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Crash Takes Life Of Graduating Senior



Classmates gather to seek solace at a pre-prom memorial for Christian Martinez.

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By CYNTHIA KRAHL

Of The Herald-Advocate
Hardee Senior High School's Class of 2018 spent Prom Night grieving the loss of one of their own.

Christian Martinez, 18, of Bowling Green, was killed early Saturday morning in a single-vehicle crash while on his way home from an evening of work and then dinner out with friends, the Polk County Sheriff's Office said.

"The loss of a student is always a difficult thing for students and staff to grapple with, and Christian's passing just weeks before his graduation is particularly heartbreaking," HHS principal Dr. Michele Polk said on Monday.

"Christian was a guy with a big heart; he had an infectious smile, was friendly and well-liked by his classmates and

teachers. He displayed a stick-to-it-ness that made his teachers proud, and he will be missed," she added.

News of the fatal crash was shared quickly through social media. His classmates, primping and preparing for prom, added a memorial to their checklists of corsages to coiffures.

The vigil in Christian's memory preceded the prom at 5:45 p.m., held at the Wauchula water tower adjacent to Wildcat Stadium. Instead of football uniforms and orange-and-blue T-shirts, tuxedos and evening gowns graced the grass.

It was a solemn showing of shared grief and prayer.

Polk said juniors and seniors were excused from classes on Monday and Tuesday because

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Final Call For 'Story Of Jesus'

By JOAN SEAMAN

Of The Herald-Advocate

These are the final two chances to see and feel the "The Story of Jesus" in its full production.

Friday and Saturday evenings are the last performances of this local award-winning play of the birth, life, death, resurrection and triumphant Second Coming of the Christ.

The production is at 7 each night at the Hardee County Cattleman's Arena, adjacent to the Agri-Civic Center at Stenstrom and Altman roads west of Wauchula.

Tickets for the three-hour presentation are \$25 for adults, \$18 for children, \$23 for senior citizens and groups of 25 or more, and \$15 for the end sections.

They can be purchased at the Power & Light Produc-

tions office, 3365 U.S. 17 N. in Bowling Green, almost across from the college; by mail to P.O. Box 97, Wauchula, FL 33873; or online at storyoffesus.com. There is an additional \$1.50 service charge per online ticket.

All scenes are interpreted for the deaf and hearing-impaired by someone onstage.

"The play is the best it's been in the 31 years we've been doing it," said the Rev. Mike Graham, producer and director of the massive undertaking, including several months to prepare the cast and volunteers for the experience.

Converting the arena for the passion play can only begin after the annual Hardee County Fair closes. It takes round-the-clock efforts by a handful of volunteers to change the dusty arena to a 250-foot panorama of scenes of Jerusalem, the temple, palace, Bethlehem and other places with biblical accuracy which earned the play the 2011 Summer National Award, the highest in outdoor theater.

"We used to have more than 50 volunteers to set up and take down the scenery and create the streets of the towns. Now, it's a dedicated dozen trying to do it all around their

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Four For Four

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The wind was in her face as she stared into the sun.

She paced to and fro – her attention never wandering far from the chalk-lined triangle of grass nearby.

Alexis Benjamin-Graham walked to the edge of the chalk line and she took one last look at the field and closed her eyes.

A pensive calm overtook the lines of her face as she opened her eyes.

"I think I will spin this time," Benjamin-Graham said.

The senior at Hardee Senior High School had nothing to lose.

Her first attempt in the discus pit last Thursday at Cypress Creek (Wesley Chapel) High School at the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 2A District 9 tournament was record-setting.

Into the wind – and the Wildcat record books – the student-athlete unleashed the glimmering discus a distance of 34.94m. The effort broke the previous HHS record.

Her second attempt – thrown from an almost stationary stance – fell a hair shorter at 34.16m.

"There are going to be a lot of boys jealous of that," quipped the official, a coach from Lake Wales High School.

As the wind continued, Benjamin-Graham took her place in the white sand of the ring.

Striking a pose that exuded classic Olympian form, Benjamin-Graham paused, and with the glimmering silver discus in her outstretched

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WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
04/10	82	67	1.48
04/11	80	56	0.00
04/12	84	51	0.00
04/13	86	60	0.00
04/14	91	57	0.00
04/15	88	59	0.19
04/16	70	60	0.00

Rainfall to 04/16/2018 - 5.41
Same period last year - 4.54
Ten Year Average - 49.17
Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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'Town Hall For Our Lives' This Saturday

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Politicians and candidates from across the state will descend on Bowling Green this Saturday to take part in a "Town Hall For Our Lives" event.

JaKevis Brown, who headed the student-led "March For Our Lives" in Bowling Green last month, is organizing the forum, which will be held at Greater Macedonia Primitive Baptist

Church.

"We can choose to sit on the sidelines or we can join together and fight for a future that works for us – a fair economy with good-paying jobs, racial justice, and full equality for all – and to create change and a reformed criminal justice system," Brown said.

Beginning at 2 p.m., the forum will focus on the shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland on Feb. 14 and at the

Youtube Headquarters in San Bruno, Calif., last month.

Serving as master of ceremonies for the event will be Daniel H. Sohn, a councilman from the town of Haverville in Palm Beach County.

"More than ever, I believe it is the responsibility of very level of government to keep our communities safe," Sohn said.

Panelists scheduled to attend include: April Freeman, Bill Pollard, and John Sawyer.

Freeman, Pollard, and Sawyer are candidates in Florida's 17th Congressional District.

Also scheduled to attend is Catherine Price (D-Lake Wales), a candidate seeking to fill Florida's 26th Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Denise Grimsley (R-Lake Placid).

Brown, a senior at Hardee Senior High School, serves as district organizer for Florida's 17th District Students Demand Action Chapter.

The district includes responsibility for nine counties: Hardee, DeSoto, Charlotte, Glades, Highlands, Lee, Okeechobee, Sarasota, and south Polk County.

"I have an assistant organizer in every county who takes the role of leader and point of contact for that county," said Brown. "They are all supportive and great sidekicks."

Grady Daniels, an assistant organizer from Polk County, See TOWN HALL A2

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Kelly's Column By Jim

Bill Crews of Wauchula is still healthy and active at age 82. A healthy habit for the board vice chairman of Wauchula State Bank includes walking two miles a day.

Edgar Davis, 92, of Wauchula was married to his wife Ruth Louise (Tina) Germaine for 68 years. She passed away Dec. 2, 2016. He loves the quote on their tombstone at New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery: "Preserve me, God, for in thee do I put my trust."

The same quote is on a window of the U.S. Capitol's Chapel in Washington, D.C.

Edgar's father was Wilmer Pitt (Bill) Davis, who owned a farmers' supply store in Wauchula. Bill's brother was Edwin (Ed) Davis, a Hardee County farmer and dad of Joe L. Davis Sr.

Edgar bought his first orange grove, about 12 acres, at age 15 from his maternal grandfather, Sym Sellers. Edgar also founded Florida Fertilizer in 1959 and still works there.

He and Tina had three children, sons Larry and Keith and daughter Gail Best. Edgar said his "fourth child" is Florida Fertilizer Company.

Through the years in the citrus business Edgar said he has sold 90-pound boxes of oranges from 12-1/2 cents a box to \$15 a box.

The recent AARP Magazine reports pain and anxiety medications can be a deadly combination.

The AARP says a recent study by the Global Council on Brain Health recommends a plant-based diet rich in green leafy vegetables and berries. Eat a lot of fish and some red meat but go easy on saturated fats, sugar and salt.

In 1922 the physicist Albert Einstein was on a lecture tour and stayed at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, Japan. After a bellhop delivered a message to his room, he did not have coins for a tip.

Instead he gave the bellhop two personally signed notes of advice. One said, "A calm and modest life brings more happiness than the pursuit of success combined with constant restlessness." The other, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

The two notes, written in German and bearing Einstein's signature, sold at an auction house in Jerusalem many years later for \$1.8 million.

Professor Byron D. Roquemore of Tampa spoke to the Hardee Rotary Club on Wednesday, April 11, at the Java Cafe about crime prevention. He is with the Crime Prevention Task Force and Protech Security and Safety Equipment of Riverview.

Identity theft is the No. 1 crime in Florida. He advises people to carry a police grade pepper spray bottle in their hand while walking and to keep a combination tool of flashlight/seatbelt cutter/window breaker in your auto console in case your car goes into water which can deactivate window and door power controls. He can be reached at 813-446-0750.

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is assisting Brown in planning Saturday's event.

"Town halls give the community the change to explain their different perspectives so that everyone can share an understanding of the issues at hand," Brown said.

"They also help policymak-

ers get in touch with the students and understand what it's actually like to get an education in the midst of gun violence and threats," he noted.

The Greater Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church is located 607 Palmetto St., Bowl-

ing Green.

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Water Shortage Still In Effect

By **JOAN SEAMAN**

Of The Herald-Advocate

Recent rains have not been nearly enough to improve water reserves.

According to a press release from the Southwest Florida Water Management District, April is Water Conservation Month because it is usually the driest month of the year and marks the peak demand season for water suppliers.

