone to heaven to be with the Lord, his mother, father, and brothers, Hoyt Weeks and J.W. Weeks, and many lifelong friends and relatives.

R.C. was an active member of Faith Baptist Church in Lake Placid.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ada Merle; son, Jed and daughter-in-law, Robin (Clenney) Weeks, of Wauchula; daughter, Krista and son-in-law, Bob Peterson, of Tampa; and sister-in-law, Zola Collins Truitt.

In his later years, R.C. was renamed "Pop" by his four granddaughters, Leah and Audra Weeks, of Wauchula, and Lauren and Alexandra Peterson, of Tampa.

Pop was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. When he wasn't spoiling his granddaughters, he enjoyed fishing, shooting, riding his motorcycle, and barbecuing for friends and family.

Visitation and service was held Good Friday at First Baptist Church of Wauchula on March 30.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Good Shepherd Hospice, Sebring, or Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Live Oak.

## In Loving Memory



**ERLINDA E.  
WINDHAM**

Erlinda E. Windham, 66, of Zolfo Springs, died on Friday, April 6, 2018, at Somers Hospice House in Sebring.

Born Dec. 28, 1951, in Victoria, Texas, she came to Hardee County from Texas in 1960. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Michael Catholic Church.

Survivors include her companion and significant other, Jose Martinez, of Zolfo Springs; two sons, Joel Wayne Windham (Patricia), and Jose Carlos Martinez, all of Zolfo Springs; three daughters, JoAnn

Windham (Pete Rodriguez), of North Port, Flora Estella Alvarado (Steven), and Rosalva Galan (Antonio), all of Bowling Green; three brothers, Roy Elisondo, of California, Samuel Elisondo, of Texas, and Reuben Elisondo Jr., of Zolfo Springs; four sisters, Mary Lou Gonzalez, of Bowling Green, Simona Rentoria (Robert), of Texas, Irma Velez (Frank Velez, Jr.), of Zolfo Springs, and Mary Jane Elisondo, of Arcadia; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday, April 10 from 6-8 p.m. at Roberts Garden Chapel. Funeral services were Wednesday, April 11 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church with Father Rolando officiating. Burial was at Wauchula Cemetery.

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

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## In Loving Memory



**FAY LaRUE  
CURRAN**

Fay LaRue Curran, 89, of Wauchula, died on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at Somers Hospice House, in Sebring.

Born in McKeesport, Pa., on Aug. 31, 1928, to Lewis A. and Elmira Saxon, she moved to Hardee County in 1989 from Pennsylvania and had been a winter resident for the previous nine years. She was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church and had worked at Sears and Roebuck as an office clerk.

Fay was preceded in death by her parents; hus-

band, Charles Curran, in 1999; son, Mark Curran; and four brothers, Glenn, Gerald, Lloyd, and J. Wesley.

Survivors include two sons, Kurt Curran, of Wauchula, and Kent Curran (Vicki), of Euless, Texas; one daughter, Ruth Howard (Dave), of Duquesne, Pa.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday), April 12, at 3 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Davis officiating. Visitation is 2-3 p.m. Interment will be at Jefferson Memorial Park in Pittsburgh, Pa.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one's favorite charity.

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## MARIAN HAND BURSANI

Marian Hand Bursani, 91, of Wauchula, died on Friday, April 6, 2018.

A native Floridian, she had resided in Wauchula most of her lifetime.

She is survived by her sons, Charles "Eddie" Hand and Randall Hand; sister, Peggy Wilhelm; eight grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 10, at Southern Funeral Care, Riverview. Interment followed at Hillsboro Memorial Gardens, Brandon.

Arrangements were by Southern Funeral Care, Riverview.

## STANLEY R. KIRKLAND

Stanley R. Kirkland, 52, of Wauchula, died on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center.

He was born in Orlando, and lived most of his life in Hardee County.

He is survived by his wife, Denise Hagwood; mother, Barbara Kirkland; father, William Kirkland; children, Angela (Franshua) Kirkland, Bryan (Tyre) Hagwood, Brandy Hagwood and Michelle (Sevena) Kirkland; sister, Peggy (Grant) Bonds; brother, Travis (Amy) Kirkland; eight grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Fountain Funeral Home, Avon Park.

## Bible Trivia

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Judges in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. By Roman reckoning, what time of day did Jesus meet the Samaritan woman at the well? Daybreak, Noon, Mid-afternoon, Dusk

3. On the island of Patmos, to whom was the book of Revelation given? John, Paul, Matthew, Luke

4. Who hid 100 prophets in two caves and supplied them food and water? Solomon, Philemon, Obadiah, Hosea

5. On what day did God create the evening and the morning? 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th

**ANSWERS:** 1) Old; 2) Noon; 3) John; 4) Obadiah; 5) 4th

Visit *Wilson Casey's new Trivia Fan Site* at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy).

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## In Loving Memory

### GLORIA SILVIA DE MARTINEZ

Gloria Silvia De Martinez, 67, of Wauchula, died on Sunday, April 8, 2018, at Somers Hospice House, in Sebring.

Born April 5, 1951, in Mexico, she came to Hardee County from Mexico 10 years ago. She was a homemaker, a Christian, and member of Family Life Ministries.

Survivors include her husband, Habacud Martinez, of Wauchula; two sons, Habacuc Martinez and Ricardo Martinez, both of Hardee County; two daughters, Xochitl Martinez, of Mexico, and Gloria Martinez, of North Carolina; two brothers, Omero Sanchez, of Texas, and Mauro Balderas, of Mexico; one sister, Veronica Franco, of South Carolina; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

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## In Memory



**SHARON LEE  
MOSELEY  
PURECO  
MORALES**

Sharon Lee Moseley Pureco Morales, 63, of Fort Meade, passed away Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at her home.

She was born in Wauchula on Feb. 17, 1955. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by father, Sherrod E. Moseley; mother, Dorothy Roberts Moseley; brothers, Donald Moseley and Fred Moseley; son, Jose Encinias; and daughter, Barbara Pureco.

She is survived by husband, Teodulo Pureco Morales; brothers, Sherrod Wayne Moseley and Kenneth Moseley; sisters, Barbara Moseley Aleman and Carlene Moseley Hunter; daughters, Tabitha Torres, Olivia Encinias Rodriguez, and Jessica Johnston; and son, Kenneth Torres.

A celebration of life will be held May 5 at 2 p.m. at 3100 Mt. Pisgah Road, Fort Meade.

Cremation arrangements were by J.L. Locke and Company Cremation Services.

## In Loving Memory

### RALPH EDWARD HILL

Ralph Edward Hill, 59, of Sebring, died at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Born in Walterboro, S.C., on May 13, 1958, he moved to Highlands County from Hardee County in 2013. He was a drywall finisher and Pentecostal by faith. Ralph loved the Lord, his family, and fishing. He had a tender heart and would give someone the shirt off his back; if one needed help, he was there for them. This small town Southern man was silly and happy.

Survivors include his wife, Deeda Boyles, of Sebring; one brother, Gene Hill, of Mullins, S.C.; three sisters, Renea Hill, of Mullins, S.C., Judy Brown, of Marion, S.C., and Darlene Hill, of Wauchula; and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, at Roberts Garden Chapel with Mr. Brett Dowden officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services. Burial is at Friendship Cemetery.

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## Death Notice

### DR. MAX FOLSOM MORRIS

Dr. Max Folsom Morris, of Winter Park, died April 9, 2018.

He was born on Nov. 3, 1928.

Friends will be received today (Thursday), April 12 at 6 p.m. at Christ Church of Orlando. Services will be Friday, April 13, at 10 a.m. at Christ Church of Orlando. Burial will be at Midway Cemetery, Crewsville.

Arrangements were by Newcomer Cremations and Funerals, Orlando.

## OBITUARY POLICY

The Herald-Advocate publishes obituaries free of charge as a public service. Forms showing the information which may be included in a free obituary are available at local funeral homes or at our office.

Paid obituaries may include additional information and remembrances.

All obituaries, however, must be submitted by a funeral home. No personal submissions will be accepted.

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# Main Street Wauchula Paints The Town



COURTESY PHOTOS

Main Street Wauchula Inc. held its sixth annual Paint The Town event on Saturday. More than 180 volunteers showed up, willing and ready to put a fresh new coat of paint on nine eligible homes in the Turner and Diana avenue, Heard Bridge Road and Oak Street areas.



Paintbrush and bucket in hand, Main Street Wauchula volunteer Frank Gibbs brings a wide smile to a homeowner's face.

## Volunteer Teams

- Wauchula Kiwanis
- Wauchula State Bank
- Main Street Wauchula
- Hardee County Professional Firefighters
- #BETHECHURCH  
(First Christian Church)
- City of Wauchula
- Rotary Club of Hardee County
- Mosaic
- 1 Peter 4:10  
(First Baptist Church Wauchula Youth)
- New Hope Baptist Church



All sorts of prep work was required before paint could be applied. Here, young Cooper Graham lends a last-minute landscaping hand.



Main Street Wauchula Inc. Executive Director Jessica Newman does brushwork while husband Shannon is on a roll.



Homes were pressure-washed, scraped, taped and sanded as needed before and during the big volunteer event.



A pleased homeowner inspects the new paintjob.



Volunteers from New Hope Baptist Church and from Mosaic happily paint the town.



The team #BETHECHURCH tackles a home within municipal limits as part of the program by Main Street Wauchula Inc. and the Community Redevelopment Agency.

# Solunar Forecast

<b>4/12/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:05 AM Set: 7:50 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 45 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 5:08 AM Set: 4:47 PM Overhead: 10:56 AM Underfoot: 11:19 PM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 13% Waning Crescent  <b>Major Times</b> 10:56 AM - 12:56 PM 11:19 PM - 1:19 AM  <b>Minor Times</b> 5:08 AM - 6:08 AM 4:47 PM - 5:47 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Average  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4  <b>4/13/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:04 AM Set: 7:51 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 47 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 5:45 AM Set: 5:43 PM Overhead: 11:42 AM Underfoot: ---  <b>Moon Phase</b> 7% Waning Crescent  <b>Major Times</b> ---:--:--:-- 11:42 AM - 1:42 PM  <b>Minor Times</b> 5:45 AM - 6:45 AM 5:43 PM - 6:43 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Good  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4	<b>4/14/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:03 AM Set: 7:51 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 48 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 6:21 AM Set: 6:40 PM Overhead: 12:29 PM Underfoot: 12:06 AM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 2% Waning Crescent  <b>Major Times</b> 12:06 AM - 2:06 AM 12:29 PM - 2:29 PM  <b>Minor Times</b> 6:21 AM - 7:21 AM 6:40 PM - 7:40 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Better  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4  <b>4/15/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:02 AM Set: 7:52 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 50 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 6:59 AM Set: 7:39 PM Overhead: 1:17 PM Underfoot: 12:53 AM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 0% NEW MOON  <b>Major Times</b> 12:53 AM - 2:53 AM 1:17 PM - 3:17 PM  <b>Minor Times</b> 6:59 AM - 7:59 AM 7:39 PM - 8:39 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Best  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4	<b>4/16/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:01 AM Set: 7:52 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 51 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 7:38 AM Set: 8:40 PM Overhead: 2:07 PM Underfoot: 1:42 AM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 0% Waxing Crescent  <b>Major Times</b> 1:42 AM - 3:42 AM 2:07 PM - 4:07 PM  <b>Minor Times</b> 7:38 AM - 8:38 AM 8:40 PM - 9:40 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Best++++  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4  <b>4/17/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:00 AM Set: 7:53 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 53 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 8:20 AM Set: 9:43 PM Overhead: 3:00 PM Underfoot: 2:33 AM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 3% Waxing Crescent  <b>Major Times</b> 2:33 AM - 4:33 AM 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM  <b>Minor Times</b> 8:20 AM - 9:20 AM 9:43 PM - 10:43 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Better  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4	<b>4/18/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 6:59 AM Set: 7:53 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 54 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 9:05 AM Set: 10:46 PM Overhead: 3:55 PM Underfoot: 3:27 AM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 8% Waxing Crescent  <b>Major Times</b> 3:27 AM - 5:27 AM 3:55 PM - 5:55 PM  <b>Minor Times</b> 9:05 AM - 10:05 AM 10:46 PM - 11:46 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Good  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4  <b>4/19/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 6:58 AM Set: 7:54 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 56 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 9:55 AM Set: 11:49 PM Overhead: 4:52 PM Underfoot: 4:23 AM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 16% Waxing Crescent  <b>Major Times</b> 4:23 AM - 6:23 AM 4:52 PM - 6:52 PM  <b>Minor Times</b> 9:55 AM - 10:55 AM 11:49 PM - 12:49 AM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Average  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4
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# SFSC To Host 'Leadercast'

"Leadercast," a one-day leadership conference broadcast live from Atlanta and simulcast to hundreds of locations globally, will be hosted at South Florida State College campuses next month.

This year marks the 18th year of the annual leadership conference, but the first year that SFSC will be hosting the event at its Hardee, Highlands and DeSoto campuses.

The simulcast is Friday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The theme of this year's conference is "Lead Yourself." What does it look like to lead yourself? How can you intentionally develop your own leadership skills and style? What qualities do you hope to embody as a leader?

The Leadercast Live stage will highlight leaders who will answer these questions and explain the power and importance of leading yourself first so you can lead others well.

Top leadership experts will inspire more than the 300 people attending the local event, and the more than 100,000 people at hundreds of other simulcast locations in more than 20 countries.

The leadership experts speaking this year are:

- Jen Bricker – Acrobat, aerialist, author and speaker.
- Kate Cole – Top female business leader and president of Focus Brands, North America.
- Ian Cron – Bestselling author, psychotherapist, ennea-gram teacher and speaker.

- Michael Hyatt – author, speaker and CEO of Michael Hyatt & Co.

- Mae Jemison – NASA astronaut, engineer and physician.

- Jim Loehr – Co-founder of the Human Performance Institute.

- Carey Lohrenz – The first female F-14 pilot, a speaker and trainer.

- Andy Stanley – Best-selling author and communicator.

- Joe Torre – Hall of Fame baseball manager.

For more information and to purchase your ticket or sponsorship for the Leadercast South Florida State College event, visit [sfscarts.org](http://sfscarts.org) and click on "Shows & Tickets" and then "Leadercast Live."

## Letter To The Editor

### Why I Changed My Major To Elementary Education

Dear Editor:

Roxie Bentley told you she would add to the rest of the story about why she chose Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

Her Daddy's brother R.C. Bentley and family plus her cousins lived in Winter Haven which was just a "jump" from Lakeland.

She would be able to visit them on Saturdays and Sundays when she kept her grades up so she could see them on weekends sometimes.

I didn't have much time for visiting because of all the "study time" required for math, English, history, athletics, etc. These are requirements.

I did not mind going to English classes and athletics, but Boy Howdy math and history—even the "birds" would have had trouble. I liked history, but it was hard to remember who did "what and when and why."

Math has always been a "Booger" for me. I also had a class in art. That was O.K. as long as I could draw, but there was not very much drawing involved.

That first year at Florida Southern was extremely hard. I have a feeling it may not have been so hard if I had had one more year in high school, but there were only 11 grades to finish high school in South Carolina.

I have been told that schools in Georgia and North Carolina had 11 grades at the time. I have heard that all high schools now have 12 grades.

I was promoted at the end of my Freshman year "by the skin of my teeth." I did a little better in my second and third year.

My head was set to be a high school teacher until I saw how large and tall those football players were. I could just see those fellows pick me up and throw me around like a football. (At that time I was only five feet tall and about 168 pounds.)

When I told my uncle I wanted to change my major to elementary age children he had a "hissy with a fringe on top." That is when we parted ways.

I waited several days after I that so I could get my thoughts together. Then I sat down and

told my Uncle how much I appreciated his financial help for my three years at Florida Southern College and how sorry I was in disappointing him in changing my mind from teaching high school age students to elementary age students.

I just felt I was better suited for teaching younger students. I repeat, I am very thankful for the financial help you have given me.

Several days or weeks passed by. Then one day my Uncle sent his second son to talk to me about my situation and to see if I would change my mind.

When my cousin saw there was no way I was changing my mind he said, "What will you do?"

My reply was, "I don't know."

This leaves more of my story to come. It leaves room for you to guess or think "what will she do?" Put on your "thinking caps."

See you later.  
Roxie Bentley  
Wauchula

## IN AND FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDEE COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 25-2018-CP-000016

IN RE: ESTATE OF

BARBARA J. RHODEN, DECEASED

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Barbara J. Rhoden, deceased, File Number 25-2018-CP-000016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hardee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: Clerk of Circuit Court for Hardee County, 417 W. Main Street, Wauchula, Florida 33873. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED 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 the first publication of this Notice is April 12, 2018.

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## Expect Higher Gas Prices This Spring

The national average price for regular unleaded gasoline hit its highest point of 2018 on Saturday at \$2.663 per gallon.

That average is a half-cent more than last week, 13 cents more than a month ago, and 28 cents more than last year.

Gas prices edged higher following the Energy Information Administration's latest weekly report that showed gasoline stock dropped by 1.1 million barrels last week. Additionally, demand for gasoline continues to remain robust at 9.2 million barrels a day as the spring driving season kicks off, which saw demand measured at 9.25 million barrels a day at the same time in 2017.

Drivers are likely to continue seeing prices increase as stations across the country begin to switch over to the more expensive summer blend ahead of the busy driving season.

Florida gas prices decreased by nearly three cents compared to a week ago. On average, Florida motorists are paying nine cents more for a gallon of unleaded regular than one month ago, and 19 cents more compared to last year.

Sunday's state average of \$2.61 is just six cents below the highest price of 2018.

"Supply and demand are the biggest factors driving the price at the pump," said Josh Carrasco of AAA/The Auto

Club Group. "More motorists on the roadways, tight supply and record crude exports have the potential for higher prices as we head into the spring."

At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, West Texas Intermediate crude oil decreased \$1.48 to settle at \$62.06.

WTI has taken a hit alongside the equities market in the U.S. According to EIA reports, crude exports hit a record high of 15.2 million barrels last week. Domestic crude production also hit a record high 10.5 million barrels a day last week, which contributed to the U.S. shipping more oil to other countries.

## NOTICE

The Hardee County School Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 17 at 9:00 a.m. The Board will consider approval of teacher contract negotiations.

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

## NOTICE OF MEETING FLORIDA UTILITY DEBT SECURITIZATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Florida Utility Debt Securitization Authority ("FUDSA") announces its initial public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. FUDSA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Sections 163.01 and 163.09, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Lee County, Florida; Collier County, Florida; and the Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA).

The meeting will be held on April 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lee County Attorney's Office, 2115 Second Street, 6th Floor, Conference Room 621, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

At this meeting, the FUDSA board members (the "FUDSA Board") will address general organizational and operating issues of FUDSA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FUDSA Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk to the FUDSA Board at (407) 629-6900, at least three business days prior to the date of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FUDSA Board at (407) 629-6900.

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## Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. Who holds the Texas Rangers record for career batting average?
2. Name the only catchers elected on the first ballot to the Baseball Hall of Fame.
3. Who was the last Washington Redskins quarterback before Kirk Cousins in 2016 to throw for at least 350 yards in consecutive games?
4. Entering 2018, who were the last two men's basketball coaches to lead their team to an NCAA championship without having ever coached in a Final Four before that year?
5. Name the first NHL player to record a hat trick for the Vegas Golden Knights?
6. Who was the first driver to win in races in Formula One, IndyCar and NASCAR?
7. When was the last time before 2017 that two American female tennis players were in the final of the U.S. Open?