The district urges residents to practice year-round water conservation. The latest aquifer resource update received last Friday, shows the South region to be at the 40th percentile. This is slightly better than the 38 percentile of a week ago and even lower 23 percentile of this time in 2017. Aquifers provide more than 80 percent of the water supply.

The South region, which includes Hardee County, had 1.24 inches of rain in the first 11 days of April. This compares to a historic average of 2.47 inches for the month of April and a normal range of

1.21 to 3.68 inches in April.

Since Jan. 1, there have been 5.57 inches of rain in the South district, compared to the historic (since 1914) average of 10.00 inches. The January-April normal range is 6.38-13.45 inches.

The 20th year of the annual proclamation comes with "helpful hints" on how to conserve water.

The first is to turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth. This can save a couple of gallons of water each tooth-brushing session.

The second is to take shorter showers and use low-flow showerheads. Older high-volume showerheads deliver four gallons per minute. New low-volume showerheads deliver 2.5 gallons per minute. Pressures have been adjusted to the low-flow fixtures to deliver as good a shower as the higher flow showerheads.

Third is to only wash full loads. It is recommended to adjust cycles for the type of laundry, using the minimum volume required for each load.

Normal and permanent press wash cycles use more water, so use the shortest wash cycle for lightly soiled loads. Stains can be pretreated to avoid rewashing.

Any time of year, use the home's water meter to check for leaks. Turn off all faucets and water-using appliances and make sure no one is using water during this test period. Go to the water meter and record the current reading. After 30 minutes without using water, read the meter again. If the reading has changed, there is a leak.

Watch out for silent leaks in toilets. Remove the toilet tank lid and any colored cleaning agents. Flush to clear the water in the bowl. Add dye tablets, leak detector fluid or even a few drops of food coloring to the tank. If there is a leak, color will appear in the bowl within 10 to 15 minutes.

To learn about water conservation, which should be a year-round effort, visit the website WaterMatters.org/conservation.

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hand closed her eyes in silent reflection in what seemed almost a communion of athlete and tool.

Her eyes exploded open as her chest expanded with a deep breath as she reared back into starting position, and, in a ballet of athletic energy, moved through a spin before releasing the discus into the wind.

With a thud, history was made once more as the Wildcat record was shattered for the second time in mere minutes.

The 35.60m (116-09) was enough not just for a school record, but the first district title of the day for Benjamin-Graham, who was defending a 2017 district title in the event.

The closest competitor fell far short at 27.26m (89-05).

Discus is actually considered the "weaker" of Benjamin-Graham's fielding events.

Shot put — the student athlete's strongest field event — was up next.

Benjamin-Graham won the district shot put title in 2017 following a season of school record-setting throws.

The 2018 season has seen her continue to outpace her previous accomplishments, as school records continued to fall in the event, often before the ink in the record book was fully dry.

All eyes were on Benjamin-Graham as she entered the pit for her first attempt.

Officials — coaches from Lake Placid High School — moved back with anticipation.

The shot put glided through the air and fell to the ground. "Scratch," the pit official called.

Benjamin-Graham waited for her second attempt.

Entering the pit for the second time, all eyes stayed on the student-athlete as she released.

"Scratch," the official yelled again.

Gasps and murmurs rose from the field of competitors.

Benjamin-Graham had only one throw left. Another "scratch" — a technical foul — would bring her shot put sea-

son to a grinding halt.

The student-athlete — bouncing with the energy of frustration — rushed to the side of throwing coach Stephanie Mier as the two discussed strategy in hushed whispers.

A calm once more descended on Benjamin-Graham's face.

"It's time to throw from the power position," she said.

And throw — with power — she did.

Her third and final qualifying throw — landing at 11.32m (37-01.75) — was enough to earn a second district title for the day.

The second-place finisher — from Lake Placid High School — fell at 9.76m (32-00.25).

With her wins, Benjamin-Graham has earned a slot at FHSAA's Class 2A Region 3 competition set for next Wednesday, April 25, at Cypress Creek.

Earning back-to-back district titles in shot put and discus is an accomplishment in its own right, but Benjamin-Graham's success as a senior reaches much further.

Earlier this year, she earned individual district titles in weightlifting in both the clean-and-jerk and the bench press — giving Benjamin-Graham an individual district title in every sport she participated in as a senior.

"I have coached for a long time and she is one of the most dedicated and hardworking athletes that I have had the honor of coaching," said John Sharp, weightlifting coach.

Mier, in her first year as throwing coach, recounted the athlete's winning spirit and ability to remain teachable.

"She is a very talented and athletic young lady, and I can't wait to see how far she goes. I wish her the best," Mier said.

"She has a great relationship with her coaches and always looks for their critique. She's stubborn but likes to win. Her spirited attitude and smile will definitely be missed."

Benjamin-Graham was

struggling to master basic technique when she was first encountered by Rod Smith, head coach of the Lady Wildcat track team.

That shaky start, though, has evolved into a "tremendous career."

"It has been a pleasure to watch her grow and progress the past four years. I can remember four years ago when she didn't even know how to correctly glide or finish correctly through the ring," Smith said.

"She has definitely polished her throwing technique, but I believe her best days are to come when she can work out on a daily basis and have a throws coach specifically for her future progress," he added.

Success for Benjamin-Graham on Wednesday will mean a trip to the state finals May 4-5 at the University of North Florida at Jacksonville.

"I have only coached one state champion in my 27 years as a track coach, so I sincerely hope she is the next, and wish her the best," Smith said.

Deputy Superintendent Todd Durden has been following Benjamin-Graham's rise as a student-athlete since her freshman year, when he served as assistant principal of Hardee High.

"She has always been an outstanding personality, on campus and on the field," Durden said. "She is an outstanding kid overall ... She has overcome some challenges and that just shows her persistence. She gives her all in just about everything that she goes to do."

It is Benjamin-Graham's enduring "heart" of a Wildcat that speaks most to the administrator.

"She has heart. She is everything that a Wildcat is supposed to be," Durden said.

"...That young girl is balancing school and athletics and is working a job. For her to find that balance — to stay tuned into everything that is required of her — is amazing. It all goes back to that heart."

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jobs and families," said Graham.

The evening begins with a 30-minute "Pictures of Freedom" preshow, a commemoration of all those who have served America since its beginning in Jamestown up to the modern era, the Revolutionary War through the current Middle East crises.

From still-life enactments, it continues into a parade of military vehicles from warfare eras and ends with a group of veterans from the audience riding in the final segment. It is a tribute to freedom and the veterans who make it possible.

The passion play includes volunteers from churches all over southwest Florida and over 100 animals, such as horses for the soldiers to ride, doves and pigeons, sheep, oxen and even dogs.

There's a 30-minute intermission midway through the production to allow guests to stretch, move around and use the restrooms. There are also

food trucks and souvenir stands available adjacent to the arena.

"We used to have over 300 volunteers to be in the various scenes, work behind the scenes, repair costumes and all. This year, we have a good core group, a lot of teenagers, young adults and folks in their 60s, but not nearly the crew we've had in the past," said Graham.

"Times and lifestyles are changing. Also, we can't afford to replace the old scenery and costumes, which are nearly worn through.

"So, we're looking for different avenues of keeping the ministry going. We're exploring several possibilities, and are very open to other things. A lot of pieces have to fall into place," he added.

One option is to continue with "The Night of Wonder" at Bayside Community Church in Lakewood Ranch, which also has a branch in downtown Wauchula. With the village of Bethlehem as background, the Christmas story portrays the

birth of Jesus in several show-

ings during the holiday season. "The week we made the decision that it would be our last year of 'The Story of Jesus,' another door opened. We got the invitation to work with the Bayside Church to do the Christmas story. If we get an invitation again this year, we'd like to do it again and make it bigger and better.

"The Lord knows what we're to do," he said.

"We just don't have the finances, volunteers and other pieces to continue 'The Story of Jesus,' but we want to keep doing some things in this community as God leads us," concluded Graham.

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL

- 19 — Financial Fitness
Class/Hardee Help Center/713 E Bay St, Wauchula/10 am
- 19 — Knitting & Crochet/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am
- 19 — Storytime/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am
- 19 — Fitness in the Park/Yoga/Heritage Park/5:30 pm

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

- 20 — Cooking With Danri/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/2 pm

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

- 21-22 — Wildcat Golf Tourney/The Bluffs/

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

- 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

- 25 — Adult Coloring/HC Public Library/10 am

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

- 26 — Knitting & Crochet/HC Public Library/10 am

- 26 — Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am

- 26 Chamber of Commerce/Lunch & Learn/Noon

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

- 27 — How To Use Your Device/HC Public Library/10:30 am

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

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- 4 — SendMeMissions Run-Walk/6 pm

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

Your event could appear here. For free! See submission 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

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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.

Go To The Head Of The Class!

SCHOOL NEWS DEADLINE IS THURSDAY AT 5 PM

Mr. HHS Competition Saturday At City Hall

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

Eight seniors will be taking the stage this Saturday to vie for the title of Mr. HHS.

A fundraiser for Project Graduation, the annual event is set for 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Wauchula's Historic City Hall on East Main Street.

"All monies raised will go to support the trip for Project Grad," said Donna Parks, chairwoman of this year's effort.