### ANSWERS

1. Al Oliver, with a .319 average (1978-81).
2. Johnny Bench (1989) and Ivan Rodriguez (2017).
3. Jay Schroeder, in 1986.
4. Tubby Smith (1998) and Kevin Ollie (2014).
5. William Karlsson, in 2017.
6. Dan Gurney.
7. It was 2002, when Serena Williams defeated Venus Williams.

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# A Cautionary Tale: Cuban By Birth, American By Choice

By **ANNETA STANTON KRAUS**  
For The Herald-Advocate

Romero Del Dagado of Moore Haven is the most patriotic person I have met. He loves the United States of America with a particular passion that simply flows from his intense dark eyes along with his fervent words. Those words are spoken with a Spanish accent because Romero is a Cuban by birth, an American by choice.

Those of us who have had the privilege to be born in the U.S. have no idea the sacrifices some of our naturalized Americans have made. Many of those who chose to leave their native countries to come here have endured extensive loss financially, socially and educationally. Families were often torn apart. They risked their lives to be free.

Romero, in his 70s, relates how beautiful, productive and free Cuba was as related by his grandmother. Cuba was an island paradise. His grandfather farmed sugar cane, sweet potatoes, pineapples, pigs, chickens and anything else the family needed. He was free to sell and keep his harvest. He was free to vote and express his political views.

Carlos Prio-Socarras served dully elected as president of Cuba from October 1948 until March 1952. Carlos was overthrown by a military coup led by Fulgencio Batista with fellow revolutionaries Raul Castro and Che Guevara.

Fulgencio Batista y Zaldivar became the elected president of Cuba from 1940 to 1944. He turned into a dictator backed by America because he exhibited pro-American sympathies and policies. America supported his regime until it was obvious that gross mismanagement, corruption and outright theft were rampant. The dictator Batista was in control of Cuba from 1952 until he was overthrown in the Cuban Revolution of 1959.

Things changed for the citizens of Cuba, and it was not good. The Cuban people were not happy at all.

They did not know how bad things could be until the military revolutionist Fidel Castro with his communist regime grabbed power from Batista. The promise of a better life was shattered. There is an expression "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely," which fits this story like a glove. Batista took \$600 million of Cuba's national treasury funds with him when he fled Cuba to Spain.

Romero was seven years old when Batista strong-armed his way to the top and 14 when Castro's revolution occurred. He recalled a speech Castro made the next day on the radio when he described himself as a watermelon being green (fatigues) on the outside and red (communist) on the inside.

Civil rights were simply ignored as the communists began their plan to control every aspect of a Cuban's life.

A Cuban citizen had to have a pass from the communist committee to travel outside their designated area. If Romero wanted to visit a relative in a nearby designated area he had to apply and explain his intentions as to when, what, why, where and for how long. If the committee became at all suspicious of his intentions they would deny the pass.

Should a citizen harvest potatoes it had to be reported. If a farmer slaughtered a pig it must be reported. The communists would take more than half.

Romero's father was an outspoken person. The family greatly feared he would be arrested any day. He spent 40 days in jail during the Bay of Pigs Invasion on charges he was a "sympathizer."

Neighbors, friends and even family would turn on an individual in a red hot minute reporting the smallest infraction to gain favor from the communists, avoid disfavor from them, or because they were communist sympathizers. Fear was pervasive with everyone, even the communist who did not trust anyone, even their own comrades!

Romero lived in the countryside with his mother and father and eight siblings. His father worked on a railroad and did some farming.

Education was offered thru the sixth grade in most of the country, but Romero only finished the fifth grade because as the oldest he felt a duty to help his father support the large family.

When Romero was 20 he and his father covertly built a boat in a secret location inside a swamp. It took them an hour and a half to walk to their work place in the swamp. They had to traverse only after midnight and before day-break with no light to guide the way. Supplies were secured one board and one nail at a time to prevent detection.

The Del Dagado family needed lots of gas. Gas was like liquid gold on the island. Small portions were eked out of their allotment and smuggled to the swamp location, one half-cup at a time. A particularly strong thunderstorm caused water to infiltrate the cache making it unusable.

They had to pour it out and start over again.

Romero and his father were the only ones who knew the location of the work place or its purpose. It was too dangerous for anyone else to know including other family members.

In the late summer of 1965 during the hurricane season the communist boat drivers patrolling the waters for escapees were busy assessing the weather. They would not be observing the coastline. It was a perfect time for the family to make their move.

The rickety boat was barely finished. The men floated it under the platform holding the large container of gas. The legs of the platform were cut off so the structure and large container of the gas would fall onto the boat. The platform made a flimsy shelter of sorts.

In the cover of dead night with only the moon to help navigate the family gathered for the dangerous trek through the swamp. Cuban swamps are full of poisonous snakes and caimans (relatives of alligators). The youngest children had

to be gagged to prevent them from crying which would alert neighbors. Should they be caught most likely the adults and older children would be shot or taken to a labor camp.

Three other refugees were allowed to join the desperate Del Dagado family. One added passenger bought his way with an old compass that was badly needed for the hazardous 95-mile journey to Florida. Sadly they had to leave the grandparents in Cuba.

All of the passengers left their homeland with nothing but the clothes on their backs. There was some stored water and a half dozen cans of condensed milk for the little ones, the youngest being but 2 years old.

The boat was heavily loaded, floating low in the water. Mr. Del Dagado was a skilled waterman having lived his life as an islander near the ocean, but everyone knew and accepted the extreme risk of their undertaking. They were at the mercy of the weather and the constant surveillance of the communist authorities.

The makeshift craft was all of 19 feet long with the legless platform being the only shelter from the sun and rain for the youngest children and their mother who was not well.

An old decrepit washing machine motor "powered" the boat at about three miles an hour.

God greatly favored the Del Dagados. After around 50 miles one of Romero's younger brothers spotted smoke. They thought it was coming from an island. It was in fact

a British ship although the adults were not aware of whose ship it was. Cuban citizens were not allowed to learn the flags of other nations at that time. Fate could deliver them right back into communist hands if they did not make the right decisions.

Mr. Del Dagado had no choice but to trust that the ship was from a friendly nation. The treasured old compass had proven to be faulty. They did not know where they were.

The British came to their rescue. Romero related how kind and generous the British sailors were as they sailed toward Key West, Florida. The ship's doctor and nurse checked out the children and the mother. They were allowed to go to the ship's pantry to pick out anything they wanted.

Upon landing in Key West the refugees were taken to the U.S. Navy Base by the consulate staff. Romero was astounded at the sight of hundreds of automobiles of every type in the base parking lot and so much food in the PX.

The family was taken to a hotel in Miami for three days then given three months rent for an apartment. Romero got a job that paid \$1 an hour.

Through the Cuban grapevine the family learned that neighbors had observed that there was no activity at the Del Dagado home when the sun came up after their departure. This observance was dutifully reported to the communist authorities. An extensive manhunt was immediately underway to retrieve them.

The Del Dagados were blessedly safe in their new country.

The family made several moves before they landed in Glades County. The men worked in the sugar mill. Papa Del Dagado being 65 years old could not sustain the pace of lifting huge bags of sugar so he had to take other less strenuous work on a farm.

Romero received legal immigrant status within months but it took 10 years to become a United States citizen. He struggled to learn English and to become acclimated to the American way of life. Every spare penny was saved for his future.

Romero became a skilled mechanic working at that trade for more than 40 years. His strong work ethic provided for his family and now affords him a comfortable retirement.

Romero has read the King James Version of the Bible twice in English and twice in Spanish. He is fluent in English. He reads well but laments that he cannot write well.

He loves America passionately but fears that the country is headed in the wrong direction to say the least. Romero believes that we are becoming too liberal. We take our freedom for granted so much that we are in danger of losing that hard-won freedom.

Think of the lives lost, families devastated, fortunes lost, injuries incurred throughout our history—all in the pursuit of freedom! Freedom Is Not Free!

Romero does not believe that those who can and but do not work should receive government assistance. He believes in legal immigration. He stated that a wall between Mexico and the U.S. is not only a good idea but is essential for our future.

The drug culture is appalling to him. He cannot understand why U.S. laws are flagrantly ignored by natural-born citizens, as well as illegal and legal immigrants. Laziness and a sense of entitlement by our citizens are a great danger to our country's existence. He feels that the country of liberty for all as brought forth by our founding fathers is gradually being eroded.

Romero knows of which he speaks. He has lived through the demise of a beautiful abundant island paradise. He has seen that paradise turn into a land of fear, lack, and loss of freedom. He prays fervently that his beloved United States will wake up before it, too, digresses into fear, lack, and loss of freedom.

Great civilizations have fallen before throughout history. Many of them fell for the very same reasons of greed, laziness, indifference, sense of entitlement, lack of pursuing education, and unwillingness to support their country.

Will the United States of America be next? What are you and I going to do about it?

(Editor's Note: Annetta Stanton Kraus grew up in Hardee County and now lives in Lake Placid.)



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At least fishing in Florida brings back memories of his Cuban homeland for Romero Del Dagado.



Romero enjoys America's freedom of religion at his home in Moore Haven.

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# HARDEE LIVING

## Brookside Bluff News

By Jerry Smith  
517-930-1524

The year in review cannot be done in this article but looking back is interesting. Starting with Hurricane Irma and the devastation she left behind, I talked to some of the folks who stayed in our park and endured her wrath.

They then pitched in to help restore the damage. It was all very enlightening. It would be impossible to list everyone who stayed here, but I can tell some of what happened. For sure able-bodied men were in great demand and that is not to diminish all that our ladies accomplished.

Making things a lot worse was the fact that our backup generators failed to work when they were desperately needed. That made a bad situation much worse. Just imagine surviving the nasty hurricane, then not having any water or electricity.

Jerry Williams was president at the time, and he stayed through it all. His comment was "never again." ... Surprisingly, as forceful as Irma was, she did minimal damage to our park. Those of us not here and I am sure those who stayed feared for the safety of every-

one. As it turned out, it revealed a lot of what makes Brookside Bluff a great park, neighbors helping neighbors and everyone pitching in was the norm in those dark days. It is truly amazing that we had 52 residents brave that wicked storm with no injuries reported. We were very blessed.

Bill and Barbra Jorgensen have been renters in our park for many years. What many of us don't know is that Bill was at one time a New York radio and TV reporter and not just any reporter. His salary was estimated to be over \$200,000 in the early 1970's. His no-nonsense reporting was known across the nation and was a target of many jealous newscasters.

While he never won any popularity contests, he was generally considered one of, if not the best, TV reporter in the nation. He regularly earned more than the folks he worked for. He was a real student of his trade and was compared with the likes of Walter Cronkite.

Bill often told folks that he wrote about you like we were having a beer together. Bill and Barbara have left our park for this year, but they plan to return next fall. Now you can say he is the reporter guy that Jerry wrote about in the paper.



Some of the Hurricane Irma survivors.

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## SUNDAY CONCERT



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Trust Quartet will be performing in concert this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Faith Temple Ministries Church of God in Wauchula. The Nashville-recorded and Okeechobee-based group is recognized for its close harmony and enthusiastic approach while using a unique ministering presentation of Southern gospel's finest songs. Faith Temple is at 701 N. Seventh Ave.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



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The University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences has recognized Julie Warren with the Superior Accomplishment Award in the Community Service awards category. Warren was recognized at a special reception on March 27 in Gainesville, and received a \$200 check, a certificate, a commemorative mug and a gift bag. She is now eligible to be considered for the University of Florida campus-wide award in that category. June will mark her fifth year at the UF/IFAS Range Cattle Research & Education Center in Ona as a biological scientist supporting Philippe Moriel's Animal Science Program. In her time off, Warren is very active with 4-H, SendMeMissions and her church. She is pictured with her husband, Matt.

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# — HARDEE LIVING —

## Reflecting On 100 Years: Jesus, Family & Bob Barker!

One hundred years ago, on Nov. 7, 1917, in Arcadia, a little girl was born to Ivey and Pearl Royall. They named her Virginia and gave her no middle name.

Her father worked for the telephone company and was mayor of Arcadia.

When Virginia was 3, her family moved to Bowling Green, where her dad owned a hardware store and was a member of the Hardee County School Board.

When Virginia was 6, Ivey "Grayson" Royall Jr. joined the family. He was her only sibling.

As a little girl, Virginia liked playing with her dolls, buggy and cradle. She also had fun playing hopscotch, jumping rope and skating. Her mom taught her to embroider, sew and cook. She also enjoyed letting Virginia have parties — ice cream churnings and boy/girl prom parties.

Life in Bowling Green was good and the family prospered.

Virginia attended Bowling Green Elementary School and graduated from Wauchula High School in 1935.

After high school, Virginia and five of her cousins attended Florida Southern College, where Virginia studied elementary education. Upon graduation, she returned to Hardee County and accepted a job teaching fifth grade at Wauchula Elementary School, earning \$70 per month.

During this time, N.D. Bryan came into the picture.

N.D. and Virginia both grew up in Bowling Green and even attended the same Methodist church, but did not really know each other then.

Fortunately, N.D. worked at the grocery store next to the hardware store Virginia's father owned. He finally got his chance one day when she came into the grocery store and, being the bashful guy he was, N.D. slipped Virginia a note and asked her for a date. She said yes and a romance began, with a first date to the movies in Fort Meade.

Their romance had twists and curves due to World War II and her mother's early death to cancer. N.D. and Virginia had decided to marry, but to wait until the war was over.

Her dad remarried, however, and moved away. Her brother also moved away, to Virginia and ultimately to college at Dartmouth.

Left in Bowling Green with no family, N.D. decided it was time to take Virginia as his bride so she could go with him as much as possible while he traveled with the U.S. Army. N.D. and Virginia became husband and wife on Feb. 20, 1943, at his parents' home.

As the couple traveled, they lived in Gainesville; Columbia, S.C.; Columbus, Ohio; Tacoma, Wash.; and Alabama. N.D. was then sent to France, so Virginia returned to Bowl-

ing Green where his parents, Travis and Melvina Bryan, and sister, Margaret, became her family.

Virginia resumed her teaching career.

In January 1946, N.D. was released from the Army and he and Virginia moved to Pierce, where he worked for his uncle in the commissary. Not wasting much time, their first child, Ruth, was born in October 1946. Their second daughter, Mary Ann, was born in 1950.

In December 1950, the Bryans moved to Lakeland as N.D. accepted a job with the H.J. Heinz Co. They bought their first and only home at this time, which Virginia still owns.

Since N.D. thought Virginia should be at home with their daughters, she did not return to teaching for quite a few years. Instead, she ran a preschool out of their home and grew daisies in the backyard, selling them to Publix for 15 cents a bunch.

As the children grew older, Virginia served as a substitute teacher all over Lakeland, well known by many principals and very popular with them. She returned to work full-time in 1969 at Highland City Elementary School as an assistant teacher in kindergarten, working 10 years until she retired in 1980.

After retirement, N.D. and Virginia enjoyed a quiet life working in the church, N.D. teaching Bible studies and a Sunday School class. They also enjoyed babysitting their youngest grandchild, Allison. They lived 64 happy years together.

The celebration of Virginia's centennial was two-fold. Highland Park Nazarene Church honored her on Sunday, Nov. 5. She also was the guest of honor at a 100th birthday party later that same day.

Virginia revealed some of the highlights of her life to date:

Her favorite president was George W. Bush.

She met a celebrity, Bob Barker. He was hosting a show where she won an iron.

A big event was World War II, and the greatest changes include a man landing on the moon and all the current technology.

If she could relive a period of her life, it would be the 1950s as she was raising her family.

Her favorite tradition is the family gathering for celebrations, and her favorite season is Christmas.

Her secret to happiness and fulfillment is creating a happy home, attending church and living a pure life.

She would like to be remembered for her love of and prayers for her family, and for her love for Jesus Christ, her Savior.

Mary Ann Tallman of Lakeland, Virginia Bryan's daughter, provided these photos and this information in recognition of her mother's milestone birthday last fall.



Siblings Virginia and Ivey "Grayson" Royall Jr.

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Married in Bowling Green on Feb. 20, 1943, N.D. and Virginia Bryan are shown on their first anniversary, Feb. 20, 1944, in Gainesville.



Virginia Royall Bryan entertains the crowd of well-wishers as she gives a speech at her birthday celebration.



Virginia as a small child on her tricycle, with parents Annie Pearl and Ivey Grayson Royall.



Former Hardee County resident and teacher Virginia Royall Bryan with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren during her 100th birthday party in Lakeland.

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the kindest words,  
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# HARDEE LIVING

## 4-City News

By Henrietta Benson  
448-6737

Spring Revival: Pastor Bernita Campbell delivered the revival message on March 26, introduced by Prophetess Stephanie Stoudemire. Song of praise was by the Peaceful Believer Praise Team.

Pastor Campbell was born Oct. 20, 1966, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell, and the youngest of three daughters. She attended junior and senior high at Fort Meade, Class of 1984, and college at Southern Bible College and Warner Southern. She worked for the state of Florida as a social worker and Publix Supermarkets as a call analyst for technical support. She is currently working at her passion as a day trader in the Foreign Exchange Market, and is a member of iMarketsLive, Team Royal Covenant and Rich Girls Trade.

She accepted Christ at the age of 17 during a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting in high school. She's a licensed minister and ordained pastor, currently an associate pastor of Glorious Church in Lakeland, under the leadership of Pastor/Prophet Jean and Lady Joann Doramora. She has held numerous roles in ministry: senior pastor, outreach director, director of ministries, praise and worship leader, and nursing home and homeless ministry.

Tuesday evening, March 27, the message was by Pastor Andre Camp, introduced by Bro. James Williams. Song of praise by Acts of Praise and Worship Praise Team, of which he served as the senior pastor, located in Bartow, for the past 25 years. He also is the founder and president of Action Ministries Inc. and Andre Camp Ministries International.

Pastor Camp was licensed into the gospel ministry under the pastorate of Pastor S.D. Pollard at Peaceful Baptist Church in Fort Meade. He's been preaching for 25 years, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone he meets. This includes multiple

trips to Jamaica, the Philippines, Tanzania and East Africa.

Pastor Camp and First Lady Tamala have been married for more than 25 years. Children are Jonathan, Aundrea and Teandra. They reside in Fort Meade. Pastor Camp is the seventh of 11 children born to parents Andrew and Betty Camp Sr. Pastor Camp is a pastor, teacher and evangelist. He is a student of the Bible. His favorite Scripture is II Chronicles 7:14.

Bro. Lance Fulse presided over all three Spring Revival orders of service during the high worship time. Closing remarks were by Pastor Rubin Ancrum.

Happy birthday to you with an April birthday.

The eighth annual Youth/Parent Summit was Friday at Carver Recreation Center in Bartow, with a free movie, "Woodlawn." The "Day of Fun" was Saturday. There was a cookout, guest speakers, skits, archery, horseback riding, breakout sessions, science experiments, the Fire Department, and free T-shirts to the first 100 to arrive.

The Union Foreign Missionary Baptist Association's annual tea will be April 21 at 11 a.m. at New Bethel MB Church in Winter Haven. Mission statement: Congress of Christian Workers. The Rev. Dr. Frank O'Harrell Sr. is pastor and current moderator. He has served as Bethel's senior pastor for 25 years. He is in his second year as moderator.