Project Graduation, held annually, is designed to prevent graduating seniors becoming a tragic roadway statistic.

"Historically, the statistics show that more accidents occur

for graduating seniors the night of graduation than any other night in the calendar year for these graduates," Parks said.

"Project Graduation began as a lock-in event that is now a free trip for seniors to attend that keeps them off of the road."

Hardee Senior High School's Class of 2018 will be traveling by charter bus to Daytona Lagoon after graduation, for a night of water park fun and arcade games.

Seniors pay no fee to attend the event.

"The seniors and the parents of this class have been working all year to raise the money it costs to rent out the park for an exclusive event for the sen-

iors," Parks said.

Mr. HHS is Project Graduation's last big fundraising event of the year.

Participants this year include: Lane Parks, Mario Gomez, Aaron Zuniga, Trevor Scott, Floyd Rice III, Colin Barton, Cole Terrell and Joel Lee.

The contestants participated in a go-cart race last weekend to earn competition points. Saturday's event will see the students scored in formal and athletic wear competitions.

Admission to Saturday's event is \$5.

Donations can be mailed to: Project Graduation, P.O. Box 691, Wauchula, FL 33873.



Eight seniors will be competing Saturday for the title of Mr. HHS. Participants, who posed for a picture at the racing competition last weekend, include (front row, from left) Joel Lee, Colin Barton and Floyd Rice III; and (back row) Cole Terrell, Lane Parks, Trevor Scott, Mario Gomez and Aaron Zuniga.

New Fire Station Looks Complete, Sits Empty

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

The new Bowling Green fire station looks completed from the outside but the county is refusing to accept it, citing a few minor issues that still need to be worked out with the contractor.

Ken Wheeler, public works director/county engineer, told county commissioners there were still a few items he felt needed to be completed by the contractor rather than county staff.

"It looks complete now, however there are a few housekeeping matters the con-

tractor needs to do," Wheeler said. "He prefers not to do them, but we aren't going to accept it until it's done."

Wheeler said a few drainage pipes are partially clogged with silt and the sod laid around the parking lot is too high for water to drain off the pavement.

He also said the Building Department identified a handicap parking space that was not wide enough.

"It looks good right now, but we are looking at what the county would have to do in the future to make it right when it's really the contractor's re-

sponsibility," he said.

E.O Koch was awarded the contract after being the lowest bidder at \$918,500 to complete the 6,600-square-foot facility.

The department had been operating out of a Federal Emergency Management Agency mobile home since 2004, when Hurricane Charley destroyed the fire station.

The new station is located next to Pyatt Park in Bowling Green, at 408 W. Main St.

Originally expected to be completed in late 2017, the project had delays related to Hurricane Irma in September.



The new fire station in Bowling Green looks completed from the outside, but remains empty on the inside as the county refuses to take possession of it from the contractor.

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of ninth- and 10th-grade testing. But, she added, "They will be returning Wednesday with heavy hearts."

Grief counseling will be available.

"In order to help students and staff through the grieving process, Mrs. Teresa Hall and Mrs. Kerry Terrell have coordinated a crisis intervention team that is and will remain available this week on the school site," Polk said.

"A crisis counselor will be visiting with each of Christian's classes this week to provide additional support for those students and teachers," the principal noted.

Public Information Officer Brian Bruchey of the Polk County Sheriff's Office said the crash which killed Christian Martinez occurred at about 1:20 a.m. on Saturday on Dunes Path and Glove Trail in

the Streamsong Resort.

He said PCSO Southwest District deputies responded to the scene. "Upon arrival, they closed the road and routed traffic away from the crash site," he described. Polk County Fire & Medic units also were there, he said, and rendered aid.

"Martinez was later taken to Bartow Regional Medical Center by ground, and was pronounced deceased by medical staff," Bruchey reported. "It appears to have been as a result of blunt-force trauma. The medical examiner will determine the cause and manner of death."

Polk's Traffic Homicide Unit was called in to investigate further.

"During the investigation it was learned Martinez had been drinking earlier in the evening and then went to dinner in the Lakeland area with co-work-

ers," Bruchey said.

"They returned to Streamsong Resort to retrieve several of their vehicles, since they car-pooled to dinner," his report continued. "Martinez told his co-workers that he was fine to drive, and left the parking lot of the clubhouse."

"Shortly after Martinez left the clubhouse, his co-workers left the parking lot and located Martinez in the roadway, severely injured."

"There were no witnesses to the crash," he noted.

"Roadway evidence suggests that Martinez was traveling north on Dunes Path, and as he was navigating the curves in the roadway, he lost control and overcorrected in one of the curves," the report continued.

"When Martinez lost control, his vehicle rolled over and he was ejected from the driver's seat. He was not wearing a seat

belt.

"Both speed and impairment are believed to be factors in the crash," Bruchey's report concluded.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office said the investigation is ongoing.

Meanwhile, Christian's family and friends prepare to bury their loved one. Funeral services are Saturday at noon at Fort Green Baptist Church. Visitation begins at 11 that morning.

Chrysta Chancey, a teacher and a member of Christian's church family, is among the mourners. "I think one of Christian's goals in life was to

make people laugh. Smiles were contagious when you were around him, because he was always smiling."

"He was also always willing to help others," she recollected. "Fort Green will not be the same without him."

Principal Polk said many teachers and staff members have been remembering the boy with the beautiful smile and bright personality.

"He was very personable," said teacher and coach John Sharp. "He was excited about graduating. He had a lot of friends, was always smiling, and was not afraid of talking to anyone."

Jeff Smothers recalled. "Christian always enjoyed lifting weights, and was a very fun personality. He will be missed."

Jackie Brown said, "He was smart and willing to help other students. He had a quirky sense of humor. He had the prettiest smile, and was well liked by his classmates."

And then teacher Stephanie Carte noted, "Throughout our lives we have many opportunities to meet students and truly get to know them. At times we will impact their lives, and other times they will impact ours. Christian was one of those that truly left an impression."

"No matter how bad of a day that I was having," she continued, "he would always say something or do something to make me smile, because he didn't like for people to be upset."

Teacher Glenda Lawrence added, "During over 30 years of teaching, some students stay in your heart forever. Christian was certainly one of those special students."

"I had the privilege of teaching him in the ninth grade," she went on to recall. "He was a hard worker with a great attitude. His beautiful smile was so contagious. After ninth grade, he still stopped by my room between classes to visit."

"My heart feels torn in two," she said, putting into words the feelings of many. "I guess God needed an angel with a beautiful smile. Christian will forever be sorely missed."



Christian Martinez was known for his smile.



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Obituaries

In Loving Memory



CHRISTIAN ANTONIO MARTINEZ

Christian Antonio Martinez, 18, of Bowling Green, died on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1999, in Arcadia, and had been a lifelong resident of Hardee County. Christian was a senior at Hardee High School and also worked at Streamsong Resort. He was a member of Fort Green Baptist Church and Camp Boy Howdy at River Ranch.

A luncheon provided by Fort Green Baptist Church and Hardee Senior High will be held at the church following the services.

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Tanya Mosley; grandparents, Sue Klein, and Punk and Margie Albritton, Angelo Martinez, and Julia Martinez; seven brothers, Michael Owens (Nicole), Wyatt Burdeshaw, Tyson Burdeshaw, Dylan Martinez (Carissa), Alex Martinez, Hunter Reid, and Buddy Hernandez; one sister, Elizabeth Lewis (J.R.); aunts and uncles, Robert Klein (Sarah), Amy Dorsey (Jeff), Belinda Klein, Stephanie Reid (Scooter), Tisha Bostick, Amelia Sandoval, Vera Martinez, Jun Alcorido, and Josephine Novo; many, many cousins; and his girlfriend, Carol Allison.

We are forever grateful to have had Christian as a son, brother, and friend.

Funeral services are at 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at Fort Green Baptist Church, with the Rev. Steve McGaughey officiating. Visitation begins at 11 a.m. Burial is at Fort Green Baptist Cemetery.

A luncheon provided by Fort Green Baptist Church and Hardee Senior High will be held at the church following the services.

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JAMES BRUCE ALBRITTON

James Bruce Albritton, 64, died Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at Bartow Regional Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 15, 1953, in Bartow, and was a lifelong resident of Fort Meade. He retired from the Polk County EMS, and a member of the Fort Meade First Church of God.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hiram Uriah and Leona Durrance Albritton.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Harris Albritton, of Fort Meade; son, James Uriah David Albritton, of Fort Meade; daughters, Christa Leya Barwick (Ben), of Alturas, and Katherine Elizabeth Albritton, of Fort Meade; brother, William Hiram Albritton, of Mulberry; sisters, Bertha Bowers, of Riverview, and Linda Cooley, of Bartow; and grandchildren, Timothy Breeding, Annastar Breeding, and Rylie Walling.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the First Church of God, 215 S. Perry Ave., Fort Meade, FL 33841.

Arrangements by Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade.

CHARLES WESLEY AYCOCK

Charles Wesley Aycock, 89, died Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in Lakeland.

He was born April 20, 1928, in Coffee Springs, Ala., and was a lifelong resident of Fort Meade. He was a retired electrician from Estech Chemical Co., a U.S. Army Korean War veteran, and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Fort Meade.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Frank and Myrtle Brown Aycock; and his wife, Myrtle Crews Aycock.

He is survived by his sons, Dwayne Aycock (Suzanne), of Lakeland, and Dale Aycock, of Fort Meade; sister, Christine McAuley, of Lakeland; grandchildren, Kyle Aycock, Amy Aycock, Shona Tucker, and Sharla Adams; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation was April 17 at the First United Methodist Church, Fort Meade. Funeral services followed in the church sanctuary with Rev. Marion R. Sortore officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Fort Meade.

Arrangements were by Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade.

In Loving Memory



ROY JOHNSTON

Roy Johnston, 75, of Zolfo Springs, died at his home on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Born in Cochran, Ga., on Dec. 10, 1942, Roy had been a resident of Hardee County most of his life. He was a truck driver working for John Stephens Inc. and was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty "Frog" Johnston; and a daughter, Robin Woods.

Survivors include two daughters, Penny Little (Kelly), of Arcadia, and Jessica "Jessie" Nicole Johnston, of Bowling Green; one brother, Henry Johnston, of Alabama; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held today (Thursday), April 19, at Robarts Garden Chapel at 10 a.m. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m., with Pastor Ellis Cross officiating. Interment is at Friendship Cemetery.

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In Memory



BETTY JO JUDAH

Betty Jo Judah, 84, died Friday, April 13, 2018, at Resthaven.

She was born on March 14, 1934, in Steel, Mo., moving to Florida in 1947. Betty Jo loved spending time with her family and friends, going to church, and taking care of her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace Judah; parents, Curtis and Annie Sutton Watkins; and three brothers, Clayton, James, and Howard Watkins.

Betty Jo is survived by her son, George Judah Jr., of

Wauchula; daughter, Amy (Robbie) Ward, of Wauchula; sisters, Joyce Albritton, of Bowling Green, Carolyn (Jim) Dixon, of Winter Haven, Linda Gayle (Jim) Reeves, of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Caitlin Judah, Allison Judah, Jordan Ward, Rachel Judah, Bethany Judah, Hannah Ward, Saige Ward; and close friends Barbara Reynolds and Trish Elbertson.

Visitation and service were Tuesday, April 17 at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home with Pastor Wayne Golden officiating. Burial will be at Sarasota National Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at pongerkaysgrady.com

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In Loving Memory

WILL RAY CARTER

Will Ray Carter, a recent resident of Zolfo Springs, was born on Dec. 4, 1941, and died on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

Ray Carter was an avid outdoorsman and co-owner of Limestone Grocery for many years. Ray will be missed by all.

Survivors include: his daughter, Kelly Jean Carter; son, John Carter; and seven grandchildren, Bridget, Melissa, Becky, Cole, Angel, Trista, and Aurora.

Memorial services will be held at Robarts Garden Chapel on Sunday, April 22, at 1 p.m.

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Bible Trivia

By Wilson Casey

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

2. Which gospel does not contain the Olivet prophecy? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

3. The prophecy of Obadiah is basically about what nation? Shem, Edom, Tabor, Nebo

4. Who said "Rabbi," and kissed Jesus? Alexander, Mark, Mordecai, Judas

5. David was what relation to Boaz? Brother, Son, Grandson, Great-grandson

6. Who was Nun's son? Jehoshaphat, Joshua, Zacchaeus, Meshach

ANSWER: 1) Old; 2) John; 3) Edom; 4) Judas; 5) Great-grandson; 6) Joshua

Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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In Memory



NORMAN KENNETH HUNT

Norman Kenneth Hunt, 84, of Grand Island, passed away Thursday, April 12, 2018.

Born in Belle Glade, to the late William and Mary Hunt, he moved to Grand Island in 2001 from Wauchula. He owned and operated City Electric Company of Wauchula from 1973-2000.

Norman was a member of Central Baptist Church, Leesburg. Norman served his country in the US Army.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joyce E. Hunt,

of Grand Island; son, Kenneth Mark (Sherry) Hunt, of Wauchula; daughter, Wendy Jill (Roy) Petteway, of Wauchula; and two grandchildren.

He was predeceased in death by his brother, Archie O. Hunt.

Services were held at Central Baptist Church, Leesburg, on Monday, April 16. Interment followed at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. The family received friends at the Harden/Pauli Funeral Home Chapel, Eustis, on Sunday evening, April 15. A memorial service will also be held at First Baptist Church, Wauchula on Friday, April 20 at 4 p.m. with the family receiving friends prior to the service from 3-4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Central Baptist Church, 104 Perkins Street, Leesburg, Florida 34748 or to the Florida Baptist Children's Home at www.fbchomes.org

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There's A New Main Street In Town

The rerouting of U.S. 17 through Zolfo Springs leaves the municipality with its first-ever road named 'Main Street.' The highway's old four-lane path now carries that new name, and remains flanked by businesses and town offices. The new U.S. 17 is to their east.

By **JOAN SEAMAN**
Of The Herald-Advocate

The year-long construction of the new four-lane U.S. 17 created quite a bit of havoc in downtown Zolfo Springs.

Still to be completed between Ninth and Third streets are seven-foot bike lanes, some sidewalks and two retention ponds for water runoff from the highway. There may still be intermittent lane closures and detours along the U.S. 17 and Main Street byways.

As construction winds down, the mile-long new "Main Street" in Zolfo Springs — formerly the path of U.S. 17 through town — hopes most of its businesses can recover. However, at least two are planning to relocate.

All 18 businesses along the U.S. 17 corridor and new Main Street were recently polled about construction and rerouting effects. This includes from A.J.'s Auto at the south end of town to Pioneer Restaurant on

the north end.

There are four restaurants or businesses on the old U.S. 17, now the new Main Street, which sell food products and/or have tables for people to sit down to eat. These include La Palma Tienda Mexicana, Acapulco Café, Ranchito Meat & Produce and Pioneer Restaurant. Dollar General Store also sells food as well as many other products.

Auto Care, A.J.'s Auto and Carranco & Sons Tires & Mufflers cater to those needing an auto or maintenance of it. A large turn-around just north of Carranco's was planned to allow semi-trucks to more easily access his business for tire changes. He says it is not near enough to his business to help.

Triple M. Diesel Power Units & Pumps and National Pump Co. Sales & Service provide a specialty needed by agriculture and other industries. Fields Equipment Co. likewise serves the agriculture and landscaping businesses.

The remaining variety of businesses vary from the Wauchula State Bank branch, the U.S. Post Office, Mancini Packing Co. and Jahna Concrete to the Zolfo Springs town offices, and complete the businesses along the U.S. 17 corridor.

Some businesses report little effect from the U.S. 17 construction, noting that "most of our customers knew alternate routes to find us."

Others say they were blocked off completely at times and/or had limited-access only for months.

Some were quite positive and some still angry about the disruption to their businesses.

A few said they may never recover from being off U.S. 17 now and accessible only via the new Main Street.

Planning to move is Generation Three Marine, a boat sales and repair business, now off little-used Pear Street, "where most people don't know how to find us." The owner says he doesn't know where he is moving yet, but he is definitely going to relocate.

Also moving is Circle K. A larger, modern-design Circle K store will replace the box-like one currently on the old U.S. 17 and now no longer easily accessible because of the configuration of the new four-lane U.S. 17.

First approval for the convenience store's construction was given at the March 27 meeting of the Zolfo Springs Town Commission. The final hearing is at next Tuesday's 6 p.m. commission meeting.

Engineer Frank J. Feeny and Central Florida Regional Planning Council's Jennifer Codis-Salisbury attended last month's meeting. Feeny said the newer high-end model will include a sandwich shop and will have heavier planted buffers. Mayor DiDi White said she had recently seen one of the newer shops, and "really liked the design."

To allow for the construction, the town passed a couple of ordinances. First, it was necessary to amend the Town Code, changing the requirement from a resolution to an ordinance in order to vacate a property.

Next was an ordinance to vacate an unnamed alleyway between Lots 2-8 and Lots 11-12 of the Williams & Child's Addition. The alleyway, established in 1878, has not been used. Closing it will allow the Circle K store to have a larger property for construction of its new store.

Feeny said he is working the state Department of Transportation, the Southwest Florida Water Management District and other officials in

completing plans for the setting of the new store, its precise placement and buffering, water retention ponds and whatever else will be required.

He was asked what would happen to the old store along

Main Street.

There is the possibility that the adjacent Zolfo Spring Post Office could use it to expand, but there is no specific plan for that at this time, said postal officials.



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

The town of Zolfo Springs is now welcoming residents and guests to the newest downtown destination on the block, the newly christened "Main Street."



AERIAL PHOTOS BY MICHAEL GILLISPIE

Construction of the new four-lane U.S. 17 has forever changed downtown Zolfo Springs. In the background (top far right) is Jahna's Concrete, now at the southeast corner of U.S. 17 and State Road 66. After the stoplight at the U.S. 17 juncture, SR 66 drivers can continue westward to the first-ever Main Street in Zolfo Springs (center of photo). Going north on the west side of Main Street are La Palma, Acapulco Café, Auto Care, El Ranchito and the Town Hall. On the east side of the street are a closed business, shed sales, a private residence and Triple M.