Progressive MB Church's the Rev. Arthur Powell Jr. of Wauchula will be in service on Sunday in Davenport at the Friendship Baptist Church anniversary, the Rev. Leroy Sims, pastor.

Tommie Underwood is in Lakeland Regional Medical Center.

April 9, happy birthday "74" to my former classmate, James A. White, formerly of Zolfo Springs now living in St. Petersburg with relatives along with his mother, Lottie Mae

White. Belated happy birthday to you also for your birthday in January, we miss you both.

Community kickball after Easter afternoon of fun was at Bowling Green Pyatt Park on Main Street.

Yes, we have local people who are in all areas of Florida reading The Herald-Advocate news. They tell me this is how they know what's happening in Hardee, and they miss it when there's no news.

The Mother-Daughter Brunch is April 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Fort Meade Mobile Home Park's Activity Center, 208 Edgewood Dr. S. The attire will be "sundresses and sandals." The theme is "Pearls of Wisdom," guest speaker Teresa Timmons, ARNP-BC, of Winter Haven. Tickets can be purchased from Minister Lorenzo McCutchen at Peaceful Believers Church, 510 S. Charleston Ave., Fort Meade, or by calling Petrina McCutchen (863) 797-6327. They are \$15 each, advance sale only.

Remember the sick: Ida M. White, Stanley Davis in Bartow Nursing Center, Thelma Blakley and others at the different care centers, Ollie B. Buggess at home.

Well, happy wedding anniversary wishes to long-time friends Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brown on their 55th celebration on April 1, and Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Harris on April 4 of over 38 years. Happy anniversary to all.

The Hines family and friends gathered Friday evening after the visitation for their loved one, Mary Ann Hines, for the fish fry at her Cracker Lane home.

Happy birthday to Walter Daniels. April 2 was his 75th.

## Become A Volunteer For The Fish & Wildlife Commission

April is Florida Volunteer Month, and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission is celebrating its many volunteers and is seeking more.

Volunteers contribute time and energy to help conserve fish, wildlife and habitats and to help improve public access and skills related to hunting, fishing, boating and wildlife viewing.

More than 5,000 volunteers assisted FWC staff with 85 projects around the state last year.

"We value our volunteers. The positive power of volunteers strengthens our efforts," said FWC Executive Director Eric Sutton. "If you want to combine being in Florida's beautiful outdoors with volunteering, we encourage you to get involved as an FWC volunteer."

Some current projects involving volunteers are:

- Collecting data to increase knowledge of Florida's imperiled species.
- Instructing youth, residents and visitors on

how to become responsible outdoor recreators.

- Rescuing marine mammals.
- Monitoring and restoring oyster reef habitat.
- Constructing, installing and monitoring nest boxes for southeastern American kestrels and wood ducks.
- Helping construct and maintain a gravity-fed irrigation system for plants used in scrub habitat restoration.
- Helping improve visitors' experiences at many of the FWC's wildlife management areas.
- Helping organize scientific data.

Go online to [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com) and click on "Get Involved" at the very top of the webpage to see FWC volunteer opportunities available statewide and by region.

Additionally, volunteers can sign-up for projects by clicking on "Calendar," where a wide range of volunteer opportunities is advertised.

## Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper  
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green!

Our church was devastated Sunday morning when our pastor, Brother Steve, announced that Sunday, May 20, would be his last day. He is resigning to return to college. He is the best pastor, I think, that we have ever had and I certainly think he is smart enough and can just stay at Fort Green forever, but he feels he must do the Lord's bidding.

The Cloverleaf 4-H Foundation cooked the meal for the Range Cattle Station meeting. I always enjoy going and working because you always see someone you have not seen in a long time.

Edgar Davis was there and in conversation with Jim Kelly and me. The fact came out he will celebrate a birthday in April and will turn 92. He certainly gets around good and is

sharp as ever. He did call me this week and I am going to put the question to everyone who reads this column. He wanted to know if there was an old homestead on the property his son, Larry, bought from Frank Hart.

Go to the Oak Grove Baptist Church and the road immediately past it, turn north and go for a mile and half and just before the end of the road there is an old above-the-ground well, the type you drew water from. (I might not have my directions correct.) I suggested Wilson Pump might know but he thought he just drilled wells. Edgar said he didn't think he had ever seen another well because our soil is so sandy, but Sherman's granddaddy had the same type of well at their place in Fort Green.

We had one in Georgia and my grandpa always said if we had a flood, he would get in the water bucket because it was always empty. For those of you who have never experienced drawing water from a well, you draw a bucket and then pour it into the bucket that sits in the house and everyone uses a common dipper! And imagine, I won't even drink after anyone today!

It was great to see Neda Cobb and Vera Morales at the funeral last week. Neda still works at the school system in the computer section but Vera retired. I always thought a lot of both of them, and you just don't see friends enough anymore.

This past weekend it seems like all I did was go to funerals! Gay Albritton's funeral was well attended, which always makes the family feel better if that is possible. Jane Kennedy said in Sunday School last Sunday that the church was filled with Albrittons as they came from near and far, and she knew a lot of them. It was also filled with lots of school personnel and other friends from here.

It was good to see Eleanor Thomas, as she drove up from Okeechobee. The middle

daughter, Temptie, lives in Dawsonville, Ga., and Gay lived with her. Temptie did not recognize me but Beth sure did. Of course Marie lives down here and I see her more often.

Some say we used to favor, and the little children at Zolfo Springs Elementary would say to me "Hey, Mrs. Dasher" when I would go over and get breakfast for the students at Pioneer Career Academy. Of course, Marie was the assistant principal, and she being so young, it always pleased me. Of course now she has her hair cut different!

Trudy Hendry passed on April 4 and her funeral was at Bethany last Sunday afternoon. That church was full, and it is a big church. It was a joyous home-going for she had been sick for some time. Our sympathy is still extended to the family.

Randy Perry came through his surgery well, but the doctors have told him to rest for a month, and that will be hard for him to do! Destiny Fields is doing well and was at church last Sunday with stitches, but moving careful. Evelyn Thomas is in the Okeechobee hospital and is in very serious condition.

It was announced in Sunday School that Jenny Revell was in the Tampa hospital. Dee Oisten, who used to live here, has pneumonia and has been quarantined for some time with it and is trying to get well. She needs some of our Florida sunshine because she moved several months ago to the North to live in a retirement home. Please pray for these and others you may know about.

Joe and Dollene Fields said if our church collected more than \$400 for the drop a dime for the shoebox ministry, they would cook breakfast for the church. Well, now they must plan on a lotta' work because everyone will come for breakfast!

Please pray for each other, our nation and President Trump.

## Florida Art & Culture Museum Presents Student Art Show

The South Florida State College Museum of Florida Art & Culture's annual Juried Student Art Show opened Wednesday and runs through May 3 in the museum's gallery on the Highlands Campus in Avon Park.

The exhibition features works created by SFSC art students. The month-long show features painting, drawing, pottery, sculpture design, and graphics.

An awards ceremony and reception will be held on Thurs-

day, April 19, at 5 p.m. in the MOFAC gallery.

Awards will be bestowed for outstanding achievement in each art medium. The Tanglewood Art League will present a scholarship to an outstanding art student.

The Max Gooding Award also will be announced, and used to purchase an exceptional student art piece for the SFSC Student Art Collection.

MOFAC is open to the public Wednesdays through Fridays, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

## 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 '90s

April 9, 1998

*Life Lesson:* A Wisconsin man has been sentenced to life in prison after being found guilty of suffocating his elderly mother with his bare hands while she was a patient at Florida Hospital Wauchula. Arnold John Didrickson, 58, claimed that his mother, Olene Didrickson, 78, of Avon Park, asked him to assist her in ending her life. He said he considered doing so, but never followed through. Didrickson accused the jury, judge and police officers of false accusations without evidence.

*Truck Troubles:* Zolfo Springs police officers will begin cracking down on the abuse of a 35-mph speed limit following two separate vehicle accidents involving semitractor-trailers. Police Chief Charles Tillman said.

*No Spitting!* A 95-year-old town charter will be getting a facelift as Zolfo Springs councilors reflect on past laws that are no longer applicable. Such laws prohibited spitting on sidewalks, nonmarital cohabitation, and tying a horse to a shade tree. The charter also "uses Senate rules for conducting a meeting, and nobody does that anymore," said attorney Gerald Buhr. A special act of the Legislature or approval by voter referendum is required to activate any charter revisions.

*Grades First:* More than a dozen Hardee High School athletes were recognized for prioritizing their academics over chosen sports. Making the grades before playing were



Craig Trotter, Heather Martin, Christina Anderson, Keith Nadasky, Jennifer Spears, Jessica Franks, Kristen Newsome, Kristina Weis, Davina Nuccio, Heather Potter, Seth Stephenson, Ronnie Clark, Caleb Skitka and Josh Harvey.

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207 N. 7th Ave Wauchula, FL 33873  
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These first-grade teachers at Zolfo Springs Elementary not only support autism awareness, they'll wear it on their sleeves! With April established as National Autism Awareness Month, they are giving the cause recognition with their matching T-shirts, which also read "It's OK To Be Different." Lending support are (from left) teachers Julia Roberts, Kerry Mushrush and Jaklyne Carlton, ZSE Principal Tammy Pohl and teachers Kelly Daane, Sharon Ussery and Kay Crews.

STACKING UP



COURTESY PHOTOS

Anyone could build a tower out of Styrofoam cups. But without touching them? Armed with a pipe cleaner each and one rubber band, teams of teachers at Zolfo Springs Elementary set about that task as a team-building exercise during a recent staff meeting. With grit and grins, they proved it can be done!

DESIGN CONTEST



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Hardee County Public Library is currently hosting a "Bookmark Challenge" to design a bookmark for library patrons. The contest ends Friday, April 20. Winning designs will be printed as bookmarks for the public to pick up at the library, keep and use. Youngsters working on entries are (above, clockwise from boy at left) Corin, Eva and Julie Palacios, Madeline and Jocelyn Albritton, and Adie Drake. Below are some of the entries.



Crop Update

April 9, 2018

**General:** According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 8, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 3.0 inches in Auburndale (Polk County). The average mean temperature ranged from 60.5°F in Milton (Santa Rosa County) to 79.6°F in Marathon (Monroe County).

**Citrus:** Temperatures were well above average in the citrus growing region with most days in the mid to upper 80s. Night-time lows were in the 60s and 70s. Labelle (Hendry County) reached 94°F on its warmest day. Avon Park (Polk County) reached 91°F. Precipitation was spotty all week in citrus producing counties. The greatest rainfall amount was in Polk County where four stations had over two inches. Other than Polk County, the most rainfall was in Duette (Manatee County) at 1.61 inches, followed by Zephyrhills (Pasco County) at 1.05 inches. According to the April 5, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, moderate drought conditions in the northern area covered Osceola, Orange, and Seminole counties, and in the southern area covered Collier and Hendry counties. Abnormally dry conditions covered the majority of the remaining citrus counties. Only Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, and Marion counties were drought free.

Grove operations included hedging and topping after harvest. Pea-size and larger fruit was present on all varieties of citrus trees. Initial fruit drop continued on early varieties as the trees set next season's crop. Growers sprayed nutritionals and fertilizers as needed for the health of the fruit and trees. Irrigation ran on a regular basis.

Harvest is relatively over on all citrus except Valencia oranges. Weekly orange utilization of the later varieties of Valencia oranges is leveling out. Maturity levels have been a problem this season, so harvesting is being adjusted to compensate for the smaller crop size and quality of fruit.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Scattered showers across the state improved pasture condition. Livestock producers continued to feed supplements.

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## To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** You have written many articles about high blood pressure, but I want to know about low blood pressure. What is normal? What is low, and what is dangerously low? I have a heart issue for which I take medication. I want to know if my blood pressure is too low.

**ANSWER:** Among young adults, only 5 percent of men will have a blood pressure below 110/60 or so, and for young women, it's 90/46. Blood pressure tends to go up with age, so low blood pressure numbers are higher for older adults.

For people with healthy hearts, the only time we worry about low blood pressure is if there are symptoms, and the most common symptoms are lightheadedness and fainting.

In people with congestive heart failure, low blood pressure usually is not concerning in itself, but because it might indicate that the heart is getting weaker. However, many of the medications used for CHF reduce blood pressure, which can even limit the amount of medication that can be used. In people with blockages in their arteries, too low a blood pressure can cause inad-

equated blood flow to parts of the heart and cause angina symptoms.

The blood pressure is dangerously low when a disease process is causing the low blood pressure. In extreme cases, low blood pressure is one of the most dangerous signs of shock. But in general, for healthy people, low blood pressures are not worrisome.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I would like to know about warts. I know they are common in both children and adults. I have one on my thumb. I am 50 years old. Where can the warts spread to? I heard you can find them only on your hands and feet. Is that true?

—J.S.

**ANSWER:** Warts are raised round or oval growths, caused by the human papilloma virus. Although they most commonly occur on the hands and feet, some strains of HPV are more likely to cause warts in the genital region. Warts can appear on any part of your body, and you can spread them from one part of your body to another, as well as from person to person. Warts are more likely to occur in areas of skin that are irritated, such as cuts,

scrapes and even areas that are shaved. For this reason, it's a good idea to treat the wart quickly, preferably before it gets bigger and harder to treat.

Over-the-counter wart treatments are most commonly salicylic acid. A nail file or pumice stone to get rid of dead skin first increases effectiveness. Liquid medicine is used for thinner warts, and a plaster is more effective for thicker warts.

One home remedy is as follows: Apply silver duct tape to the wart and leave it on for six days. Follow up by soaking the wart and removing any dead skin, then leave the tape off overnight. Repeat the process by applying duct tape for another six days. This is effective in some people. You should see your doctor if these home remedies don't work.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.*

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## The Night They Tried To Fire The Preacher

We moved away from the ranch when my mother married my stepfather. For ten years, I lived in Largo, an exploding suburb of St. Petersburg. It was at the First Baptist Church of Largo that I made my profession of faith and was baptized.

Mama shushed, she meant it. So, I leaned over to my friend Charles Brown and whispered my question to him. Before he could answer me, Mama grabbed my ear and yanked me back to her side (which is why to this day, my left ear lobe is longer than my right).

It was just that he and the other grownups didn't agree. I understood that. I didn't agree with grownups very much either.

My mother reached over and tried to raise my hand for me. I snatched it away. When the vote for the "no's" occurred, I raised my hand. My mother gave me a look that said, "Wait till we get home, young man."

As I recall the vote ended up failing by five votes. On the way home, my mother said, "Why did you vote the same way Charles Brown voted? Don't you think I know more than he does?" I recognized the danger in those questions, and wisely left them unanswered. Then I spoke the truth, "I voted the way I voted because it seemed right to me."

I mark that night as the first time I learned some people think church is about winning and losing. Maybe my parents had a point; maybe the Preacher was a little hard-headed. Still, I wondered then, and wonder now, why didn't they just get together and talk about it? Maybe even pray about it? Why did it have to come down to winning and losing?

Too many churches make dumb decisions because they think every decision must have winners and losers. Funny, I don't remember Jesus talking much about winning and losing in the church. I remember a lot of stuff about love, and serving, and making sure we follow Jesus. Maybe if we stuck to that, we'd be a lot better off.

My parents are gone now; the Preacher in question is still alive and is my friend on Facebook; and First Baptist Largo no longer exists. I myself narrowly escaped a group that wanted to fire me at a church in Kentucky for some reason or other.

Still, I think back to the night they wanted to fire the Preacher. The biggest lesson I learned? You can be all grown up and still not really do what Jesus wants you to do.



**Directions**  
By Clay Smith  
Hardee County Native

Because Baptists believe in the priesthood of believers, at that time baptized church members no matter their age could attend church conference and vote. At 8 years old, my vote carried the same weight as my parents'.

I was a weird kid; church conference fascinated me. Normally calm men would get red in the face as they struggled to hold back words. I think I knew what words they wanted to say; I'd heard them in the cowpens.

Timid women would forget Paul's injunction to keep silent in church and would stand up to lambast Deacons, Music Directors, and the Preacher's wife. If you didn't have a dog in the fight, a Baptist business meeting in late '60s was better than anything on television for raw entertainment value.

I must have been about 11 when I sat with Mama at a church conference one Wednesday night. Pop was there too, which was unusual; that should have been my first clue that something was up. Roy Attaway, a good friend of my parents, went forward to make a motion declaring "no-confidence" in the preacher. I'd never heard this phrase before. I wasn't sure what "no-confidence" meant, but I could tell by Mr. Roy's tone he didn't like the preacher.

I leaned over to ask Mama what "no-confidence" meant, and she shushed me. When

People got up and said nice things about the preacher, followed by people who got up and said not-so-nice things about the preacher. As best I could follow, some folks were upset that the preacher was always insisting on his way, and they didn't like his way. I looked at my parents and could tell by their nodding, they were on the side of people who didn't like the way the Preacher was doing things.

When Baptists get up a head of steam, a church conference can last a long, long time. The meeting had started at 6:30; it was drawing close to 9:30, way past my bedtime. Still the entertainment value was high. The drama was better than "The NBC Mystery Theater" on TV that night.

Someone finally called for the vote. It was carefully explained by the Preacher (who was the moderator—awkward) that a "yes" vote meant a vote of "no-confidence," and a "no" vote meant you approved of the preacher (Baptists would later go on to write many parts of the IRS tax code). My parents raised their hands to vote "yes." It was then I realized I could vote, too.

I didn't particularly like the preacher, but I didn't dislike him either. To my 11-year old mind, I knew he wasn't perfect, but I didn't think he ought to be fired. It wasn't like he was caught sniffing glue, or sneaking a peek at a Playboy.

## USDA Estimate Of Florida Oranges Is 45 Million Boxes

The latest report by United States Department of Agriculture holds Florida Orange production steady with a slight decrease in Grapefruit production, according to a release Tuesday.

The USDA's March report estimates Florida Orange production for 2017-18 to remain at 45 million boxes, a 35 percent decrease over last season and the lowest crop size in more than 75 years. Florida Grapefruit production reduced by 650,000 boxes to 4 million boxes, a decrease of 49 percent over last season. There was a small increase in Florida specialty fruit, which includes tangerines and tangelos.

"After a season of crisis, our industry finds hope in a new bloom, a new crop, disaster relief on the horizon and the opportunity a new season brings," said Shannon Shepp, executive director of the Florida Department of Citrus.

Hurricane Irma had a devastating impact on the Florida Citrus industry. Florida growers reported 30 to 70 percent crop loss after Hurricane Irma's landfall on September 10, with the southwest region of the state receiving the most damage. The hurricane uprooted trees and left many groves sitting in standing water for up to three weeks, potentially damaging the root systems and impacting future seasons' growth.

In October, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services announced that Florida Citrus sustained more than \$760 million in damages due to Hurricane Irma. The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives passed federal disaster recovery relief as part of a larger spending bill in February. In April, the USDA announced it will begin implementing disaster payments of up to \$2.36 billion in response to 2017 hurricanes

and wildfires. Prior to Hurricane Irma, Florida was expected to produce about 75 million boxes of oranges this season, according to private estimates.

**About the Florida Department of Citrus**  
The Florida Department of Citrus is an executive agency of Florida government charged with the marketing, research and regulation of the Florida citrus industry. Its activities are funded by a tax paid by growers on each box of citrus that moves through commercial channels. The industry employs 45,000 people, provides an annual economic impact of \$8.6 billion to the state, and contributes hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenues that help support Florida's schools, roads and health care services. For more information about the Florida Department of Citrus, please visit FloridaCitrus.org.