State Road 66 crosses U.S. 17 and ends at Main Street. The southernmost business on the east side is A.J.'s Autos. Then Fields Equipment Co. splits Main Street, its offices and shop on the west side and equipment on the east side going all the way to U.S. 17 South. Continuing on the west side is La Palma Tienda Mexicano, Acapulca Café and Auto Care.



Traffic moves south on the new four-lane U.S. 17, approaching the new access road to Main Street in Zolfo Springs. A truck can be seen (middle of photo) using the U.S. 17 exit to get onto Main Street. Wauchula State Bank is at left and Dollar General at the right of the new exit/entrance configuration. Next to it is Circle K and the U.S. Post Office, partially hidden by trees, and on to Triple M.

Letter To The Editor

Plastic, Glass Need To Be Recycled In Hardee

Dear Editor:

I would like the Hardee County legislators to explain why they stopped recycling plastic and glass. I believe that plastic is the biggest problem today for filling up our dumps and landfill.

We already have a gigantic mountain of garbage, trash and what have you, and if plastic is not taken out of the waste stream we will have another mountain like the first one on Airport Road.

I am from northern New York on the Canadian border,

and recycling is compulsory there. Also all glass bottles, cans and plastic bottles have a 5 cent deposit on them. It certainly makes a difference.

On another note, President Trump is doing a very good job, even with the liberal left doing everything they can to throw a monkey wrench into everything he does. Mueller and Comey seem to have a large supply of hot air or B.S. as I call it. Support President Trump.

William Bartlett
Wauchula

Letter To The Editor

Roxie Bentley Recalls 1946 Trip to Key West

Dear Editor:

A continuation of Bentley's last story which ended with "your thinking caps"...

My family had a visit from my Mama's Aunt Lill Jeffrey and cousin Sylvia who lived in Cleveland, Ohio.

Cousin Sylvia was a teacher in Cleveland. I don't know what age her students had been before she retired or how long she had been retired.

She and her mother decided they would renew their relationship with their Florida relatives. On their trip to Homestead they came to Auburndale (which is located in Polk County) to visit my family, especially my Mama.

I don't remember how long their visit was, but I was invited to go with them which I did.

We visited with my grandmother and two of Mama's brothers and two of my Granddaddy's brothers, Uncle Orrie and Uncle Bert Jeffrey.

My Granddaddy Jeffrey and his two brothers started the

first sawmill in Homestead.

While we were visiting Uncle Bert took us to Key West. It was our first time of going down there.

On the way down there Uncle Bert stopped the car in the middle of the 7-Mile Bridge which was made of wood. You could actually feel the bridge sway. That was back in about 1946.

(A friend who she and her husband go down in that area to fish has told me that bridge is not there anymore. It has been replaced with a concrete bridge.)

After making a tour of Key West we headed back to Homestead. We were beginning to feel hungry. I don't remember the name of the restaurant where we ate, but the sign over the kitchen door read, "Stop Your Belly Aking," so that is what we did.

It's about that time right now. See you later when I have done that.

Roxie Bentley
Wauchula

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- 1/2 cup fat-free milk
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1. In an 8-by-8-inch microwave-safe dish, combine blueberries, 1/2 cup Splenda and flour. Microwave on HIGH (100 percent power) for 5 to 6 minutes or until mixture

is thickened, stirring after 3 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine baking mix, milk and lemon juice. Drop by spoonful over hot blueberry mixture to form 6 dumplings. In a small bowl, combine remaining 2 tablespoons Splenda and cinnamon. Evenly sprinkle mixture over dumplings.

3. Cover and microwave on HIGH for 4 to 5 minutes or until dumplings are no longer doughy. Let set for 2 to 3 minutes. Divide into 6 servings.

• Each serving equals: 174 calories, 2g fat, 3g protein, 36g carbs, 319mg sodium, 52mg calcium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Fruit; Carb Choices: 2 1/2.

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HES Recognizes 'Super Lions' For Third Quarter



COURTESY PHOTOS
Hilltop Elementary School recently recognized its Super Lions for the third nine-week grading period. Kindergartners who excelled at listening and learning were (front row, from left) Christian Hernandez, Je T'Aime Vazquez Lopez De Azua and Gabriel Santos; (back row) Armando Guerrero, Janet Cortes-Olivera, Emmanuel Solis and Casyn Arguelles. Not pictured: Christian Cisneros Hernandez.



Setting an example for others were fourth graders (from left) Damien Rodriguez, Maritza Zurita-Martinez, Marieliz Suarez, David Garcia-Paz, Naitily Rendon and Ethan Mayer.



First graders with good classroom conduct included (from front left) Joaquin Badillo, Lizbeth Perez, Rosabella Cruz and Anay Diaz Pablo; (back) Allyn Salgado, Freddy Marcos, Braulio Mateo and Elisa Velasco.



Fifth graders with leadership qualities included (from front left) Jana Cruz, Sebastian Izeppi and Diego Delarosa; (back) Anallely Garcia, Jesus Rojas-Lopez, Gabriel Espinoza and Evan Pagan.



Working well with others were second graders (front, from left) Alex Salgado, Marisol Lopez-Cruz, Adriana Salazar-Santiago, Daniel Molina, Gabriel Rodriguez, Anna Gutierrez; (back) Gavin Carpenter, Shayla Hernandez, Weslee Cornelius and Dulce Santos-Cortes.



Third graders with excellent classroom habits included (from left) Adrian Gonzalez, Makayla Sustaita, Isabelle Pagan, Jose Alfaro, Damian Martinez and Valerieh Juarez.

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Crime Blotter

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

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April 15, a residential burglary on North Hollandtown Road and thefts on Mowatt Street and on U.S. 17 North were reported.

April 14, Marty Wayne Evans, 41, was arrested and charged with simple assault on a person 65 or older, possession of drugs without a prescription, possession of drug paraphernalia and simple assault—threat to do violence.

April 14, Jasmine Juarez, 20, was arrested on charges of possession of drugs without a prescription, keeping dangerous drugs in a shop or vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia and a traffic violation.

April 14, Brandon Medrano, 18, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 14, a residential burglary on Chester Avenue, a fight on Downing Circle and criminal mischief on South Ninth Avenue were reported.

April 13, criminal mischief on Terrell Road, and thefts on Murphy Road and on South Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South) were reported.

April 12, Sergio Gabriel Benavidez, 41, of 603 S. Sixth St., Fort Pierce, was arrested by Dep. Kim Pfeiffer on a charge of withholding support of children.

April 12, Javohn Dewayne Camel, 42, of 500 Oak Canopy Cir., Avon Park, was arrested by Dep. Mitchell Johnson on a charge of withholding support of children. At the jail, he was detained on an out-of-county warrant.

April 12, Juan Madrigal, 39, of 3994 Sunset Dr., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Chris Bandy on a charge of violation of probation.

April 12, criminal mischief on Cecil Durrance Road and on South Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South) was reported.

April 11, a residential burglary on Dena Circle, and thefts on Ballard Road and on U.S. 17 North were reported.

April 10, Mya Torres, 37, of 665 High St., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Kim Pfeiffer on a charge of violation of probation.

April 10, a residential burglary on Monroe Street, a business burglary on Grimes Road, a vehicle stolen on Smith Road, a fight on Altman Road and thefts on Dallas McClellan Road and on Lake Branch Road were reported.

April 9, Junior O'Bryan Campbell, 63, of 10182-167 Quartz Dr., Miami, was arrested by Florida Highway Patrol Tpr. A. Amaya and charged with DUI.

April 9, Ciro Molina DeLaCruz, 46, of 3062 Brantwood Dr., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Ryan Abbott and charged with DUI and resisting /obstructing an officer without violence.

April 9, Dinah Leann Caldwell, 18, of 490 Hanchey Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Todd Souther and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 9, Randall Rivers, 25, of 637 Sally Pl., Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Todd Souther and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation.

April 9, thefts on Pear Street and on U.S. 17 North were reported.

WAUCHULA

April 15, Heath Barkley Sanchez, 34, General Delivery, Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Kaleigh Anderson and charged with aggravated battery causing bodily harm, criminal mischief—damage to property and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

April 15, Shellie Hunt, 44, of 614 N. Florida Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Kaleigh Anderson and charged with battery, depriving a victim/witness of means of communication and resisting/obstructing an officer without violence.

April 15, a theft on Kentucky Street was reported.

April 10, Paul Heath Vansickle, 38, of 298 S. Barlow Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Christopher Gicker and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 9, Keith Humphrey, 33, of 1315 Valerie Blvd., Sebring, was arrested by Ofc. Christopher Gicker and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 9, Homer Jake O'Neal, of 113 N. First Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Bryanna Lott and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

April 9, a residential burglary on North Eighth Avenue, a fight on Seminole Street and criminal mischief on North Seventh Avenue were reported.

BOWLING GREEN

April 10, burglary of a conveyance on Chester Avenue and a theft on Lake Branch Road were reported.

Zolfo Springs Begins Renovations

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

A legislative appropriation will enable Zolfo Springs to make much-needed renovations.

The total work, which is slated to begin within the next month, will include a variety of changes to the Town Hall which was built in the 1960s.