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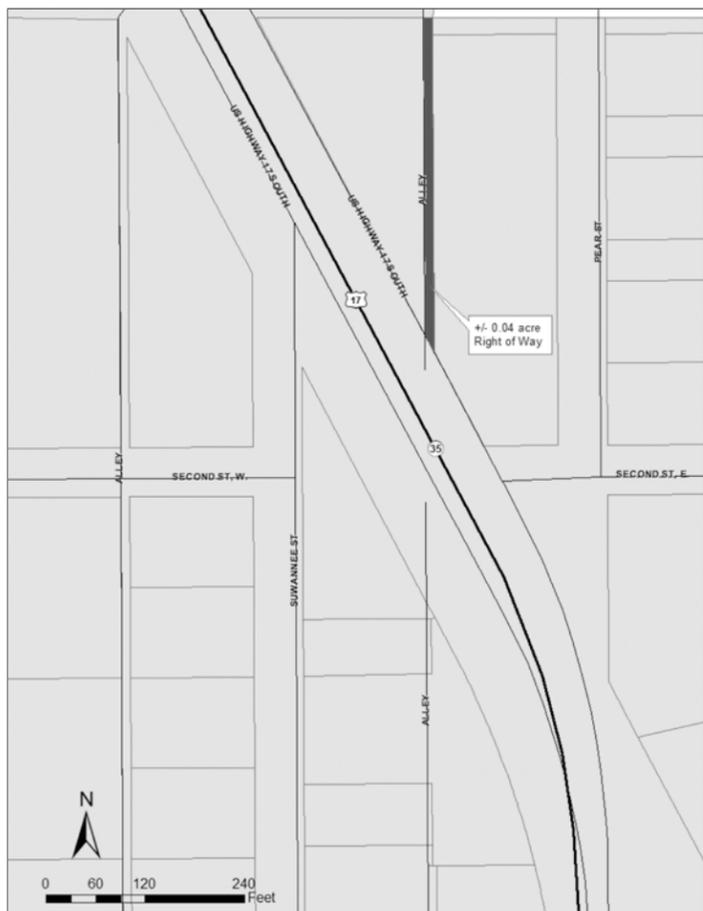
## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS TOWN COMMISSION

The Zolfo Springs Town Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.** or soon thereafter in the Town Commission Chambers at 3210 US Highway 17 S, Zolfo Springs, Florida to consider the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE VACATING OF AN UNNAMED RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN LOTS 2 - 8, AND LOTS 11 - 13, OF THE WILLIAMS AND CHILD'S ADDITION TO ZOLFO SPRINGS PLAT AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY RUNNING OVER PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL ID 27-34-25-0750-00004-0002 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A CIRCLE K STORE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO POTENTIALLY INTERESTED PERSONS, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND UTILITIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The public hearing will be held on the date and time noted above. The meeting will be held in the Town Commission Chambers at 3210 US Highway 17 South, Zolfo Springs, Florida. Any interested persons who feel they are affected by these changes are encouraged to attend the public hearing and be heard. At said hearing any person, his Agent or Attorney, may appear and be heard. Any person(s) wishing to view relevant information in advance of the public hearing may view said documents at the Zolfo Springs Town Hall, 3210 US Highway 17 South, Zolfo Springs, Florida, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), anyone who needs a special accommodation for this meeting should contact the Town Clerk's Office at (863) 735-0405 ext. 222 at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting.



## STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF PETITION

The Department announces receipt of a petition for a variance (File No. MMR\_0142476-076) under Section 378.2212, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 62C-16.0045, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) from Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC (Mosaic). Mosaic is requesting a variance for the Fort Green Mine from the requirements of Rule 62C-16.0051(12)(b)4, F.A.C. to complete reclamation on all areas not under mine operations within two years. The Fort Green Mine was temporary shut down in 2006.

The project site is located north and south of SR 62 and east of SR 37 in Polk, Hardee, and Manatee Counties. The Fort Green Mine includes all or portions of Sections 20, 22, 27-29 Township 32 South, Range 23 East; Sections 3-5, 9-10, 29-32, Township 33 South, Range 23 East; 5-8, 18 Township 34 South, Range 23 East; and Sections 13-14, Township 34 South, Range 23 East. The mine is located within the landward extent of the following Class III waters: Gum Swamp Branch, Horse Creek, Myakka River, Payne Creek, and the West Fork of Horse Creek.

The permit file is available online and can be accessed through the Department's Information Portal at:

[https://depdms.dep.state.fl.us:443/Oculus/servlet/shell?command=hitlist&\[freeText=\]&\[folderName=\]&\[profile=Reclamation\]&\[creator=\]&\[entityType=any\]&\[createdDateTo=\]&\[catalog=26\]&\[searchBy=Profile\]&\[sortBy=Document+Date\]&\[createdDate=\]&\[County=\\_EQ\\_HARDEE\]&\[District=\\_EQ\\_SWD\]&\[Facility-Site+ID=\\_EQ\\_MMR\\_142476\]](https://depdms.dep.state.fl.us:443/Oculus/servlet/shell?command=hitlist&[freeText=]&[folderName=]&[profile=Reclamation]&[creator=]&[entityType=any]&[createdDateTo=]&[catalog=26]&[searchBy=Profile]&[sortBy=Document+Date]&[createdDate=]&[County=_EQ_HARDEE]&[District=_EQ_SWD]&[Facility-Site+ID=_EQ_MMR_142476])

Please address any comments or objections to the address above or to MiningAndMitigation@dep.state.fl.us or contact our office at 850.245.8336; please include the file number in your request. Comments or objections should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure that there is adequate time for them to be considered in the Department decision on the application.

# Original Mosaic Truck Route Concerns Aired

By JIM KELLY  
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Bowling Green City Commission on March 13 held a discussion on Mosaic hauling many truckloads a month of phosphate from its Fort Green plant (the former CF mine) from State Rd. 62, north on U.S. 17 through the city, and east on County Line Road to the South Fort Meade Mine. (Editor's Note: Since the date of this meeting, Mosaic has changed the proposed 62-17-County Line Rd. route. Now, the trucks to go west on 62 from Fort Green to the Four Corners Mine processing plant on the Manatee-Hillsborough county line. The mine was selected because it is located at the corner of Hardee/Polk/Hillsborough/Manatee county lines.)

"My opinion is this board (Bowling Green City Commission) is scared to death" to put this issue on the agenda. This would ruin your town. You could pass a measure to not allow these trucks," said Henry Kuhlman.

"Manatee County has a two-hour standdown on these trucks during school hours. The Hardee County Commission does not. Ralph Arce of the Hardee County Planning and Zoning Board wanted a time to carve out while school buses were running."

City Mayor Sam Fite said the Florida Department of Transportation controls traffic on U.S. 17 (State Rd. 35) and State Rd. 62. "The city has no jurisdiction."

Fite said the intersection of U.S. 17 and County Line Road is not adequate for hundreds of extra heavy truck loads.

Mark Mercer said, "There are already a lot of big trucks on 62 and 17 such as fruit trucks. U.S. and state highways cannot deny access to use the highways."

Don McClellan said he was concerned with traffic safety.

Dee Williams-Tatis said she, too, was concerned about child safety and wear and tear on the roads.

Frank Kirkland said Mosaic has closed a plant in Plant City that used to accept phosphate by rail from Fort Green. He and Kuhlman said over 250 truck round trips a day could occur.

Kuhlman said the hearing at the Hardee County Commission was not well publicized ahead of time and that Bowling Green was not notified.

One resident expressed concern that the County Line bridge over Peace River might

not hold up over hundreds of extra truck trips a day.

An alternative was mentioned to route the trucks south from State Rd. 62 to REA Road, then North on Heard Bridge Road through Mosaic's mining area to the plant.

Mayor Fite said he heard the FDOT is looking at the situation.

In other action Chiquita Robinson said an Easter Parade would be held March 31 on the west side of the city.

City Commissioner Steve Spinks and City Manager Jerry Conerly said they were concerned that yellow rope had been stolen and some playground structures such as the slide had been defaced at the new Commerce Park Playground on Lake Branch Road.

The second reading was approved of an ordinance annexing property at 4103 U.S. 17 owned by GEO Food Store at the south city limits.

Another ordinance was approved on second reading of annexing two parcels owned by Mayor Fite adjacent to the GEO Food Store property. Fite abstained from voting.

The commission approved a 2017 audit of the city done by CS&L CPAs. The auditor said the city had a good year, had good records and was in good financial condition.

A supplemental agreement was approved to replace about 30 water valves for about \$150,000 through Envisors engineers.

A wastewater (sewer) project will cost \$25,000 for grit removal which will help out tanks, pumps and valves. A headworks project at the wastewater plant is approved for \$450,000.

A water treatment plan has been approved which will treat 75 percent of the city's water to bring the city in compliance with state-mandated standards for levels of sulfates and total dissolved solids.

On Feb. 13 the commission approved an ordinance to amend the unified land development code regarding modular homes and permitted signs.

The commission approved an ordinance to annex land at 530 Lake Branch Road.

A state grant for the Main Street Park should be terminated so the park can be enlarged. The commission authorized a letter be written to that effect to the state.

The Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal Movimiento Internacional Church will celebrate its second anniversary Saturday, April 21, at 4831 Martin

Luther King Drive. There will be free food for the community and a band from 5 to 7 p.m. A noise waiver was approved.

In the new city budget general fund revenues are estimated at \$1.7 million. This includes administrative, police department, physical environment and recreation.

Enterprise fund revenues are estimated at \$10.3 million. This includes sanitation, water, sewer, miscellaneous revenue, and grant/loan proceeds.

CenState Contractors' low bid of \$1.733 million was approved for water plant improvements to reduce sulfates and total dissolved solids.

To replace water valves the city's share will be \$35,000, reported the engineering firm of Pennoni in Winter Haven.

The commission has bought the Otallah property (Ellen's Thrift Store) for \$20,000 at 4709 N. Central Ave. to expand Main Street Park.



PHOTOS BY LESLIE LONG  
From left are Mayor Sam Fite, Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal Movimiento Internacional Pastor Danny Girona, and Commissioner Steve Spinks.



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City Manager Jerry Conerly congratulates Mayor Sam Fite for completing Florida League of Cities University-Institute for Municipal Elected Officials Level 4. The course was about leadership and management of cities and their staffs.



Mayor Sam Fite congratulates city employee Wayne Prine for 5 years of service.

# New Kids In Town!

## Family Has Grown To 50 Apes

In an immediate need, three young chimpanzees who were once rented out for use in television, films, ads and events were moved to the Center for Great Apes in Wauchula a few weeks ago.

Hannah, who is 17, Kenzy, 13, and Bentley, 9, started their lives working for a chimpanzee trainer living in Missouri and Nevada. For most of their infancy, they were moved around in small, single crate cages inside a van while the trainer tried to get work using the chimpanzees in Los Angeles, New Jersey and Las Vegas.

A friend of the trainer once told KLAS News in Nevada that the "chimps were kept in cages inside a darkened, brutally hot recreational vehicle and were rarely allowed out. 'He would absolutely hit them atop the head with his knuckles' ... '(The RV) was horrible. I wouldn't stay in there. I wouldn't let my worst enemy stay in there.'"

This friend went on to say, "He would pound on the cage, yell, take a stick and hit the cage, or not feed them until they stop making noise."

With very little "work" for his chimpanzees coming his way, the trainer then advertised them for sale about five years ago.

A private owner in north

Florida bought these chimpanzees, so the trainer brought them into Florida for the sale. He brought them into the state illegally, however, without permits. He was arrested by the Florida Wildlife Commission, and the chimpanzee youngsters were sent to a holding facility for some time before going on to the new owner.

chimpanzees. At the cost of over \$20,000 a year for each great ape at the sanctuary, we have just taken on an additional \$60,000 in operating expenses. But we could not turn these precious chimps down.

Right now, Hannah, Kenzy and Bentley are housed together in our new chimpanzee nighthouse until they complete their veterinary checks to de-



### Going Ape

By Patti Ragan

Center For Great Apes Founder

As they've grown, their most recent owner decided the chimpanzees needed to be somewhere where they could receive dedicated care and be integrated into a larger group of chimpanzees, with improved outdoor space, all things the Center for Great Apes could offer them.

Chimpanzees with these early-life experiences have many difficulties to overcome.

We know that with patience and compassionate care, these chimpanzees will become more confident and normal in their interactions with others of their own species.

No funding came to the center for the care of these young

termine their health status. And, they're learning to trust their caregivers and eat the nutritious food given to them.

They will soon be introduced to other chimpanzees at the sanctuary, and we look forward to providing them with long happy lives in sanctuary care.

*The Center for Great Apes in Wauchula is the sole accredited orangutan sanctuary and one of a few accredited chimpanzee sanctuaries in the nation. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations are tax-deductible. Visit CenterForGreatApes.org, call 767-8903, or mail to P.O. Box 488, Wauchula, FL 33873.*

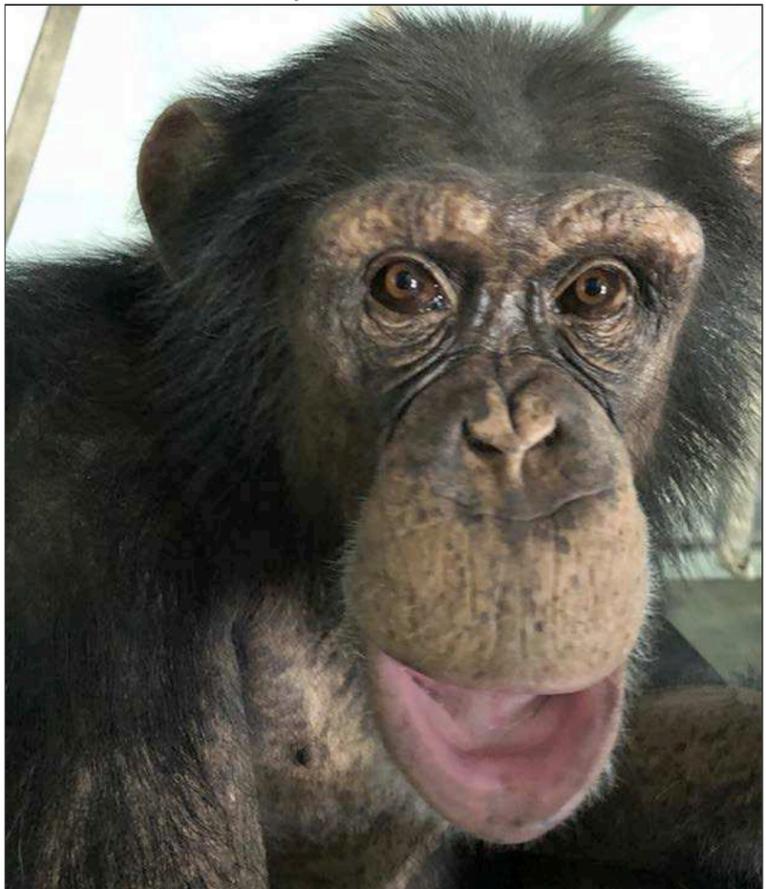


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Hannah is the oldest. She is 17 years old.



Kenzy is a teenager now, at 13.



Bentley, 9, is the youngest.



Bentley really enjoys lounging in his hammock.

## SFSC Offers 6-Week Coding Academy

With the growth in technology comes an increase in demand for computer coding skills. To serve that need, South Florida State College is offering its first summer Code Academy, beginning Monday, May 7, at the Highlands Campus in Avon Park.

Through the academy, students can register for three college-credit computer programming courses and learn six programming languages in six weeks at six hours a day.

They can earn a total of nine college credits.

"There's a growing need for computer programming, or 'coding,'" said Dr. Cherie Stevens, professor of computer science at SFSC. "The use of computer technology is universal, not just in computers" she said. "Home appliances and cars have electronic computer chips. All of that hardware has to

be programmed and coded. Someone has to tell the chips what to do."

Stevens continued, "Throughout the country, for-profit, expensive 'coding boot camps' have sprung up to train people to code. To answer the need for more programmers, we decided to offer a low-cost coding boot camp at SFSC."

SFSC's Code Academy schedule offers flexibility. Students can take the full six weeks of programming languages Python, SQL, C++, HTML/CSS, and JavaScript or take two weeks to focus on one or two of these coding languages. Python and SQL are offered May 7-17; C++ is May 21-June 1; and HTML/CSS and JavaScript are June 4-14.

To register for the SFSC Code Academy, visit the Welcome Center at the Hardee Campus on U.S. 17 south of Bowling Green.

VARSITY BASEBALL

# Wildcats Defeat Bulldogs

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Wildcats defeated the Bulldogs of DeSoto County High School in varsity baseball action in a 12-7 game held April 6.

The boys in orange and blue from Hardee Senior High School jumped out to an impressive 7-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Hardee got on the board when Mason Block crossed home plate as Dawson Hanchey was walked with bases loaded. Cade Alexy was walked in the next at bat sending Matt Tyson across home plate. Logan Cartwright knocked a ground ball to first base that allowed Adrian DeLeon to score. Hanchey eventually scored after Gunner Leonard was walked with bases loaded. A line drive to center field by Dylan Davis allowed Alexy to score. The final run of the inning came from Leonard who scored on a pop out to right field off the bat of Tyson.

The score remained unchanged until the top of the third inning when a pair of Wildcat runs brought the score to 9-0. Alexy scored following a fly ball to right field off the bat of Leonard. A line drive to left field off the bat of Block allowed Leonard to score.

DeSoto got on the board in the bottom of the third inning with a six run rally to cut Hardee's lead to 9-6.

The score remained unchanged until the top of the seventh inning when Hardee added three runs to take the 12-7 win. Cartwright crossed home plate following a line drive to center field off the bat of Davis. Davis eventually scored following a line drive to right field off the bat of Quinton Lindsey. The final run of the game came from Block who scored on the throw following Lindsey's hit.

Hardee had 12 runs and nine hits in 31 at bats during the outing. Block, Alexy, Cartwright, and Leonard each had two runs, and Tyson, DeLeon, Hanchey, and Davis each had one run. Block had three hits, Davis had two hits, and Lindsey, Tyson, DeLeon, and Leonard each had one hit.

Pitching duties were shared by DeLeon and Hanchey. DeLeon held the mound for three innings as he threw 63 pitches, allowed three hits and six runs, and struck out four batters. Hanchey held the mound for four innings as he threw 48 pitches and allowed one hit and one run and struck out five batters.

With the win, Hardee improved to 10-7.

## Wildcats Tame Panthers, 9-1

The Panthers of Mulberry High School were tamed by the Wildcats during a 9-1 game held April 3.

Mulberry took the early lead as they jumped out 1-0 in the bottom of the first inning.

The score remained unchanged until the top of the fourth inning when Hardee scored four runs to take a 4-1 lead. Lindsey and Tyson scored after Hanchey knocked a line drive to right field. DeLeon stole home plate while Alexy held the plate. Alexy eventually singled on a line drive to center field that allowed Hanchey to score.

Bringing the score to 6-1, Hardee added a run in the top of the sixth when Hanchey

scored on a wild pitch as Alexy held the plate.

The final three runs came in the top of the seventh inning. Davis scored following a ground ball to left field off the bat of Block. Block and Lindsey scored on a pop fly to center field off the bat of DeLeon.

Hardee recorded nine runs and 10 hits during 29 at bats in the effort. Lindsey, DeLeon, and Hanchey each had two runs, and Block, Tyson, and Davis each had one run. DeLeon had three hits, Tyson had two hits, and Block, Lindsey, Hanchey, Alexy, and Davis each had one hit.

The Wildcat mound was shared by Weston Schrader and Lindsey. Schrader held the mound three innings and threw 53 pitches as he allowed three hits and one run and struck out four batters. Lindsey held the mound for four innings as he threw 58 pitches and allowed one hit and struck out nine batters.

## Hardee Downs Frostproof, 14-4

The Wildcats defeated the Frostproof Middle/Senior High School Bulldogs in a 14-4 game held April 2.

Frostproof took an early 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning.

Hardee answered in the bottom of the third inning as the squad tied the game 2-2. Block scored after tagging up following a fly out to center field off the bat of Tyson. Lindsey scored following a fly ball to right field off the bat of Cartwright.

The Bulldogs retook the lead in the top of the fifth inning to bring the score to 4-2.

The Wildcats answered in the bottom of the inning in spectacular fashion as they sent up 10 runs to take a 12-4 lead. Tyson and DeLeon scored after Hanchey singled on a hard ground ball to center field. Hanchey then scored on an error by the catcher before Alexy was walked.

Coy Gough grounded into a fielder's choice to first base that allowed Alexy to score. Leonard scored on an error before Block pops out to right field, allowing Davis to score. Lindsey scored following a triple on a line drive off the bat of Tyson. Tyson scores following a pop fly by DeLeon. DeLeon scored on a line drive to center field by Hanchey. The final run of the inning came from Cartwright who scored following a pop fly to right field off the bat of Alexy.

Hardee added two more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Davis scored following a double on a line drive to center field off the bat of Lindsey. The final run came from Lindsey who scored on an error as Griffin Clark held the plate.

Hardee had 14 runs and 11 hits in 26 at bats. Lindsey had three runs, Tyson, DeLeon, and Davis each had two runs, and Block, Cartwright, Hanchey, Alexy, and Leonard each had one run. Lindsey, Hanchey, and Leonard each had two hits, and Block, Tyson, DeLeon, Cartwright, and Alexy each had one hit.

Pitching duties were shared by Ivan Badillo and Kaleb Floyd. Badillo held the mound four innings and threw 72 pitches as he allowed four hits and four runs and struck out five batters. Floyd held the mound a little over one inning and threw 37 pitches as he allowed no runs or hits and struck out two batters.

VARSITY SOFTBALL

# Lady Cats Upend Titans

By TOM STAIK

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The Lady Wildcats upended the Titans of Tenoroc High School in a 13-3 match April 6 in varsity softball action.

The ladies in orange and blue from Hardee Senior High School jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Ashlee Patterson scored following a line drive off the bat of Destinee Jackson. Jackson and Lillian Salazar crossed home plate following a ground ball off the bat of Stephanie Derringer. Derringer eventually scored following a hard ground ball to third base off the bat Deborah Figueroa.

Hardee continued to push ahead in the top of the second inning as Patterson crossed home plate on a fly ball to center field off the bat of Salazar that brought the score to 5-0.

An error allowed another Hardee run in the top of the third, as Amari DeLeon crossed home plate to bring the score to 6-0.

Makayla Benavidez crossed home in the top of the fourth to bring the score to 7-0 as she capitalized on a series of passed balls as Alexis McBride held the plate.

Tenoroc answered with a run in the bottom of the fourth to cut the Wildcat lead to 7-1.

Hardee continued to capitalize on fielding errors in the top of the fifth inning as it added two more runs. Marisa Rodriguez scored on an error and Salazar scored on a wild pitch while Alayna Carranco waited to be walked from the plate, bringing the score to 9-1.

Tenoroc's final two runs, cutting the Hardee lead to 9-3, came in the bottom of the fifth.

A four-run rally in the top of the seventh inning sealed the win for Hardee. Patterson scored after Salazar singled with a ground ball to second base. Salazar scored after Carranco knocked a fly ball to right field. Carranco scored on a passed ball as Sarah Carlton held the plate. The final run came from Carlton after a ground out off the bat of Derringer.

Hardee had 13 runs and nine hits in 34 at bats during the outing. Patterson and Salazar each had three runs, and Jack-

son, Carranco, Carlton, Derringer, Benavidez, DeLeon, and Rodriguez each recorded a run. Salazar had three hits, Rodriguez had two hits, and Patterson, Carlton, Derringer, and Figueroa each had one hit.

Pitching duties were shared by Benavidez and Derringer. Benavidez held the mound for three innings as she threw 49 pitches, allowed two hits and two runs, and struck out three batters. Derringer held the mound for four innings as she threw 62 pitches, allowed two hits and one run, and struck out three batters.

With the win, the Wildcats improved to 12-11 for the season.

## Hardee Bests Jenkins, 4-3

Hardee bested the Eagle squad from George Jenkins (Lakeland) High School in a 4-3 game on April 4.

The Lady Wildcats jumped to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Carlton homered on a fly ball to left field.

Hardee continued to push forward in the top of the second inning. Alexis McBride and Benavidez both scored following a line drive to right field off the bat of Carlton to bring the score to 3-0.

The score remained unchanged until the top of the fifth inning when Carranco scored following a hard ground ball to center field off the bat of Salazar that brought the score to 4-0.

George Jenkins scored its three runs in the bottom of the fifth to bring the score to 4-3.

Hardee had four runs and 11 hits in 36 at bats. Carlton, Carranco, McBride, and Benavidez each had runs. Carlton and Salazar each had two hits, and Patterson, Jackson, Derringer, McBride, and Benavidez each had one hit.

Carranco held the mound for Hardee through all seven innings as she lobbed 94 pitches, allowed four hits and three runs, and struck out one batter.

## Lady Cats Blank Panthers

The Lady Wildcats blanked the Panthers of Mulberry High School in a 10-0 game held April 3.

The game remained scoreless until the bottom of the

third inning when Hardee got on the board when Benavidez crossed home plate following a line drive to left field off the bat of Carlton. Carlton eventually scored following a bunt by Carranco to bring the score to 2-0.

Five more Hardee runs came in the bottom of the fifth inning. The effort started when Patterson scored following a hard ground ball off the bat of Jackson. Carlton and Jackson (tagging home on the throw) both scored following a ground ball to center field off the bat of Derringer. Carranco and Azaria Rivers scored next following a ground ball off the bat of DeLeon to bring the score to 7-0.

Three more Wildcat runs followed in the bottom of the sixth inning. Carlton scored following a hard ground ball to center off the bat of Derringer. A ground out to second off the bat of Mallory Gough allowed Carranco to score. The final run came as Rivers crossed home plate following a fly ball to left field off the bat of Rodriguez.

Hardee had 10 runs and 11 hits in 32 at bats in the outing. Carlton had three runs, Carranco and Rivers each had two runs, and Patterson, Jackson, and Benavidez were each credited with runs. Carlton had three hits, Derringer had two hits, and Patterson, Jackson, Carranco, Salazar, Rodriguez, and Benavidez each had one hit.

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VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

# Hardee Wins Moore Haven Meet

By TOM STAIK

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The Wildcats marched to an easy victory April 5 over Moore Haven High School in the Terrier Track Meet.

The Lady Wildcats posed a seemingly unstoppable force as they won the meet 103 to 29.

The Wildcats, too, were impressive as they managed 73.67 points against Moore Haven's 57.33 points.

The ladies took 15 first place finishes in the meet.

Acheline Delhomme was first in the 200m dash with a time of 29.96, and Jessica Pascual was first in the 400m dash with a time of 1:06.96.

Tatiana Mier was first in the 1600m run with a time of 6:30.14 and first in the 3200m run with a time of 14:34.67.

Mercades Cisneros was first in the 100m hurdles with a time of 18.78 and Ebony Lami was first in the 300m hurdles with a time of 52.86.

Hardee also took first in the 4x100m, 4x400m, and 4x800m relays.

In the field events, Miracle Thompson was first in the triple jump with a distance of 8.96m. Alexis Benhamin-Graham was first in the shot put with a distance of 11.64m and in the discus with a distance of 35.24m. Sophie Allen and Nubia Gomez tied for first in the pole vault with a height of 7.0.

The boys in orange and blue took 11 first place finishes. Dalton Kiella was first in the 400m dash with a time of 56.90 and Zack Durastanti was first in the 800m dash with a time of 2:24.17.

Gage Camacho was first in the 1600m run with a time of 6:16.16, and Roberto Gutierrez was first in the 3200m run with a time of 11:48.56.

Samuel Louis was first in the 110m hurdles with a time of 17.56 and Colen Oakes was first in the 300m hurdles with

a time of 45.27.

Hardee also took first in the 4x400m and 4x800m relays.

In the field events, Louis took first in the high jump with a height of 1.57m. Tyler Steedley was first in the discus with a distance of 35.40m. Oscar DeJesus was first in the pole vault with a height of 10-0.

## Individual Results:

**Girls 100m Dash:** 2nd, Marisela Duran, 14.28; 4th, Rola Hijaz, 14.48; 5th, Stephanie Louis, 15.37; 6th, Yacquelin Villalva, 15.78; 7th, Maria Martinez, 15.86; 8th, Maria Gutierrez, 15.90; 9th, Adela Rojas, 16.04; and 10th, Ivette Gonzalez, 16.77.

**Girls 200m Dash:** 1st, Acheline Delhomme, 29.96; 3rd, Jalyynn Thompson, 30.97; 5th, Rola Hijaz, 31.65; 7th, Maria Gutierrez, 32.73; 8th, Yacquelin Villalva, 33.59; 9th, Stephanie Louis, 34.20; 10th, Adela Rojas, 34.44; and 11th, Maria Martinez, 35.22.

**Girls 400m Dash:** 1st, Jessica Pascual, 1:06.96; 2nd, Javia Thompson, 1:09.48; 3rd, Nubia Gomez, 1:10.02; 9th, Marisela Duran, 1:20.24; 10th, Marley Ureste, 1:23.16; 11th, Ivette Gonzalez, 1:30.85.

**Girls 800m Dash:** 2nd, Ingrid Mendoza, 2:54.42; 3rd, Yennifer Nunez, 2:56.15; and 4th, Laura Ramos, 3:14.04.

**Girls 1600m Run:** 1st, Tatiana Mier, 6:30.14.

**Girls 3200m Run:** 1st, Tatiana Mier, 14:34.67; 3rd, Amy Gutierrez, 16:00.95; and 4th, Kareli Plata, 16:17.15.

**Girls 100m Hurdles:** 1st, Mercades Cisneros, 18.78; 2nd, Jennifer Lopez, 18.95; 3rd, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 20.36; and 4th, Veronica Molina, 21.76.

**Girls 300m Hurdles:** 1st, Ebony Lami, 52.86; 2nd, Jennifer Lopez, 58.57; 3rd, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 59.78; and 4th, Mercades Cisneros, 1:03.79.

**Girls 4x100m Relay:** 1st, Hardee, 55.00.

**Girls 4x400m Relay:** 1st, Hardee, 4:45.50; and 2nd, Hardee, 4:46.34.

**Girls 4x800m Relay:** 1st, Hardee, 12:57.81.

**Girls High Jump:** 1st, Javia Thompson, 1.27m; and 1st, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 1.27m.

**Girls Long Jump:** 2nd, Jalyynn Thompson, 4.60m; 3rd, Acheline Delhomme, 4.29m; 4th, Jennifer Lopez, 4.23m; 6th, Jesula Charles, 3.88m; 7th, Ebony Lami, 3.87m.

**Girls Triple Jump:** 1st, Miracle Thompson, 8.96m; 2nd, Jesula Charles, 8.24m; 3rd, Mercades Cisneros, 7.91m; 4th, Jennifer Lopez, 7.86m; and 5th, Vernoica Molina, 6.85m.

**Girls Shot Put:** 1st, Alexis Benjamin-Graham, 11.64m; 2nd, Brilyance Augustus, 7.90m; 4th, Lilliana Ramos, 6.52m; 5th, Maria Deloera, 6.27m; and 7th, Alisa Arce, 5.25m.

**Girls Discus Throw:** 1st, Alexis Benjamin-Graham, 35.24m; 2nd, Cassidy Wallace, 16.16m; 5th, Maria Deloera, 13.94m; and 6th, Alisa Arce, 13.20m.

**Girls Pole Vault:** 1st, Sophie Allen, 7-0; 1st, Nubia Gomez, 7-0; 3rd, Mariela Badillo, 6-6; and 4th, Daisy Badillo, 6-0.

**Boys 100m Dash:** 9th, Jozie St. Louis, 12.93; 10th, Marcelin Cimeus, 12.98; 11th, Man Rivera, 13.29; 12th, Gabriel Arguelles, 13.32; and 13th, Paul Mares, 14.90.

**Boys 200m Dash:** 4th, Israel Lopez, 26.02; 5th, Jozie St. Louis, 27.29; 6th, Man Rivera, 27.54; 7th, Angel Conejo, 28.10; 8th, Carlos Lopez, 29.69; and 9th, Elias Ramirez, 31.46.

**Boys 400m Dash:** 1st, Dalton Kiella, 56.90; 3rd, Sanon Nerlensky, 1:01.60; 4th, James Pearson, 1:02.20; and 7th, Elias Ramirez, 1:09.72.

**Boys 800m Dash:** 1st, Zack

Durastanti, 2:24.17; 2nd, Ivan Rodriguez, 2:24.63; and 4th, Miguel Velasco, 2:44.35.

**Boys 1600m Run:** 1st, Gage Camacho, 6:16.16.

**Boys 3200m Run:** 1st, Roberto Gutierrez, 11:48.56; and 2nd, Jaime Chagoya, 13:21.61.

**Boys 110m Hurdles:** 1st, Samuel Louis, 17.56; 2nd, Aaron Cook, 17.71; 3rd, Colen Oakes, 17.77; and 6th, Adrian Alvarez, 22.60.

**Boys 300m Hurdles:** 1st, Colen Oakes, 45.27; 2nd, Samuel Louis, 47.78; 3rd, Aaron Cook, 48.77; and 6th, Carlos Lopez, 53.55.

**Boys 4x100m Relay:** 2nd, Hardee, 48.57; and 4th, Hardee, 50.78.

**Boys 4x400m Relay:** 1st, Hardee, 3:50.12.

**Boys 4x800m Relay:** 1st, Hardee, 9:23.98; and 2nd, Hardee, 9:31.43.

**Boys High Jump:** 1st, Samuel Louis, 1.57m; 2nd, Jozie St. Louis, 1.52m; 2nd, Myron Refoure, 1.52m; 5th, Jaime Chagoya, 1.42m; 6th, Josh Ward, 1.37m.

**Boys Long Jump:** 4th, Myron Refoure, 5.21m; 5th, Josh Ward, 5.18m; and 6th, Terrence White, 4.69m.

**Boys Triple Jump:** 3rd, Aaron Cook, 10.06m; 4th, Terrence White, 9.99m; and 5th, Carlos Lopez, 9.46m.

**Boys Shot Put:** 3rd, Marcus Sambrano, 11.19m; 5th, Dustin Willis, 10.55m; 6th, Ariel Whitters, 9.76m; 8th, Adrian Alvarez, 9.44m; and 9th, Mario Gomez, 9.13m.

**Boys Discus:** 1st, Tyler Steedley, 35.40m; 2nd, Collin Barton, 35.18m; 3rd, Marcus Sambrano, 33.70m; 4th, Ariel Whitters, 33.14m; 6th, Mike Trevino, 28.00m; and 9th, Thomas Cardoza, 24.22m.

**Boys Pole Vault:** 1st, Oscar DeJesus, 10-0; 2nd, Noah Torres, 9-6; 2nd, Zack Durastanti, 9-6; and Roberto Gutierrez, 7-0.

## 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: 252017TD030XXXX

Date: 04/04/2018

### 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 16th day of May, 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.: 862

YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2010

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Margrene Lamp-ley

Description of Property: Parcel Identification Number 10-34-25-0840-00001-0003

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By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

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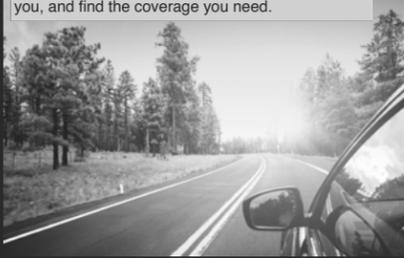
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**Strange But True**  
By Samantha Weaver

- It was Edna St. Vincent Millay, a playwright and the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, who made the following observation: "A person who publishes a book appears willfully in public with his pants down."
- I don't know who studies such things, but those who do say that over the course of a lifetime, you'll probably spend about three years in the restroom.
- Despite numerous arrests and trials, famed 19th-century outlaw Frank James was never convicted of anything and never went to prison. He died in 1915, at the age of 72, of natural causes.

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10 temporary farmworkers needed for work in sweet potato, corn, soybeans, tobacco and cotton in Sampson County, North Carolina for Hobbs Farming, Inc. and S & G Farms, Inc., with work beginning on or about 06/07/2018 and ending on or about 10/31/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour and piece rate may be offered depending on crop activity. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Sampson County, 115 North Blvd, Clinton, NC 28328 (910) 592-5756, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10844470. EOE. H-300-18088-760355. **cl4:12c**

Reyna Harvesting is hiring 26 farmworkers to harvest and pack watermelon and blueberry crops in Bowling Green and Auburndale, FL for a temporary period from 05/01/2018 to 06/01/2018. The wages offered are the highest of \$11.29/hr. or applicable piece rates. Prolonged standing, bending, stooping, and reaching. Job is outdoors and continues in all types of weather. Workers may be requested to submit to random drug or alcohol tests at no cost to the worker. Drug testing and background checks may occur during the interview process and will be conducted at the sole expense and discretion of the employer. Must be able to lift 50lbs. to shoulder height repetitively throughout the workday and able to lift and carry 50lbs. in field. Employer guarantees work will be available for at least three-quarters of the period stated. Required tools supplies, and equipment will be provided at no cost to worker. Housing will be available for workers who cannot reasonably return home after each working day. Transportation and subsistence expenses will be provided, or reimbursed after 50% of the work contract is completed, if appropriate. Applicants should apply for the position at their local State Workforce Agency office. Job Order Number: FL10664135. **cl4:5:12p**

99 temporary farm-workers needed for hand harvesting blueberries, and general farm labor in Weeki Wachee and Inverness, FL, for 5 G Harvesting LLC. work will be beginning on or about 04/03/2018 and ending on or about 05/15/2018. this job offer is for farm labor, the minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.29 per hour or piece rate may be offered depending on the crop activity. workers must commit to work the entire contract period. workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. applicants should report or send resumes to Career Source Center @ 7361 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34606@ (352)200-3020. In reference of job order number FL 10659830. Prior to contacting the employer. EOE H-300-18051-827090 **cl4:5:12c**

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## Peavy's Ponderings

By Jonell Peavy

Sugar Possum of the late Truman Thomas

It seems like every time you turn on the TV all you see are shootings or where someone was involved in an accident and left the scene not knowing if someone was injured or not. It makes you wonder what has happened to the society we live in.

To me, guns are not the problem. A gun just can't harm someone just because it's a gun. Someone has to pick it up and pull the trigger--which leads me to ask, why do we need more gun laws?

My husband was an avid hunter, therefore there were always guns in the home. He taught me how to shoot a gun after we moved out to an isolated area out in the country. When the children were very young he taught them to respect a gun, that it was not a toy, and that it could kill.

He taught our son as well as our daughters how to shoot a gun, so for me it's all about what they are taught at home as they are growing to adulthood.