The town has patched roof leaks until there's not much left to repair. They will replace it with a pitched roof that is more likely to shed water than the current flat-top roof.

The renovation plans were discussed at the March 27 Town Commission meeting, approved by the Zoning Board and got final approval at a special Town Commission meeting on April 9.

The plan was presented by C. Keith Hunnicutt of the firm Kirk, Curtis, Mundy and Hunnicutt Association Architects Inc. of Lakeland at a cost of \$146,190. That firm recommended the Sebring firm of Marmer Construction with contractor Marty Wohl at a cost of \$192,262.

In addition to replacing the roof, construction will also include updating the interior, with the old paneling being replaced by drywall.

The air conditioning has never been able to handle cooling the community room when it is at capacity. New energy efficient air conditioning will be able to handle cooling, or heating, all the rooms in the Town Hall. The floors will be refurbished with terrazzo and carpeting.

Lastly, the project will hopefully include redoing the parking lot, which has many potholes and other problems.

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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 Avenue 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

Said real property shall be viewable to the public at the Hardee County Property Appraiser's Website. All bidders must have Drivers License with them and must register with Hardee County Sheriff's Office/Civil Unit at location of sale prior to start time of sale.

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.

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Notices

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

CASE NO. 25-2017-CA-000355

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-14, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY LYNN BROWN A/K/A MARY L. BROWN, et al,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 10, 2018, and entered in Case No. 25-2017-CA-000355 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial

Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida in which The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-14, is the Plaintiff and Mary Lynn Brown a/k/a Mary L. Brown, Robert C. Brown, are defendants, the Hardee County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Hardee County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 417 W. Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873, Hardee County, Florida at 11:00 a.m on the 2 day of May, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOTS 21 AND 22, BLOCK 3, WILLIAMS ADDITION, TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS, FLORIDA. AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 1-27A OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AKA 175 2ND STREET

EAST, ZOLFO SPRINGS, FL 33890

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Hardee County, Florida this 11 day of April, 2018.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS, Clerk of the Circuit Court Hardee County, Florida

By: Connie Coker Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (notice of sale); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

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

CASE NO.: 252015CA000431

U.S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NRZ PASS-THROUGH TRUST V, Plaintiff,

vs.

JUDITH A. MILLER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUDITH A. MILLER; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 25, 2018, and entered in 2015CA000431 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida, wherein U.S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NRZ PASS-THROUGH TRUST V is the Plaintiff and JUDITH A. MILLER are the Defendant(s). Victoria L. Rogers as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the 2nd Floor Hallway, Outside of

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in HARDEE County, State of Florida, on the SIXTH DAY of NOVEMBER, 2018, A.D., to fill or retain the following offices:

United States Senator
Representative in Congress: District 17
Florida Cabinet - Governor
Florida Cabinet - Lieutenant Governor
Florida Cabinet - Attorney General
Florida Cabinet - Chief Financial Officer
Florida Cabinet - Commissioner of Agriculture
State Senator: District 26
State Representative: District 56
Circuit Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit: Groups 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 27 and 28
County Judge: Group 1
School Board: Districts 1, 4 and 5
County Commissioner: Districts 2 and 4
Hardee Soil and Water Conservation District: Groups 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

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AVISO DE ELECCIONES GENERALES

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que se llevarán a cabo ELECCIONES GENERALES en el Condado de HARDEE, Estado de la Florida, el día SEIS de NOVIEMBRE de 2018 d. C., para determinar la ocupación o la retención de los siguientes cargos:

Senador de los Estados Unidos
Representante ante el Congreso: distrito 17
Gabinete de la Florida - Gobernador
Gabinete de la Florida - Vicegobernador
Gabinete de la Florida - Procurador General
Gabinete de la Florida - Funcionario Principal de Finanzas
Gabinete de la Florida - Comisionado de Agricultura
Senador Estatal: distrito 26
Representante Estatal: distrito 56
Juez del Circuito, 10.º Circuito Judicial: grupos 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 27 y 28
Juez del Condado: grupo 1
Junta Escolar: distritos 1, 4 y 5
Comisionado del Condado: distritos 2 y 4
Distrito de Conservación de Tierra y Agua de Hardee: grupos 1, 2, 3, 4 y 5

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Key Club visits nation's capital

COLUMN

by SAVANNAH VALLETUTTI

Over spring break, I had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. with Key Club. About 14 of us went, and we all had a great time. We also were able to bond as a club.

My personal favorite part of the trip was the Holocaust museum. It was both interesting and emotional to learn about that history. Some other students also shared my opinion.

"My favorite part of the trip was the Holocaust museum," sophomore Dristen Newcomb said. "It was a really touching experience."

Others, however, seemed to enjoy other parts a bit more.

"My favorite part of the trip was going to see congress in session," senior Alexis Neel said. "When I went two years ago, all they were doing was giving speeches, but this time they were actually voting."

I decided to go on this trip to be able to travel, see new monuments, and learn at museums. It was also a good opportunity to spend time with, and become closer with, my friends. Freshman Haven Gray, whom I had the privilege of rooming with, shared virtually the same reasoning that I did.

"I decided to go on this trip because I love traveling," she said. "It was also a good opportunity for me to hang out with my best friends."

Other students who attended had a different, but still valid reason.

"I decided to go on the trip to make great memories with friends," senior Siquem Montalvo said. "Also because I like the cold weather."

Our Key Club advisor Mrs. Atchley also attended the trip as a chaperone, along with Mr. and Mrs. Gray. With the help of her Leadership team, Mrs. Atchley was able to plan an amazing and memorable trip.

"When Key Club goes to D.C., we do it as a civics and public service learning opportunity," she said. "It also reminds us what it means to be a volunteer and celebrates the over 100 hours of volunteer work contributed by every member going on the trip."

To be able to attend the trip, we had to accomplish some organizational goals. We needed to serve at all three dinners in which Key Club assisted, and we needed a minimum of 50 service hours during the year. Since we all wanted to go so badly, though, we all worked incredibly hard and went above and beyond the call of duty. Ultimately, we each achieved over 100 hours this year... all 14 of us. As a result, Mrs. Atchley found out a reward is definitely the way to motivate us.

All in all, it was a successful trip. Despite the fact that our Floridian group had to cope with all the freezing, cold weather, I, along with everyone else, had an amazing time on this trip. It was one that none of us will ever forget.

Wildcat teammates turn rivals

by SAVANNAH MULLINS

Seniors Kai Washington and Damar Harris have been best friends both on and off the football field for the past eight years. Recently, however, something has occurred that may cause their friendship to be more challenging.

Kai signed to play college football at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan, and Damar signed to play college football at University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio. As a result, soon the best friends and teammates will become conference rivals on opposing teams.

While the future has Kai and Damar playing on different sides of the field, the past normally had them standing right next to each other.

"Damar and I have had a strong friendship since Pop Warner; he's like my brother," Kai said. "We have been through everything together, and we will continue to push each other no matter what. Damar and I would go to war for each other."

With a friendship as strong as this one, many people would probably believe that Damar and Kai would have chosen the same university to attend; however, both of student athletes were drawn to separate schools.

"Ferris State is a very family-based school," Kai said. "It is a lot like the sports are here in Hardee. They care about the player more than the sport."

Even though their original

plan was to attend the same school, the pair remains optimistic through it all.

"This was definitely not our plan, but it was God's plan, so we are just going to push each other," Damar said.

As their high school careers draw to a close, both boys have spent more time reminiscing about all the memories they have made.

"It was awesome being on the same team as Kai," Damar said. "The best times were always in between the games: getting in trouble, trying to take the golf cart, and stuff like that."

The pair also believes their relationship played a significant role in each other's success, considering how much they "motivated one another."

"On both sides of the ball, we would push each other," Damar said. "If he was doing better than me, then I knew that I had to up my game, and if I was doing better than him, then he knew what he needed to do."

Despite the 276.8 miles between their schools, both of the boys are still planning on making the drive to see each other whenever

possible.

"The schools are four hours apart, so Kai will probably be at my dorm more than I like," Damar said.

Since these two schools will end up playing each other, Damar and Kai have also taken into consideration that soon they will have to face a new challenge: the loss to a friend on an opposing team.

"I believe no matter who wins, we will be happy for one another," Kai said. "The loser will just have to push themselves that much harder."

They have even thought through about plays where they will face-off.

"So Kai's going to drop back and he's going to think he has an open route in the curl-route, and I'm going to pick it," Damar said. "Then, I will take it into the end zone for a touchdown."

In spite of their childhood plan not working out, these two student athletes remain committed to their friendship, and their hopeful confidence for the future is also viewed by many as "inspiring and touching."



Kai and Damar have been on the same teams since Pop Warner.

Open Mic encourages Hardee High students to pursue their dreams

by ALESSA VALERIO

According to Nielsen Music, on average, Americans spend more than 32 hours a week listening to music, such as Justin Bieber, Ed Sheeran, and Chris Brown. Although these performance artists may represent different genres, most have one thing in common (besides being multi-millionaires): they started off singing in streets.

One community event that started in October is allowing some Hardee High students the opportunity to start their journey down a similar path. Open Mic, held monthly in Wauchula's Heritage Park, encourages anyone with the capacity to sing or play an instrument to do so. So far, this event has encouraged a handful of Hardee High students who wish to continue to pursue music as a career.