I love to work on things. I figure that if they don't work, I can't hurt them anyway. I just got my daughter's sewing machine fixed so she can do some sewing.

My tablet quit working about two years ago so I just let the great-grand's play games on it. I decided to try to fix the problems it was having so I could use it, too. It took several weeks of trial and error, but I persevered and had to redo everything. Now it works like it is supposed to, and I can get on the internet with it.

We didn't always have the money to get things fixed so you either worked on them yourself or you just put them aside until you could afford to get them fixed. Everything doesn't always get fixed, but every time I take something apart I learn something about it so next time it's a little easier to figure out what went wrong. Like I said, if it's broke I can't do any more damage.

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

344 temporary farmworkers needed for hand harvesting blueberries, cukes, cherry tomatoes, and sweet potatoes in Sampson, Duplin, Harnett, Johnston, Pender, and Greene Counties, North Carolina, for Francisco Valadez, Jr., LLC, with work beginning on or about 05/08/2018 and ending on or about 11/28/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable farm work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour and piece rates may be offered. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Johnston County, 8998 U.S. Hwy 70 West, Suite 100, Clayton, NC 27520, (919) 553-0953, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency and reference job order #NC10836722. EOE. H-300-18082-332827. cl4:12c

108 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in flue-cured tobacco and sweet potatoes in Wilson County, North Carolina, for JFT Harvesting, Inc., Farm Labor Contractor, with work beginning on or about 04/07/2018 and ending on or about 11/23/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour and piece rates may be offered depending on crop activity. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Wilson County, 302 Tarboro St. West, Wilson, NC 27893 (252) 234-1129, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10816703. EOE. H-300-18045-314439. cl4:12c

48 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in long green cukes, bell pepper, eggplant, squash and other diversified crops in Sampson County, North Carolina, for DL&B Enterprises, Inc., with work beginning on or about 05/26/2018 and ending on or about 10/27/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour, and piece rates may be offered depending on crop activity. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Sampson County, 115 North Boulevard, Clinton, NC 28328 (910) 592-5756, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10842619. EOE. H-300-18087-429753. cl4:12c

70 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in flue-cured tobacco and sweet potatoes in Wilson County, North Carolina, for Oasis Harvesting, Inc. with work beginning on or about 05/12/2018 and ending on or about 11/23/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour, and piece rates may be offered. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Wilson County, 302 Tarboro St. Wilson, NC 27893 (252) 234-1129, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10836097. EOE. H-300-18073-490142. cl4:12c

17 temporary farmworkers needed for work in sweet potato, flue-cured tobacco, corn, soybeans, oats, rye, wheat, and cotton in Sampson County, North Carolina for Hobbs & Peterson Farms, Inc. with work beginning on or about 06/07/2018 and ending on or about 10/31/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour and piece rate may be offered depending on crop activity. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Sampson County, 115 North Blvd, Clinton, NC 28328 (910) 592-5756, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10844483. EOE. H-300-18088-333398. cl4:12c

24 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in tobacco and other diversified crops in Harnett and Johnston Counties, North Carolina for Brad Barefoot and Ronnie E. Wood, joint employers, with work beginning on or about 06/01/2018 and ending on or about 10/25/2018. The job offered is for a skilled farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Harnett County, 1137 E. Cornelia Harnett Blvd, Lillington, NC 27546, (910) 814-4042, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10843071. EOE. H-300-18087-200826. cl4:12c

4 temporary agricultural equipment operators needed for work in corn, soybeans, peanuts, wheat, oats, rye, tobacco and cotton and other diversified crops in Martin County, NC for Conoho Farms, Inc., with work beginning on or about 06/09/2018 and ending on or about 10/06/2018. The job offered is for a skilled operator and requires minimum 3 months verifiable work experience operating 200+ hp farm equipment. Applicants must possess proper and current driver license. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Martin County, 407 East Blvd., Williamston, NC 27892 (252) 792-7816, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10844577. EOE. H-300-18088-079587. cl4:12c

10 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in cucumbers, corn, tobacco, soybeans, wheat and other diversified crops in Warren County, North Carolina, for Hight Family Farms, LLC with work beginning on or about 06/09/2018 and ending on or about 11/17/2018. The job offered is for a skilled farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour, and piece rates may be offered. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Warren County, 309 N. Main St., Room 123, Warrenton, NC 28582 (252) 237-3292, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10844589. EOE. H-300-18088-932479. cl4:12c

6 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in strawberries, sweet potato, squash, sweet corn, mixed vegetables and other diversified crops in Harnett County, North Carolina for Nicolas Bahama, farm labor contractor, with work beginning on or about 05/21/2018 and ending on or about 11/25/2018. The job offered is for a skilled farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable prior work experience hand harvesting vegetables. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour and piece rate may be offered depending on crop activity. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Sampson County, 115 North Boulevard, Clinton, NC 28328 (910) 592-5756, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10842577. EOE. H-300-18085-636795. cl4:12c

6 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in corn, cotton, soy beans, flue-cured tobacco and other diversified crops in Lenoir County, North Carolina, for L.E. Rouse Farms, LLC with work beginning on or about 05/31/2018 and ending on or about 11/23/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Lenoir County, 231 Hwy 58 South, Kinston, NC 28501, (252) 775-6021, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10842680. EOE. H-300-18087-826310. cl4:12c

6 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in flue-cured tobacco in Johnston County, North Carolina, for Triple B Farms, Inc. with work beginning on or about 06/02/2018 and ending on or about 10/27/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Johnston County, 8998 U.S. Hwy 70 West, Suite 100, Clayton, NC 27520, (919) 553-0953, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10843268. EOE. H-300-18087-963602. cl4:12c

8 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor to pull weeds/chop, cultivate and harvest cotton, flue-cured tobacco, corn, and soybeans in Johnston County, North Carolina, for Pope Brothers & Son, LLC, with work beginning on or about 05/28/2018 and ending on or about 10/27/2018. The job offered is for a skilled farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour and piece rates may be offered depending on crop activity. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Johnston County, 8998 U.S. Hwy 70 West, Suite 100, Clayton, NC 27520, (919) 553-0953, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10842997. EOE. H-300-18087-612749. cl4:12c

9 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in corn, cotton, soybeans, tobacco, and other diversified crops in Lenoir County, North Carolina, for Faulkner Farms, LLC with work beginning on or about 05/31/2018 and ending on or about 10/31/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Lenoir County, 231 Hwy. 58 South, Kinston NC 28501, (252) 775-6021, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10842711. EOE. H-300-18087-381256. cl4:12c

41 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in blueberries in Bladen County, North Carolina, for Antonio Sanchez, farm labor contractor, with work beginning on or about 05/05/2018 and ending on or about 07/23/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour and piece rate may be offered. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Bladen County, 401 Meador Mill Rd., Elizabethtown, NC 28337, (910) 862-3253, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10832857. EOE. H-300-18073-440465. cl4:12c

5 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in flue-cured tobacco in Martin County, North Carolina, for Manning & Carson Farms, LLC, with work beginning on or about 05/28/2018 and ending on or about 10/15/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Martin County, 407 East Blvd., Williamston, NC 27892, (252) 792-7816, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10843306. EOE. H-300-18087-309385. cl4:12c

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## As Seen From This Side

By Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips

Wauchula

I've heard the expression "it's raining cats and dogs." I have never seen that, but I did get hit with a fish one day as I made a wild dash from the barn to the house. It was alive, and I kept it in a cow trough for over a year.

My brother said it had been 99 days (3-18-18) since they had a drop of rain. He heard of a rural church that had a revival with several new members who joined during the revival that ended on Friday.

The baptism was on Sunday, and the preacher had to immerse them in dust. One old ranch hand said according to that he got baptized every day.

It is so dry in west Texas the kids grow to six feet and better. That way mud don't splatter in their eyes when it does rain. Their dishwasher is a slow sandblaster, and the only Dawn they know is about 15 minutes before sunrise.

Being raised on a peanut farm in south Georgia we kids did not have a lot of money to spend, but we still had fun legally (most of the time).

Johnny and I would go to town to see our girlfriends. (His wife Cindy was my girlfriend's best friend.)

One Saturday we were going on a double-date to the river so we just took his truck. We got to town just as the theater movie had ended, and all these couples were walking out. One couple was hugging and kissing as they got to the parking lot.

I told Johnny to slow down, and as we got even with them I stuck my head out of the window and in as sad a voice as I could muster said, "Honey, you told me you were not going to see him anymore."

From two blocks down the street we could see them in our rear view mirror, standing about five feet apart screaming at each other.

Johnny said it was too bad we did not know who they were.

Mom's oldest brother lived on the farm joining ours. One July 4th we were having a family gathering to celebrate their 50th anniversary at their house.

We were across the road with a BBQ pit under some very large oak trees. My brother Stanley saw several squirrels in the trees so my uncle told him to go get his shotgun and some shells. We could BBQ them, too.

Stanley came back with a 12-gauge long-Tom (36-inch barrel). He was used to our 20-gauge. He had never shot a 12-gauge, much less a long barrel. He shot one squirrel, the gun kicked, he rubbed his shoulder. Just then he saw two squirrels almost overhead and without thinking shot both with one shot.

He picked himself up off the ground where the gun had kicked him, shoulder already turning blue. For three days he could not lift his right arm enough to eat. It's a wonder his collar bone was not broken. That gun kicked harder than a mule.

He never used that gun again, and so far as I know never shot a 12-gauge again. He later bought a 410/.22 rifle over-under but not a 12-gauge.

Too bad Barney is no longer here. Although he was laid back, Mom said he was like the center part of her washing machine, the agitator.

When you least expected it he would surprise you, like the time he brought Mom a live six-foot snake already coiled, or when he tried but failed to make friends with a skunk...two hours and two gallons of tomato juice.

She don't like to tell of him taking a strike from a rattler meant for her, but he did. He was very sick for three days and laid up for a week. Boy, did he love ice cream. He was like a kid. Mom had me to fix him a gallon the third day (we shared it). He wanted more, and that was my job every afternoon. Vanilla is still my favorite.

Mom would have had a fit if she knew I got half of it. Dad said there were times you kept your mouth shut while it was open for ice cream.

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# Bensen Days Fly-In Draws Crowds To Wauchula

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Aviation enthusiasts traveled from across the Sunshine State last week for the 2018 edition of the Bensen Days Fly-In at the Wauchula Municipal Airport.

The four-day event celebrated the gyrocopter.

The craft, which comes in one- or two-seat variations, was first developed by Dr. Igor Bensen in North Carolina in 1952.

Wauchula's annual celebration drew visitors, hobbyists and professionals from wide and far.

Raven Morgan drove to the event last Thursday from Naples to check out the craft with her husband. "Before he buys one, I want to ride in one," Morgan said.

Morgan hitched a ride with Chris Lord, a manufacturer of

gyroplanes with Sebring-based Pictaio Aerospace. He piloted Morgan's maiden trip, a 15-minute trek above Hardee County's pastures, groves and mines.

"It was an incredible experience," Morgan said.

The rides were a coveted commodity as waiting lists filled up quickly.

Greg Spicola, of Brooksville, was another pilot exhibiting at the festival.

Spicola, who flies out of Zephyrhills, is a certified gyroplane flight instructor who works with the manufacturing firm SilverLight Aviation.

Flying an American Range I model two-seater gyroplane, Spicola treated The Herald-Advocate to an aerial trek across the countryside.

Spicola piloted his craft on a low pass through a cow pasture. Flying approximately six

feet off the ground, over barbed-wire fences and low growing brush at around 60 mph, the pasture excursion provided a unique look at the parched landscape of early spring.

Spicola took time to act as tour guide while piloting the craft.

The journey over the nearby phosphate mine northwest of the airport provided plenty of wildlife as dozens of alligators dotted the water line below.

"Look at that gator," Spicola said, gesturing to the left of the plane. "It must be 14 feet."

Circling back for a better angle, the sun-bathing gator in fact dwarfed the shadow cast by the plane.

"I promise to try to land on the road, if we have to land," Spicola quipped. "I don't want to outswim a gator."



PHOTOS BY TOM STAIK

Bensen Days at the Wauchula Municipal Airport was held last week.



A line of gyroplanes drew a pack of interested onlookers.



Guests at Bensen Days inspect a line of gyroplanes on the tarmac of Wauchula Municipal Airport last Thursday.



A pair of gyroplanes glide above the tree line near the Wauchula Municipal Airport last Thursday.



This giant gator was spotted while he took a sun bath at the mine northwest of the Wauchula Municipal Airport.



Citrus trees seen from the bird's-eye view offered by the open cab of a gyroplane.



An aerial view from a gyroplane gave a glimpse at the dry conditions across Hardee County.



Greg Spicola, a certified flight instructor, fills his tank before taking to the air at Bensen Days.



A pilot prepares for a flight by topping off his tank.

# Courthouse Report

**COUNTY COURT**  
The following marriage licenses were issued recently in the office of the county court: Mario Lopez Perez, 31, Wauchula, and Abelita Ramos Bautista, 35, Wauchula. Patrick James Zadai, 43, Ona, and Sabrina Eleanor Freeman, 28, Ona. Andre Terron Louis, 31, Bowling Green, and Cindy Elisondo, 35, Wauchula.

The recent small claims cases were unavailable because the state computer system was being updated.

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

Sabrina Brown, affray, time served, \$625 fines, costs and fees placed on lien.

Christian Eric Guyer, DUI with property damage/personal injury, probation 12 months, drug/alcohol abuse evaluation, license suspended six months, tag impound 10 days, 50 hours community service, \$1,103 fines, costs and fees placed on lien; DUI with property damage/personal injury, not prosecuted.

Sharon Michelle Carr, domestic battery, trespassing on an occupied structure/conveyance and battery, transferred to pretrial diversion program, return May 2.

Timothy Gregg Mushrush, assault, not prosecuted. Melanie Dawn Peter, domestic battery and trespass on an occupied structure/conveyance, transferred to pretrial diversion program, return May 2.

Myrna Jean Platt, domestic battery, trespass on an occupied structure/conveyance and battery, transferred to pretrial diversion program, return May 2.

Susan Leshayne Rau, battery, transferred to pretrial diversion program, return May 2.

Tiko Severe, resisting/obstructing arrest without violence, 26 days in jail with credit for time served, \$550 fines, costs and fees placed on lien; domestic battery and domestic assault, not prosecuted.

Austin Todd Nellis, petit theft and resisting a merchant, 30 days in jail on each charge, \$12.97 restitution; \$500 fines, costs and fees.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
The following civil actions were filed recently in the office of the circuit court: Lorenza Alamia vs. George Alamia, petition for injunction for protection.

Rajeeni Faulk vs. Donnell Terrell Patton, petition for injunction for protection.

Gladys W. Craycraft and Gregory Alan Craycraft, divorce.

Cassandra McCafferty and James Edward McCafferty, divorce.

Tracie A. King and the state Department of Revenue (DOR) vs. Leia Corean McCall, petition for child support.

There were no decisions recorded on civil cases pending in the circuit court as the state computers were being upgraded.

The following felony criminal cases were disposed of recently by the circuit judge. Defendants have been adjudicated guilty unless noted otherwise. When adjudication is withheld, it is pending successful completion of probation. Sentences are pursuant to an investigative report by and the recommendation of the state probation office and also state sentencing guidelines. Final discretion is left to the judge:

Adam Robert Acuna, violation of probation (original charge sale of methamphetamine), probation modified to include new drug abuse evaluation, \$250 fines and costs added to outstanding fines, costs and fees.

Luis Banda, possession of drug paraphernalia, time served, \$1,220 fines, costs and fees placed on lien; three counts possession of methamphetamine, two counts possession of drug paraphernalia and a traffic offense, not prosecuted.

Sabrina Ann Brown, possession of methamphetamine, adjudication withheld, seven counts petit theft, seven counts uttering a forged check, seven counts forgery and possession of drug paraphernalia, time served, drug offender probation five years, \$879.49 restitution, \$1,470 fines, costs and fees.

Monte Carlton, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon with great bodily harm—

amended to battery, probation one year, anger management class, no use or possession of firearm, restitution to be set, \$1,672 fines, costs and fees.

Diana Angelica Chavez, possession of methamphetamine, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia, transferred to drug pretrial diversion program, return April 17.

Margaret Beatrice Howell, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting/obstructing an officer without violence, time served, drug offender probation four years, substance abuse evaluation, 50 hours community service, \$1,572 fines, costs and fees.

Christopher Lynn King, violation of probation (original charge fraudulent use of a credit card), and driving while license suspended, probation revoked, community control—house arrest two years with condition of 180 days in jail with credit for 61 days served, \$350 fees and costs added to outstanding fines, costs and fees and placed on lien.

Emily Erin Slone, possession of alprazolam, adjudication withheld, drug offender probation five years, substance abuse evaluation, \$1,020 fines, costs and fees.

Raymond Mark Medrano, violation of probation (original charge burglary of structure), probation revoked, Florida State Prison twenty-four months with credit for time served, \$300 fees and costs added to outstanding fines, costs and fees and placed on lien.

Mackinson St. Fort, two counts selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a church/school, Florida State Prison four years followed by drug offender probation two years, substance abuse evaluation, \$1,670 fines, costs and fees placed on lien; aggravated assault with a firearm—amended to improper exhibition of a dangerous weapon and possession of cannabis, time served; two counts possession of cocaine with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of a structure for trafficking/sale or manufacture of a controlled substance and owning/renting a structure/vehicle known to sell drugs, child abuse and possession of drug paraphernalia, not prosecuted.

Sergio Felipe Troncoso-Aguirre, possession of methamphetamine, possession of heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia, transferred to misdemeanor court.

Lee Edward Woods, possession of synthetic cannabis, adjudication withheld, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation (original charges possession of synthetic cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia), probation revoked, time served, new drug offender probation three years with condition of new substance abuse evaluation, \$1,451 fines costs and fees; violation of probation (original charge driving while license suspended), probation revoked, 15 days in jail, \$175 fines, costs and fees.

There were no real estate transactions recorded as the state computers were being upgraded.

# Crime Blotter

During the past week, sheriff's deputies and city police officers investigated the following incidents and made the following arrests:

**COUNTY**  
April 8, Carlos Perez-Rios, 36, of Marion St., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. John Layport on two counts of withholding support of children.

April 8, Vianca Vilareal, 25, of 4802 Epps Ave., was arrested by Dep. Donny Eversole on a charge of contempt of court.

April 8, a residential burglary on Briar Patch Road and criminal mischief on Lambert Road were reported.

April 7, Estevan Vincente Ramirez, 24, of 3864 Fussell Rd., Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. John Layport and charged with battery, criminal mischief with property damage and resisting/obstructing an officer without violence.

April 6, Hilario Dorantes Ortiz, 33, of 133 Lang Dr., Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Mark McCoy and charged with battery.

April 6, Oliver Stuart Brophy, 32, of 169 Woodstork Way, Frostproof, was arrested by Cpl. Chris Albritton and charged with false or misuse of E-911 system.

April 6, Becky Ann Smith, 49, of 159 Shackelford Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Det. Lyle Hart on a charge of violation of probation.

April 6, Julian Windell Keen, 54, of 1371 NE Viola Rd., Avon Park, was arrested by the Drug Task Force (DTF) and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 6, vehicles reported stolen on Fifth Street East and on Tom Bryan Road, criminal mischief on Polk Road and a theft on Fairfax Drive were reported.

April 5, Steven Howell Richardson, 24, of 114 Franklin St., Bowling Green, was arrested by Det. Lyle Hart on two counts of violation of probation.

April 5, Dustin Dewayne Rimes, 36, of 812 S. Eighth Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving with knowledge of a suspended license.

April 5, Shyann Mariah Baker, 23, of 2425-21st St., Sarasota, was arrested by DTF on three counts of violation of probation and a traffic offense.

April 5, Michael Jerome Youngblood, 40, of 1030 Makowski Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Mark McCoy on a charge of violation of probation.

April 5, a residential burglary on Fifth Street East was reported.

April 4, Arcos Macario Vasquez, 23, General Delivery, Plant City, was arrested by Dep. Kim Pfeiffer on a charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

April 4, Jason Lee Skipper, 44, of 3349 E. Hwy 98, Fort Meade, was arrested by Dep. Kim Pfeiffer on a charge of withholding support of children.

April 4, Carlos Velasco Gutierrez, 30, General Delivery, Bartow, was arrested by Dep. Kim Pfeiffer on a charge of violation of probation.

April 4, Andrew Michael Rupert, 30, of 920 Altman Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Danny O'Bryan on a charge of violation.

April 4, Carolina Luna, 34, of 4632 Pine Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 4, Jeremy Franks,

19, of 1568 Colson Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 4, Yolanda Dawn Kersey, 18, and William Grady Noel, 38, both of 5165 Deer Run, Zolfo Springs, were arrested by DTF and each charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 4, burglary of a conveyance on Wilkerson Road, and a theft on Wilkerson Road were reported.

April 3, Monte Tyrell Carlton, 24, of 813 Pleasant Way, Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Steve Ahrens and charged with criminal mischief—damage to property.

April 3, Juan Madrigal, 39, of 3994 Sunset Dr., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Cpl. Chris Albritton and charged with battery.

April 3, Amanda Leigh Griffin, 40, and Manuel Martinez, 31, both of 804 S. Ninth Ave., Wauchula, were arrested by DTF and each charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was also charged with destroying/tampering with evidence and he was also charged with a traffic offense.

April 3, a residential burglary on South Sixth Avenue (U. S. 17 South), burglary of a conveyance on Oxendine Road and a theft on Shaw Road were reported.

April 2, Lashonda Barbitt Baker, 43, of 838 Pleasant Way, was arrested by Dep. Ryan Abbott and charged with burglary with assault or battery. At the jail, Dep. Chris Bandy also charged her with violation of probation.

**WAUCHULA**  
April 6, Mikey Retana, 24, of 4616 Chester Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Ofc. Kaleigh Anderson and charged with possession of synthetic cannabis, smuggling contraband into a detention facility, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving with knowledge of a suspended license.

April 6, a theft on South Sixth Avenue (U. S. 17 South) was reported.

April 5, John Manuel Juarez, 19, of 2114-60th Ave. W., Bradenton, and Angelica Salas, 18, of 1044 Sumner Rd., Wauchula, were arrested by Ofc. Kaleigh Anderson and each charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 5, criminal mischief on South Ninth Avenue, and thefts on LaPlaya Drive and on South Ninth Avenue were reported.

April 4, a residential burglary on Green Street was reported.

April 2, a theft on River Chase Circle was reported.

**BOWLING GREEN**  
April 3, a theft on Chester Avenue was reported.

April 2, Donnell Terrell Patton, 41, of 605 SR 66, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Ofc. Breanna Locke and charged with battery.

# Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2016-CA-002095 NC

WILL FERRELL, as Trustee of the 5911 Olive Ave. Family Land Trust, WILL FERRELL, As Trustee of the 2502 Robinson Avenue Family Land Trust, and WILL FERRELL, as Trustee of the 5413 Carmen Avenue Family Land Trust, Plaintiff Vs. DALE SEXTON, Individually, SUNSTATE ROOFING & REPAIRS, LLC, A Florida Limited Liability Company, and WINSTON TILLEY, individually, Defendant

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the Circuit Court, of Sarasota County, Florida, on the 20 day of March, 2018, in the cause wherein WILL FERRELL, as Trustee of the 5911 Olive Ave. Family Land Trust, WILL FERRELL, As Trustee of the 2502 Robinson Avenue Family Land Trust, and WILL FERRELL, as Trustee of the 5413 Carmen Av-

enue Family Land Trust, is plaintiff and DALE SEXTON, Individually, SUNSTATE ROOFING & REPAIRS, LLC, A Florida Limited Liability Company, and WINSTON TILLEY, individually is defendant, being Case No.2016-CA-002095 NC in, I, Arnold Lanier, Sheriff of Hardee County, Florida, have levied upon all right said Court, title, and interest of the defendant, in and to the following described real property to wit:

LOT 31 GILLARD FARMS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THERE OF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 60, PAGE 4, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA HARDEE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER ID # 13-34-25-0100-00001-0031

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I shall offer this property for sale, at the front lobby of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office located at 900 East Summit St. Wauchula, Fl. 33873 in the County of Hardee, State of Florida, on the 10 day of May, 2018 at the hour of 11:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the said defendant's right, title, and interest in the aforesaid real property at public auction and will sell the same subject to all taxes, prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution as prescribed by Fla. Stat. 56.27.

Dated at Wauchula, Hardee County, Florida this 5 day of April 2018.

Arnold Lanier, Sheriff of Hardee County, By: Sgt. Danny O'Bryan Deputy Sheriff

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Civil Department no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 863-773-0304 ext 208.

# Notices

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The HARDEE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD meeting as the local planning agency will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 6:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter in the County Commissioners' Board Room Room 102, 1st floor Courthouse Annex 412 West Orange St., Wauchula, FL

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

Agenda No. 18-08 ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04 Jose Guadalupe Perez-Eng, requests approval of a Rezoning of 0.896 +/- acres from C-1 zoning to R-2 zoning to develop a duplex

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Roger Conley, Chairman

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This Public Notice is published in accordance with the Hardee County Unified Land Development Code.

Prior to the P/Z Public Hearing, documents relating to the request are available for public inspection during weekdays between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Planning and Development Department, 110 S. 9th Ave., Wauchula, Florida.

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

All interested persons shall have the right to be heard.

In rendering its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, the Planning/Zoning Board shall rely solely on testimony that is relevant and material

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The HARDEE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD will hold a WORKSHOP THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 after the regular meeting/public hearing in the BCC Board Room 412 West Orange St. Courthouse Annex, Room 102, Wauchula, FL to review the Sunshine Law and to discuss the Hardee County Unified Land Development Code (Land Development Regulations)

Roger Conley, Chairman, Planning/Zoning Board

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

Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Annual Regional Meeting. Topic is continuing need for investment in water infrastructure. One or more Governing Board members may attend.

DATE/TIME: Friday, April 27, 2018; 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: 8998 SW County Road 769 (Kings Highway), Arcadia, FL 34269

A copy of the agenda may be obtained at <http://www.regional-water.org/mydocs/MiscDocuments/INVITEBQ2018.pdf>.

For more information, you may contact: Cara.martin@water-matters.org; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x 4636(Ad Order EXE0615) 4:12c

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## Celebrity Extra

By Cindy Elavsky

**Q: I was so excited to read in your column that Helena Bonham Carter will be joining "The Crown" for seasons three and four. Do you have any more casting news?**

—Katie F., via email

A: As you know, we have our new Queen Elizabeth, Olivia Colman, and our new Princess Margaret, Helena Bonham Carter. Now get ready for your new Prince Philip: "Outlander" and "Game of Thrones" star Tobias Menzies. As I wrote previously, the roles are being recast because the characters themselves are aging, and producers wanted slightly older actors instead of relying on prosthetics, age makeup and the like. I am a fan of this decision because that kind of stuff often takes me out of the story. I'm also excited to see what this new crop of actors will bring to their roles.

And don't feel bad for the original actors. They knew

going into the project that they would be recast after season two, and they all agreed with the logic of the decision. For season three, we'll catch up with the Royal Family in the '70s. We'll also get to meet Camilla Parker Bowles, who, as you know, dated Prince Charles before he was betrothed to Princess Diana. Early word has it that producers are on the hunt for Diana and Margaret Thatcher, both of whom will be heavily featured in season four (not season three, as previously speculated).

According to the BBC, filming won't begin until this summer, with season three premiering some-



time in 2019. But don't despair: Seasons three and four will be filmed back to back, so there won't be quite as long a wait after the third installment.

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**Q: I know George Clooney's twins have probably been keeping him pretty busy, but when will I get to see his handsome face on-screen again?**

—Kyle R., Boston

A: George makes his return to series television soon as director, executive producer and star of the original Hulu series "Catch 22," a six-part limited series based on the seminal novel of the same name by Joseph Heller. "The Sinner" star Christopher Abbott will portray the lead character of Capt. John Yossarian, with George playing Col. Cathcart and Hugh Laurie as Major de Coverley. No word yet on when the series will premiere.

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**READERS:** I know many of you have been waiting with bated breath to find out whether your favorite CW shows have been renewed. Without further ado, let me announce with glee that my favorite CW show, "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," will return for a fourth season. Although I am bummed to hear that it will be the show's final season, creator and star Rachel Bloom had it planned for four seasons from the beginning. Also returning are "Supernatural," "Arrow," "Supergirl," "Riverdale," "The Flash," "DC's Legends of Tomorrow," "Black Lightning," "Dynasty" and "Jane the Virgin." Come May, we'll learn the fates of "iZombie," "The 100," "Life Sentence" and "Valor."

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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## Couch Theater DVD Previews

By Sam Struckhoff

DVDs reviewed here are available in stores the week of April 9.

### PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"The Greatest Showman"** (PG) — Witness the rise and drive behind America's original sanguine starmaker, P.T. Barnum (Hugh Jackman). His story runs from his roots in poverty, through a series of failed business opportunities, to his all-in gamble collecting what were the dregs of society, and duding them up to be displayed as jeweled rarities ... and it does so with original music and dance numbers! Jackman plays Barnum as relentlessly positive and captivating, and Michelle Williams is a real sweetheart as Barnum's wife Charity. The music alone is wonderful: You can feel the confidence blooming in "This Is Me," and the butterflies in your stomach during "Rewrite the Stars," the ropeswinging love song between Philip Carlyle (Zac Efron) and Anne Wheeler (Zendaya).

1950s, Reynolds Woodcock (Daniel Day-Lewis) rules as a couturier to the elite. His fashion house is managed by his sister Cyril (Lesley Manville). He is highly organized, strictly controlled by routine and a confirmed bachelor. While delivering a piece to a client of great esteem, he is captivated by a waitress in a countryside restaurant. He woos Alma (Vicky Krieps), and she becomes his lover, muse, and ultimately, wife, but not before their tormented wills unfurl and collide: Stitched together in one place, the seams are ripped apart in another. The film, which received six Oscar nominations, is another rousing success for director Paul Thomas Anderson.

**"Braven"** (R) — "Big and beautiful" describes both the mountain scenery in this standard but well-done action feast and its star, Jason Momoa. He plays gentle giant Joe Braven — father, husband and logging-company owner. He heads up to his cabin in the woods with his good old dad to button it up for the season, when lo and behold, they come across a giant bag of cocaine, which was stashed in the cabin by some drug traffickers. While there's only one gun and a bow and arrows in the cabin, you get the idea that Mr. Braven is skilled in the art of defense — and you won't be disappointed to see how Garret Dillahunt does a wonderful turn as the villainous bad guy Kassen.

### NEW TV RELEASES

"The Coroner" Season 1

"Outlander" Season 3

"Vice Principals" The Complete Series

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**"My Friend Dahmer"** (R) — This dark little film is a portrait of a young Jeffrey Dahmer told from the perspective of his real-life high-school pal Derf (Alex Wolff). Ordered by his clueless dad (Dallas Roberts) to "get some friends," Dahmer takes up with a small cadre of kids who form a Dahmer fan club, inserting Dahmer into a variety of pranks and hijinks. But alone, he's a young man on the fringe — weird, fixated on a local jogger, vulnerable and detached. He slowly mutates into a killer, as his unhinged mother (Anne Heche) battles mental illness. If you are a fan of Ross Lynch from his "Austin and Ally" days on Disney, be prepared for a sudden, disturbing turnabout.

**"The Phantom Thread"** (R) — Set in the high-fashion world of London in the early

Chris Pine, currently in "A Wrinkle in Time" (slowly building at the box office), is set for the Netflix Scottish historical action drama "Outlaw King," due Nov. 23, with "Nocturnal Animals" Golden Globe-winner Aaron Taylor-Johnson. Pine also is producing and starring in the TNT limited series "One Day She'll Darken."

Three-time Oscar nominee Edward Norton — for "Primal Fear" (1996), "American History X" (1998) and "Birdman" (2014) — currently is shooting "Motherless Brooklyn," which he wrote and is producing, directing and starring in, with Willem Dafoe, Alec Baldwin and Bruce Willis. He's also lent his voice to Wes Anderson's animated film "Isle of Dogs."

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Disney is launching its own streaming service in the fall of 2019. One of the first films announced is a live-action reboot of "Lady and the Tramp." Meanwhile, Disney CEO Bob Iger, who put his retirement off until 2021, will make upward of \$423 million for the additional four years. And how much will you earn in the next four years? LOL.

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## Inside Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

Ben Affleck will star for Netflix in "Triple Frontier," along with this year's best-actor Oscar nominee Oscar Isaac, who is upcoming in the thriller "Operation Finale," with Sir Ben Kingsley; "Life Itself," with Antonio Banderas (both films open Sept. 21); and "At Eternity's Gate," with another of this year's Oscar nominees, Willem Dafoe. Also starring with Affleck in "Triple Frontier" are Charlie Hunnam and Garrett Hedlund, of last year's "Mudbound" and the upcoming "Burden," with Forest Whitaker. Affleck was the executive producer of "Justice League," which cost \$300 million and grossed \$658 million.

Affleck's ex-wife, Jennifer Garner, currently in "Love, Simon," is returning to series television in the new Lena Dunham HBO comedy series "Camping," with former "Doctor Who" David Tennant (2005-2010). The show is an adaptation of the hit British TV series of the same name. Tennant soon will be seen in "Mary, Queen of Scots," with two of this year's best-actress nominees, Saoirse Ronan and

Margot Robbie, due Nov. 2. Meanwhile, "Will & Grace" is such a ratings hit for NBC that execs have extended season two's 13-episode order to 18 episodes and have already greenlighted a third season for 23 episodes.

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Tom Hardy, Marvel's "Spider-Man" adversary "Venom," will hit screens Oct. 5 in his own film (with Michelle Williams). He's currently filming "Fonzo," in which he plays the aging gangster Al Capone, with Linda Cardellini as his wife Mae, plus Kathrine Narducci ("The Sopranos"), and Matt Dillon ("Crash") and Kyle MacLachlan ("Twin Peaks") as henchmen.

Fandango reports the upcoming "Avengers: Infinity War" has outsold both "Batman v Superman" and "The Black Panther" in advance sales in the first 24 hours tickets became available. The film doesn't open until April 27.



## Top 10 Movies

1. Ready Player One (PG-13) Tye Sheridan, Olivia Cooke
2. Tyler Perry's Acirimony (R) Taraji P. Henson, Lyriq Bent
3. Black Panther (PG-13) Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan
4. I Can Only Imagine (PG) J. Michael Finley, Brody Rose
5. Pacific Rim: Uprising (PG-13) John Boyega, Scott Eastwood
6. Sherlock Gnomes (PG) animated
7. Love, Simon (PG-13) Nick Robinson, Jennifer Garner
8. Tomb Raider (PG-13) Alicia Vikander, Dominic West
9. A Wrinkle in Time (PG) Storm Reid, Oprah Winfrey
10. Paul, Apostle of Christ (PG-13) James Faulkner, Jim Caviezel

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## ESCUELAS DE CONDADO DE HARDEE REGISTRO DE KINDER

Registro para estudiantes de Kinder comenzará con la fecha que aparece a continuación.

**Bowling Green Elementary**  
3 de Mayo del 2018  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m.

**Hilltop Elementary**  
7 de Mayo del 2018  
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**North Wauchula Elementary**  
3 de Mayo del 2018  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Wauchula Elementary**  
3 de Mayo del 2018  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Zolfo Springs Elementary**  
3 de Mayo del 2018  
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Los estudiantes de Kinder deben tener cinco años de edad en o antes del 1 de septiembre del 2018.

**Los padres deben llevar los documentos siguientes:**

- \* Un certificado de nacimiento original
- \* Físico corriente
- \* Registro de vacunas

No se permitirá a los estudiantes que no han cumplido los requisitos anteriores a entrar a la escuela en el otoño. Según en acuerdo con la ley de Florida, no se permitirá ningún estudiante para entrar en primer grado a menos que ha completado un programa aprobado de Kinder públicos o privados.

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## HARDEE COUNTY SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten students will begin according to the schedule below.

**Bowling Green Elementary School**  
May 3, 2018 • 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Hilltop Elementary School**  
May 7, 2018 • 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**North Wauchula Elementary School**  
May 9, 2018 • 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Wauchula Elementary School**  
May 3, 2018 • 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Zolfo Springs Elementary School**  
May 3, 2018 • 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

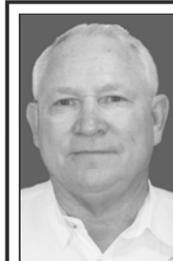
Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before September 1, 2018.

**Parents are required to bring the following documents:**

- \* An original birth certificate
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  - 115 Lacto- — diet
  - 116 Like some perfect games
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  - 94 Holy French ladies
  - 96 "— all possible ..."
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  - 99 Summer, in Savoy
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  - 109 Tap-dancer Gregory
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You easily handle your tasks this week, thanks to those high energy levels that never seem to run down. But pace yourself, Lamb, for the demanding week ahead.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) With the arts dominant this week, you might want to pick up any of those creative projects you've neglected. A workplace situation benefits from some fresh insight.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Music helps replenish your energy levels. Stream your playlist if you must. But a live concert could prove more rewarding, especially if you go with that very special someone.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Close friends reach out to help perk up your lagging social life. That workplace situation also eases, leaving you time to do more fun things by week's end.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A revelation clears up that perplexing job-related problem. Some changes will have to be made, which, no doubt, will meet with the Big Cat's roaring approval. Good luck.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Reaching out to someone in need is the noble thing to do. But try to restrain the temptation to add a lecture — no matter how well-intended — to your good deed.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) There could be another tough challenge to face before the month is over. But all that hard work is winning you lots of important recognition from your peers.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Keeping to your work schedule could prove difficult with all those personal distractions. Best advice: Stay with it. There'll be time later for socializing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Jumping hurdles this week might be vexing for most, but not for the sage Sagittarian, who recognizes that meeting a challenge can open up opportunities.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) More obstacles might be thrown in your path as you try to finalize a new agreement. But the sure-footed Goat ignores the stumbling blocks and stays the course.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) We know the Water Bearer takes pleasure in giving to others. But why not let someone else enjoy the experience too by accepting that offer of help?

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might find that you need to ease up on your hectic schedule this week. Don't fret about it. It could be helpful to take a break and replenish your energy supply.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of finding practical solutions to complex problems, and you do it with grace.

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is higher. 2. Collar is different. 3. Window is smaller. 4. Stone is higher. 5. Nose is different. 6. Letter on sign is different.

## GO FIGURE!

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

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

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ 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: A equals L

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IFX YJWYAJ XJAA QJ RX'E WOAK  
M NRBCX WN NMOTK.

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## CryptoQuote

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.