"I guess you could say I'm new to this," junior James Neel said, "This is my second year of playing guitar and singing; however, I'm certainly positive I want to do this for the rest of my life."

Music has always been important to senior Victoria Ibarra, who also has performed during the event. After playing either bass clarinet or bari saxophone for almost a decade, she wanted to give singing a try.

"I take singing seriously because it's a platform that can be used to communicate to

all people, no matter the age," Victoria said. "I also had an interest in taking this into a professional manner."

While both students realize not everyone becomes famous in the music industry, they are determined to see how far they can get in achieving their goals.

"We all start small," James said. "Jon Bon Jovi started as a janitor for a recording studio and then got asked to fill in for the Star Wars Holiday Soundtrack. So, I also have an opportunity to show them what I got."

While the crowds, so far, might not be the largest at the Open Mic nights, both students are still appreciative of this opportunity.

"It allows me to sing a little louder each time because they're very encouraging," Victoria said. "The event gives people a chance to actually show what they have without the judgement because, in the end, it is all for fun."

Both performers also encourage one another to continue their passion.

"James is very talented," said Victoria. "He plays guitar and sings really well."

They also attend Open Mic regularly. However, James performs as part of a band called *The Great American Anarchy*.

"My long-time known buddy Sylas and I are in this together," James said. "I do vocals and rhythm guitar while he does lead guitar."

However, soon both students will have to look

for other opportunities where they can perform. Open Mic is a seasonal event, and does not continue during the summer.

"I'm not going to lie; I'm kind of sad about it," James said. "They are all so loving. I'm going to miss it, even if it's just for the summer."

Victoria has similar feelings as well. When she was informed that the final Open Mic night would be March 19, she advertised it as best as she could: using her Snapchat account to spread the word and asking other students to do the same.

"I wanted to wrap up Open Mic in the best way possible," Victoria said. "I learned that when I step out of my shell it's worth it because there's so much to discover about myself and events."

Both students look at the Open Mic event as giving them "a little push" toward their goals. They are also excited about future opportunities to express their love of music and to share their gifts with others.



James and Sylas perform as part of a band during Open Mic.

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Merit Scholarship helps teen attend Florida Southern College

by YAMILEX MIRANDA

During high school, many students put in a great deal of effort to achieve the future that they desire. For senior Shelby Gibson, that focus became clear last fall when she decided to attend Florida Southern College after she graduated.

"My mom went there, and it has the best opportunities for what I want to become: a dentist," Shelby said. "I took a tour of the campus in October. The campus is very pretty, and it's small so I can work one on one with the professor."

To get a jumpstart on her future, Shelby started taking dual enrollment classes at South Florida State College since she was a junior. She believes she might have a chance of graduating earlier since she has some of her prerequisites down. It is also an educational opportunity that she definitely would recommend to others.

"I really liked taking classes at the college," Shelby said. "It gave me a glimpse of what real college would be like because I had to be more responsible for my own stuff."

Despite her time at SFSC, however, Shelby will still be entering the college as a freshman. The only difference

will be that she can take different classes that other freshman cannot since she already completed them.

Shelby also found that the college application process was not as frustrating as many students make it out to be.

"I just filled out an on-line application and got the high school to send my transcripts," she said. "Then I sent my SFSC college transcripts and testing scores, and got a letter of recommendation from Mr. Beatty."

Shelby also learned how success in school can help pay for college. The combination of a high ACT score and grades, both at Hardee High and SFSC, allowed her the opportunity to receive the highest level of the merit scholarship that students can obtain.

For now, Shelby is excited about her upcoming enrollment in Florida Southern. She likes how the school has a strong biology program and gives students the opportunity for internships. The college will also work directly with the dental school that she plans to eventually attend in Lakewood Ranch.

During this process, she also hopes to make her mom proud by continuing her namesake's legacy at Florida Southern College.



Shelby expresses her joy at being accepted to Florida Southern College. She plans to use her schooling to one day be a dentist.

TRUST THE PROCESS: Go on college campus tours

COLUMN by LANE PARKS

As a senior, I was overwhelmed by all the options for my future; however, during my times of struggle, I discovered something. I found that visiting a college is the best way to make this monumental decision. Before making my final choice, I had to explore the campuses of three different colleges.

As a result of weighing all my options, I have recently made the decision to verbally commit to Nichols College. I recall the first moment I stepped on campus, and how I knew this was where I wanted to be.

Going to a college campus first hand is different than seeing the campus on a website. Visiting and taking a tour helps the process of choosing because it is the best way to determine if a student should spend the next four to eight years of his/her life there.

When students want to set up a college visit, they should simply contact the school's admission office that they are interested in coming on campus for a tour. Sometimes the school will give visitation dates to potential students who want to come a visit, but they are also flexible and willing to accommodate individuals who are unable to attend those dates.

While on the tour, I've learned that it is essential to ask questions of both myself and others. Some key questions that I have used are: Can I see myself here for four years? Does it offer opportunities for internships? Will this school help me obtain

my desired career? The visit will only be complete if individuals are bold enough to seek out answers that will benefit their future.

I have also discovered that it's helpful to take advantage of additional visitation options offered. Some colleges actually allow high school students to stay on campus in a dorm room to truly have the college student experience. The current students that individuals are paired with are able to give their side of the college experience, and explain what they do on an everyday basis. This definitely provides high school students with information about what they will be doing if they attend that college.

In my experience of college visits, staying overnight at Nichols with the tennis team was the final catalyst for my decision. At the overnight, I had the opportunity to talk to students and athletes about the college. Talking to them

gave me a perception of the college that the faculty and the tour could not. That night I also went to a basketball game with the tennis team, which showed some the activities I would be able to enjoy if I went there. It was not only a game; it showed me the atmosphere and the family feel that the college as a whole provides. Also, in the laidback setting, I could sense that anytime that I had a question, the other students would be honest with me about things.

The process of picking a college can be difficult. There are so many options that many individuals become overwhelmed. Plus, a lot that people don't know how to obtain all the information that they need to make an educated decision. Therefore, visiting a number of college campuses first hand is essential in making sure students will be happy as they continue their educational journeys.



Lane and Kai find themselves in snowy Massachusetts for a college visit.

Experiences and schooling helps teen mature

by KENNEDY WESTBROOK

As they fight to adjust to its different cliques, different clubs, and different classes, some students find fitting in at high school can be more difficult than the movies make it seem. Fitting in with an accepted group is hard to do, but being with an "outcast" group is even harder.

Junior Kristopher Lucas Burton (who is known around school by his middle name) considers himself a "social outcast" due to his perception that society doesn't accept him the way he naturally is. He recalls growing up and having a difficult childhood because of social acceptance, hence the reason

why he secludes himself.

A non-Hardee native, Lucas attributes his difficult childhood to altering his outlook on life and helped him empathize with others.

"I see things a lot differently than most people usually would," he said. "I pay attention to more people because of everything I've been through."

Being here at HHS for three years has made Lucas very observant of the different "types" of people and how they're treated by others of different social statuses. He believes his experiences have opened his eyes to how most people see the outside instead of the inside of someone.

"Society overrules people in this school, and I

don't really care for it," he said.

However, not being accepted by people hasn't stopped Lucas from thriving to achieve his goals in life, nor did he let his past or his present affect his future. He plans to perfect the current digital reality headset one day.

"It's an escape for me; the more virtual it is, the more fun it is," Lucas said. "Playing games is fun, but actually being in that game makes it more thrilling."

Lucas has been inspired to reach his goals from individuals; such as those he learned about in school. By examining their unique characteristics and how they overcame their circumstances, Lucas uses their example

to be like them.

"Albert Einstein is one of my biggest inspirations because he's a genius," he said. "I admire him for doing what he did and having a past like he did."

During his years in school, Lucas feels he's learned important things from experiences and plans to incorporate more into his final years of high school. Also, so far, Lucas believes he has made some friendships that he feels will last a lifetime.

"I keep my circle of friends small because they're the

few people here who actually accept me for who I am," he said.

Lucas also feels that his schooling has helped him develop a more mature outlook on life.

"Honestly, just be yourself and don't trip out or listen to what society has to say about you," he said.

"Don't worry about the judgments people have made about you."

As Lucas looks to his senior year in the fall, he hopes to remain focused on achieving his goals and maintaining the friendships he's made.



Lucas hopes to one day perfect virtual reality.

Brookside Bluff News

By Jerry Smith
517-930-1524

Have you ever woken up feeling fine and start your day out as you normally do? I think we all have done just that. But as Janet Lockrey's day progressed things changed dramatically.

Can you believe that she received a notice that she was "actually dead." I can only imagine what went through the minds of her and her husband

Leroy. The notice came in the form of a letter from Humana Prescription Program.

From then on, it just kept getting more complicated and really not as funny as you might think. As Janet said, "You kind of sit back and wonder where to start." She was told to start with Social Security and that proved to be very difficult. And yes, her bank ac-

count was shut down, too.