GR'W JPAPQTVPHHO VHRPA ...  
CN ONX FANB, PJQRS GR  
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

He's fanatically clean ...  
Do you know, after he takes a bath he washes the soap.  
— Hugh Leonard

Cryptoquip

I would love to be a heavyweight champ someday, but people tell me it's only a fight of fancy.

DEPUTY DELIGHT



COURTESY PHOTO

Stacey Powell's class at Bowling Green Elementary created a welcoming message, complete with their artwork, for Hardee County sheriff's Dep. Alice Simandl. They wanted to welcome her to their school, and to say thank you and that they love her for coming around to check on them each day. Simandl also was stationed at BGE during Hurricane Irma, assisting with the emergency shelter. Happy for her return, BGE also gives a big shoutout to Sheriff Arnold Lanier for making this possible.

BRAINY BREAKFAST



COURTESY PHOTOS

A sweet surprise greeted honor-roll students at Bowling Green Elementary. Youngsters who made the honor roll for the third nine-week grading period were celebrated and congratulated, and treated to doughnuts and juice. Each young scholar also receives a ribbon and recognition.



# Kitchen Diva

By Angela Shelf Medearis



**Aztec Chili Adds Hint of Cocoa**

I absolutely love all things chocolate! I particularly enjoy using cocoa in savory dishes from barbeque spice rubs and sauces to pots of fiery black-bean chili. The story of chocolate begins with cocoa trees that grew wild in the tropical rainforests of the Amazon basin and other areas in Central and South America.

The Maya Indians and the Aztecs recognized the value of cocoa beans hundreds of years before cocoa was brought to Europe. It was the Maya Indians, an ancient people whose descendants still live in Central America, who first discovered the delights of cocoa as long ago as 600 AD. The Mayan people lived on the Yucatan Peninsula, a tropical area in what is now southern Mexico, where wild cocoa trees grew. At first they harvested cocoa beans from the rainforest trees, then cleared areas of lowland forest to grow their own cocoa trees in the first known cocoa plantations.

A drink called "chocolat" — made from roasted cocoa beans, water and a little spice — was their primary use, but cocoa beans also were valued as currency. An early explorer visiting Central America found that four cocoa beans could buy a pumpkin; 10 could buy a rabbit.

Because cocoa beans were valuable, they were given as gifts at ceremonies such as a child's coming of age and on religious occasions. Merchants often traded cocoa beans for commodities such as cloth, jade and ceremonial feathers. Mayan farmers transported their cocoa beans to market by canoe or in large baskets strapped to their backs. Wealthy merchants traveled further, employing porters to

carry their wares, as there were no horses, pack animals or wheeled carts in Central America at that time. Some ventured as far as Mexico, the land of the Aztecs — introducing them to the much-prized cocoa beans. The Aztecs were an ancient nomadic people who founded a great city in the Valley of Mexico in 1325 — Tenochtitlan.

"Chocolat" was consumed in large quantities by the Aztecs as a luxury drink. The Aztec version of this much-prized drink was described as "finely ground, soft, foamy, reddish, bitter with chilli water, aromatic flowers, vanilla and wild bee honey."

Because of the dry climate, the Aztecs were unable to grow cocoa themselves, so they obtained supplies of cocoa beans from trade or "tribute," a form of taxation paid by provinces conquered by the Aztecs. By the time the Spanish invaded Mexico in the 16th century, the Aztecs had created a powerful empire: Their armies were supreme in Mexico. Tributes in the form of food, cloth and luxury items such as cocoa beans flowed into Tenochtitlan. When the Spanish defeated the Aztecs, they destroyed much of Tenochtitlan and rebuilt it as Mexico City, the capital of modern-day Mexico. The legacy of the highly civilized and sophisticated Aztecs remains, however, in the form of their indigenous language, Nahuatl — which is still spoken by more than 2 million people — their archaeological ruins and extraordinary temples and cities, skilled and sensitive art, an advanced calendar, and their inventive use of cocoa beans.

**AZTEC CHILI**

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef

- (80/20)
- 2 medium-large yellow onions, chopped
- 1 large green bell pepper, chopped
- 6 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (28-ounce) can crushed, fire-roasted tomatoes
- 1 cup water
- 1 1/2 tablespoons instant espresso powder
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 tablespoons ancho or regular chili powder
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 (15.5 ounce) cans no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained
- Optional garnishes: avocado, chopped parsley or cilantro, shredded or crumbled cheese, sour cream

1. Heat the oil in a 5-quart pot over high heat. Add the beef, onion, bell pepper and garlic. Cover the pot and cook until the meat is browned, about 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

2. Add the crushed tomatoes (with juices), water, espresso powder, brown sugar, cocoa powder, chili powder, oregano, salt, paprika, black pepper, cayenne pepper and bay leaves. Cover the pot and bring up to a boil, then turn the heat down and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in the beans during the final 3 minutes of cooking. 3. Serve topped with garnishes. Makes 6 servings.

**TIP:** You can freeze this fabulous chili in an airtight container for up to 3 months. 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.divapro.com](http://www.divapro.com). To see how-to videos, recipes and much, much more, Like Angela Shelf Medearis, The Kitchen Diva! on Facebook. Recipes may not be reprinted without permission from Angela Shelf Medearis.

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**On This Day:**

- In 1606 England adopts the Union Flag, replaced in 1801 by current Union Flag the Union Jack
- In 1811 1st US colonists on Pacific coast arrive at Cape Disappointment, Washington
- In 1861 Fort Sumter in South Carolina is attacked by the Confederacy, beginning the American Civil War
- In 1869 North Carolina legislature passes anti-Ku Klux Klan Law
- In 1877 Catcher's mask 1st used in a baseball game
- In 1892 George C Blickensderfer patents portable typewriter




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# Kovels Antiques & Collecting

By Terry & Kim Kovel

## REVERE SILVER

Paul Revere's name is known to every American school child because of his part in the Revolutionary War and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem with the memorable words, "Listen, my children, and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere." But few young students know that Revere was a military man, silversmith, engraver and an entrepreneur who made and sold iron castings of bells and canons, forged copper bolts, and the first rolled copper sheets. He was married twice and had 16 children.

Eighteenth-century silversmiths were important, trusted citizens who turned silver coins into teapots and other objects for customers. Since there were no banks, these identifiable ob-



Paul Revere, Jr. made this silver porringer with a cut-out handle about 1770. It sold at a Skinner auction in Massachusetts for \$39,975.

jects were safer forms than coins. It would have been easy to steal some of the silver, and a few silversmiths were caught and jailed for the crime.

A porringer made by Paul Revere Jr. sold at a Skinner auction in 2016, for \$39,975. It was marked with the name Revere and engraved "P/DB over BP." It matched another porringer, now in a Massachusetts museum, that originally belonged to David and Betiah Pearce. That one was engraved "MP" for Mary Pearce, probably a sister of "BP." The family history plus the fame of Revere led to the high price.

**Q: I inherited a small alarm clock stamped "LeCoultre 59" on the base. "LeCoultre 8" and "Swiss" are printed on the face. It has a gold dial with black Roman numerals and is set in a brass and rose-colored mirrored case. The clock has a music feature, but it's overwound. The clock is 3 inches high and 2 inches wide. What is it worth?**

A: LeCoultre & Cie was founded in 1833 by Antoine LeCoultre, a watchmaker in Le Sentier, Switzerland. The company became Jaeger-LeCoultre in 1937 and is still in business. Your clock is an eight-day clock and only needs to be wound once every eight days.

It was made about 1950 in both musical and non-musical versions. The musical version plays "The Blue Danube." The clock case could look black or red. Red is rarer. The value of your clock is reduced because the musical feature isn't working. In perfect condition the red clock is worth about \$300, but your clock needs to have the musical parts repaired and is worth less.

**CURRENT PRICES**  
Board game, Batman, Milton Bradley, 1966, 10 x 19 inches, \$40.  
Hummel figurine, No. 217, Boy with Toothache, scarf tied around head, below chin, 1950s, 5 1/2 inches, \$110.

Mailbox, cast iron, embossed, Pull Down, Letters, red, white and blue, side door opening, lock and key, 1908, 20 x 13 inches, \$725.  
Golf ball marker, stamping machine, cast iron and brass, dial with numbers and letters, press handle, Omnes, c. 1910, 8 x 11 inches, \$1,000.

**TIP:** Always keep firearms locked up, even antique ones. Old guns should have the barrels filled so it is impossible to accidentally discharge them.  
For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit [www.Kovels.com](http://www.Kovels.com)

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## School Menu

**MONDAY**  
**Breakfast:** cereal, donuts, chorizo, egg & cheese taco, juice, fruit and milk

**Lunch:** cherry blossom chicken (K-5), PB&J (K-12), cheese sticks (K-12), popcorn chicken (6-12), pan pizza (6-12), broccoli, sweet potato wedges, garden salad (6-12), ham & cheese salad, fruit and milk

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

**Lunch:** fried chicken (K-12), PB&J (K-12), nachos (K-12), pizza (6-12), spicy chicken sandwich (6-12), garden salad (K-12), tuna salad, pinto beans, fruit and milk

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

**Lunch:** chicken tender wrap (K-12), PB&J (K-12), pizza (K-12), fajita chicken salad, chicken sandwich (6-12), pan pizza (6-12), green beans, cucumbers, garden salad (6-12), fruit and milk

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

**Lunch:** chicken alfredo (K-12), chicken salad, PB&J (K-12), feistada pizza (K-12), cheeseburger (6-12), spicy chicken sandwich (6-12), carrots, corn, garden salad (6-12), fruit and milk

**FRIDAY**  
**Breakfast:** cereal, poptarts, eggs w/cheese & bacon, fruit and milk

**Lunch:** chicken nuggets (K-12), yogurt, muffin platter, PB&J (K-12), quesadilla (K-12), pan pizza (6-12), french fries, cole slaw, fruit and milk

## Roundup

### Food Dispersal This Saturday

The New Jerusalem Church of God will be distributing free U.S. Department of Agriculture foods on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1514 Lincoln St. in

Wauchula. Everyone is welcome. A single-page application, which maintains your eligibility for one year, is required. Sign-in is also a must. Contact Juanita Wright at 781-0982 for more information.

### Comfort Foods Made Fast And Healthy

By Healthy Exchanges

#### CHICKEN WITH CARIBBEAN PECAN SAUCE

April is National Pecan Month, and it's one of the good-for-you nuts. The pecan lends this recipe some real tropical magic.

**16 ounces skinned and boned uncooked chicken breast, cut into 4 pieces**  
**1/2 cup unsweetened orange juice**  
**2 tablespoons cornstarch**  
**1/3 cup Splenda Granular**

**1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, packed in fruit juice, undrained**  
**1 (11-ounce) can mandarin oranges, rinsed and drained**  
**2 tablespoons chopped pecans**  
**1 1/2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes**  
**1 1/2 teaspoons dried onion flakes**

1. In a large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, brown chicken pieces for 4 to 5 minutes on each side.

Meanwhile, in a covered jar, combine orange juice, cornstarch and Splenda. Shake well to blend. Pour mixture into a medium saucepan sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray. Stir in undrained pineapple. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens, stirring constantly.

2. Remove from heat. Add mandarin oranges, pecans, parsley flakes and onion flakes. Mix well to combine. Evenly spoon sauce mixture over browned chicken pieces.

3. Lower heat and simmer for 5 minutes. When serving, evenly spoon sauce over chicken pieces. Serves 4.

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• Be Water Wise: To recycle without wasting water, rinse your recyclables in leftover dish water or place them in unused spaces in your dishwasher.

## Recipes From Good Housekeeping

### SPRING RAMEN CHICKEN SOUP

**5 cups water**  
**2 packages (3 ounces each) chicken-flavor ramen noodle soup mix (substitute Oriental-flavor)**  
**2 cups (about 6 ounces) snow peas**  
**2 green onions**  
**1 large carrot**  
**1 pound chicken breasts, skinless and boneless**  
**1 teaspoon Asian sesame oil**

1. In 4-quart saucepan, heat water with seasoning packets from ramen soup mix to boiling over high heat. Meanwhile,

remove strings from snow peas and cut each diagonally in half. Slice green onions and shred carrot. Cut chicken into 3/4-inch pieces. Break ramen noodle block into 2 layers.

2. When water mixture boils, add snow peas, green onions, carrot, chicken and noodles. Cook 3 to 5 minutes over high heat or until chicken just loses its pink color throughout. Remove saucepan from heat. Stir in sesame oil.

• Each serving: About 355 calories, 11g total fat (4g saturated), 32g protein, 32g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 66mg cholesterol, 920mg sodium.

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

CASE NO. 252018CA000137

MARIA GARCIA, Plaintiff,

vs.

The ESTATE OF DELFINO GARCIA, deceased the unknown heirs of DELFINO GARCIA, LOUELLA JEAN PICH, the unknown heirs of LOUELLA JEAN PICH, Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Delfino Garcia and unknown heirs of Delfino Garcia and Louella Jean Pich and unknown heirs of Louella Jean Pich

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Reformation of Deed related to the following property in Hardee County, Florida:

Lot 30, Block "I", Charlie Creek Mobile Estates, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, page 37, Public Records of Hardee County, Florida, Together with a 1973 SKYLI mobile home ID#01611817G/Title # 5263626 (the "Subject Property")

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on J. STEVEN SOUTHWELL, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 1748, Wauchula, Florida, 33873, on or before the 4th day of May, 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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on the 29th day of March, 2018.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS, As Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: J. Wingo Deputy Clerk

4:5,12c

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## Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** To save money, I take my two cats, "Betty" and "Wilma," to a local shot clinic that is held every spring. This year, the tech asked if I wanted my cats microchipped. I said no, because they're indoor cats and it seems like an unnecessary expense. He looked at me like I was almost a criminal for not saying yes! What do you think?

—Dottie in Knoxville, Tennessee

**DEAR DOTTIE:** It's entirely your decision whether to microchip your pets, so there was no need for the tech to get all judgmental about it.

Since I have your attention, though, allow me to throw some statistics your way. A

2009 study cited by the American Veterinary Medical Association found that dogs without microchips were returned to their owners 22 percent of the time, whereas microchipped dogs were returned 52 percent of the time. Cats without microchips were reunited with their owners less than 2 percent of the time, whereas microchipped cats went back home 38 percent of the time.

Now, I know Betty and Wilma are purely indoor cats, which vastly improves their chances for healthy, long lives. However, accidents happen. Doors get left ajar. Thunderstorms roll in. And indoor cats ... get outside.

Your cats probably have collars and tags — and that's great. But cats are notorious for slipping their collars. While a microchip doesn't guarantee your cats will be found and reunited with you, it does greatly improve the odds. Microchips have been standardized and data networks greatly improved over the past decade. So, while it is always your choice to microchip your cats, I do think it's worth the extra cost to do so. Send your questions, tips or comments to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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## Notices

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

CASE NO.: 252018CA000119

SOUTH FT. MEADE LAND MANAGEMENT, INC., a Florida corporation Plaintiff,

vs.

IDOB, INC., a dissolved Florida corporation, and its officers, directors, stockholders, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against it, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO THE DEFENDANTS: IDOB, INC., a dissolved Florida corporation, and its officers, directors, stockholders, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against it. Unknown address

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you to quiet title on the following described property in Hardee County, Florida:

**Parcel ID No. 15-34-24-0000-00160-0000**  
Tract B-12, IDO, INC., CITRUS GROVES, more particularly described as: Begin at the NW corner of said Section 15, Township 34 South, Range 24 East, Hardee County, Florida, and run thence S. 89°42'41" E. and along the North line of said Section 15, 73.91 feet; thence S. 0°43'30" W, 1679.95 feet to the P.O.B.; thence continue same line, 385.0 feet; thence S. 89°38'32" E, 86.00 feet; thence S. 0°43'30" W, 55.00 feet;

thence S. 89°38'32" E, 744.0 feet; thence N 0°43'30" E, 385.0 feet; thence N 89°38'32" W, 682.0 feet; thence N 0°43'30" E, 55.0 feet; thence N 89°38'32" W, 148.0 feet P.O.B. Subject to a 10 ft. road and maintenance easement along East side.

AND Commence at NW corner of Section 15, Township 34 South, Range 24 East, Hardee County, Florida, and run thence S. 89°42'41" E. and along the North line of said Section 15 a distance of 73.91 feet; thence S. 0°43'30" W, 2064.95 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue S 0°43'30" W, 55.00 feet; thence S 89°38'32" E, 86.00 feet; thence N 0°43'30" E, 55.00 feet; thence N. 89°38'32" W, 86.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to JOHN W. H. BURTON of John W. H. Burton, P.A., Post Office Drawer 1729, Wauchula, FL 33873-1729, on or before the 27 day of April, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, or a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 21 day of March, 2018.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS Clerk of Courts

By Connie Coker Deputy Clerk

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Ms. Ileana Zamudio Arciniega (Rivera), mother and Jose Ricardo Cervantes, father of the minor Yuliana Cervantes Zamudio. In the city of Wauchula, Hardee County, Florida, Mr. Emmanuel Rivera, husband of Ileana Zamudio Arciniega (Rivera) is petitioning for the Adoption of the minor, in the Family Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit, Case# 2016-DR-000255. Please note that the Court has granted a period of forty-one days (41) from the date of publication of this Notice to plead your arguments before the above-named Court at 417 West Main Street, Room B, Suite 309, Wauchula, Florida 33873. In the event that these arguments are not brought before the Court within the time period allowed, the Court shall proceed by default against any and all prospective, interested parties.

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**BGE ROYALTY**



COURTESY PHOTOS  
Bowling Green Elementary crowned its royalty during the Proud Panther celebration on Friday. As is tradition at the school, each fifth-grade class presents a representative for king and queen. The students vote on their classmates to decide who will be their royalty to reign over the annual Fifth-Grade Banquet. Displaying royal readiness were (top photo, from left) Esmeralda Alamia, Brooke Johnson, Nathania Lopez, German Covarrubias Valencia, Dallas Rodriguez, Michael Lumley and Ferman Valsco Martinez. Taking the thrones were (below) Queen Esmeralda Alamia and King Dallas Rodriguez.



**HAPPY HUNTING**



COURTESY PHOTOS

... And they're off! Zolfo Springs Elementary staff members head out into the playground for their very own Easter egg hunt courtesy of the school's Parent Teacher Organization. The PTO did a crafty job of hiding the eggs and of knowing just what prizes would put a big smile on faces.



*Celebrating This Day:*

- National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
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- National Only Child Day
- Russian Cosmonaut Day
- Walk on Your Wild Side Day

**PLANT PUPILS**



COURTESY PHOTO

First graders in Julia Roberts' class at Zolfo Springs Elementary have been studying the parts of a plant. To illustrate the lessons, the children planted and grew lima beans. They are shown here with their projects. Angel (second from left in back) raised the largest plant.

**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: 252018TD001XXXX  
Date: 03/19/2018

**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 16th day of May, 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.: 1024  
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2015  
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: IRVING WECHSLER AND VIVIAN WECHSLER

Description of Property:  
Parcel Identification Number 25-34-27-0000-08240-0000

DESCRIPTION:  
.95 AC COM AT SW COR OF SE1/4 OF SE1/4 OF SE1/4 OF SW1/4 RUN E 625 FT FOR POB E 125 FT N 331.11 FT W 125 FT S 331.11 FT TO POB SUBJ TO S 25 FT FOR RD EASEMENT 25 34S 27E 212P169

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 May 16, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

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