Her calls to S.S. were time consuming, waiting on hold for hours just to talk to a person. She was finally told to appear in person at their office. So after some very trying hours and an understanding agent, it started to come to a conclusion. Janet was told indeed this happens rarely, unless of course it happens to you! Janet's "death" was on March 23rd but she is still with us and feeling fine, thank you.

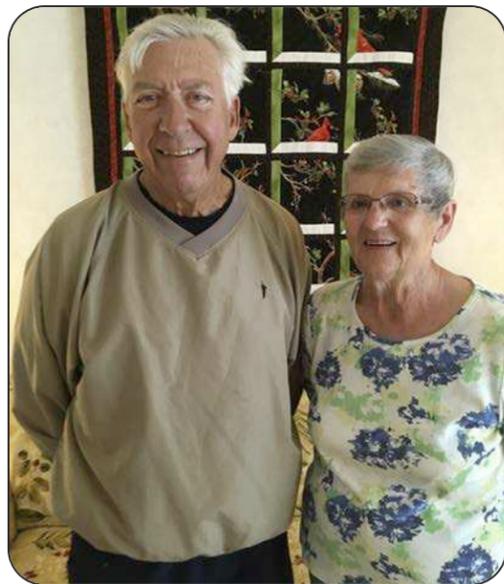
What a year this has been for me! There were times when I wondered what I had gotten myself into, but for the most part I have loved every minute of it. I learned so much about our park and many of our talented folks. I also loved the challenge of getting a story into a limited space and of using only two photographs per article.

The response I received, not only from our Brookside Bluff residents but also from people in Wauchula, was a total surprise and very appreciated. Even the negative comments helped me improve. Our newspaper park sales went from 5 or 6 to 25 or 30 and at times we were even sold out. But my best highlight was when Bob Ink told me his wife Yvonne has cut out all the articles and is keeping them in a scrap book. So thanks to you readers and all the people I wrote about.

We will still do a column once a month until December and then start doing it weekly again.



Grillers Bob Ink, Bob Willette and Austin Vey.



Leroy and Janet Lockrey pictured alive and well.

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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
- * Current physical
- * Shot record

Students who have not met the above requirements will not be permitted to enter school in the fall. According to Florida Law, no student will be permitted to enter first grade unless he/she has completed an approved public or private kindergarten program.

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Ever had an outhouse? They still do in parts of Tennessee. Indoor plumbing is only the new item of this generation.



As Seen From This Side

By Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips
Wauchula

Had the war been about slavery Gens. Grant and Sherman would have had to free their slaves also. Northern-owned slaves--black, white, Indian and Chinese--were several years away from freedom.

If you know history it was Lincoln who put congressmen in jail for not doing their job and the only president who paid his income taxes under protest.

You think Trump has problems with Congress, read all Lincoln had to do to try "draining the swamp."

To get elected he had to help form a new party, the Democratic-Republican, and even then did not get elected the first time out. Four years later he shook Washington to the core. Everyone fought him, just like Trump, and some got up and walked out rather than vote. He sent law officers to bring them back. Their choice, do what you were paid to do or go to jail.

When he was re-elected he left New York for Washington dressed as a woman so as to not be recognized. Ironically Jeff Davis tried to go to Mexico after the war but was captured in Georgia or North Carolina after crossing a river with wagons that weighed too much and was turned in.

Trump is not the first to fight with greedy congressmen.

My most unforgettable friend...

All Tennesseans are not hillbillies. I met one who was a king and abdicated so his grandson is now king.

First he was a doctor. For a short time he was a king, but too much Tennessee country was in his blood, not cut out to be king, although his children thrive at this kind of life.

Back to doctor then his love for music forced a decision. With a mildly successful band until tragedy struck a concert, a lawsuit followed, leaving him broke.

With friends like Billy Joel, Hank Jr., Charlie Daniels, David Alan Coe, he survived when his mother passed. Attending her funeral were Dolly Parton, Loretta Lynn, George Jones and others.

Because he gave up the royal life to remain this country bumpkin (living in the house his father built when he was a small child), his children tried to have him committed.

After that failed he told them to stay out of his life. He has nothing to do with them or they with him. One son, an Air Force colonel, came to see him since he is down with cancer. He invited him to leave.

No, they are not all hillbillies. Some are genuine characters, and this one tops them all. Someday after his passing I will reveal his name and more.



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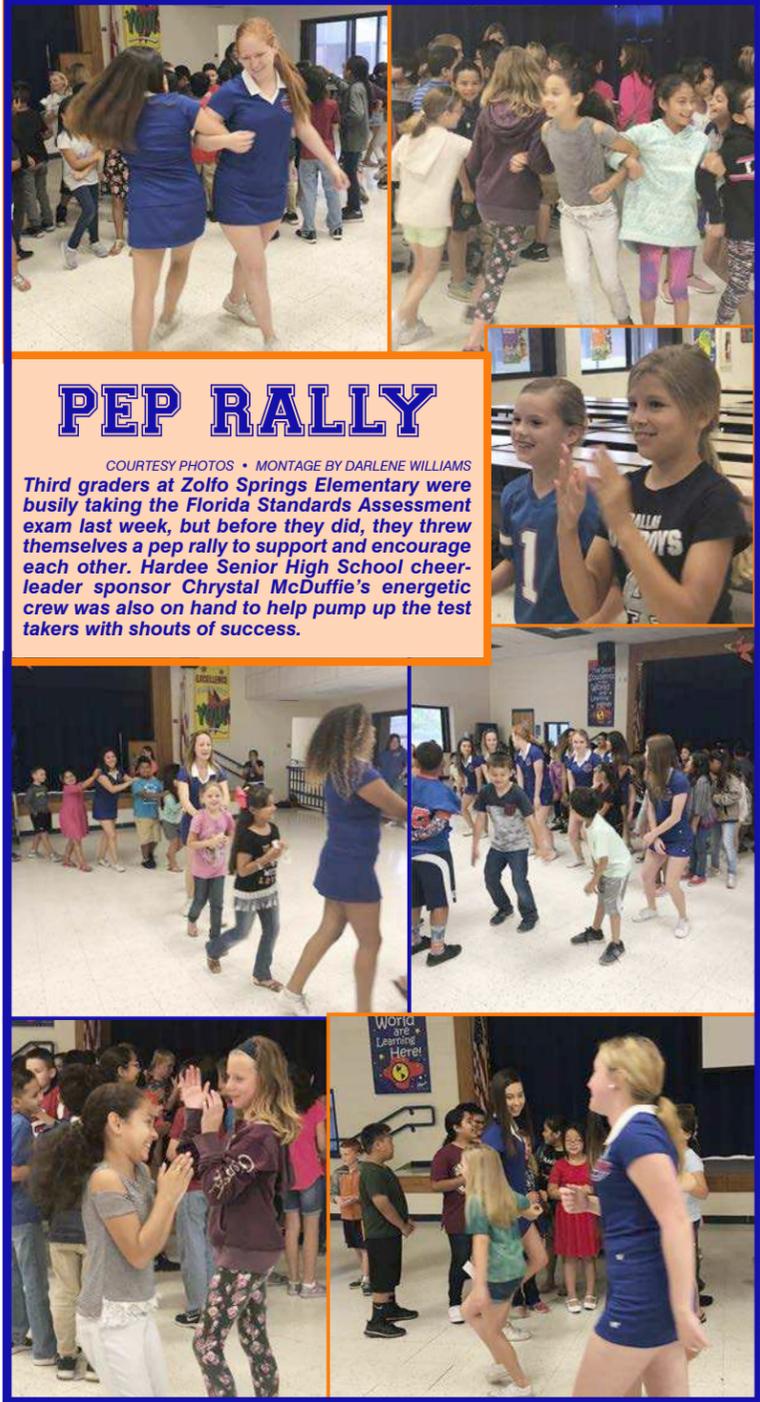
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PEP RALLY

COURTESY PHOTOS • MONTAGE BY DARLENE WILLIAMS
 Third graders at Zolfo Springs Elementary were busily taking the Florida Standards Assessment exam last week, but before they did, they threw themselves a pep rally to support and encourage each other. Hardee Senior High School cheerleader sponsor Chrystal McDuffie's energetic crew was also on hand to help pump up the test takers with shouts of success.

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COURTESY PHOTO
 As the school year winds ever closer to its close, Mario Gomez and Lovely Charles received a regal sendoff as they were crowned the king and queen of the senior class. The royal honorariums were bestowed as the Hardee Senior High School graduating class was the guest of honor at the annual prom hosted by the junior class. The formal event was last Saturday at the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center.

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BGE Honors Its 'Proud Panthers' For 3rd Quarter



COURTESY PHOTOS

Bowling Green Elementary recently celebrated its Proud Panther students for the third nine-week grading period. Kindergarten kids who listened well in class included (front row, from left) Liliyanna Alviso, Skylinn Powell and Wesley Wright; (in back) Milagros Peralta, Danica Fennell, David Guerrero and Klowie Rodriguez. Not pictured: Eastan Hernandez.



Second graders who stayed on task included (from front left) Bryan Cantor, Briseida Lemos-Santos, Helmiro Garcia and Francisco Arevalo; (back) Gwynever Gray, Gunner Davenport, Florida Castillo, Enrique Frias, Valeria Molina-Lozano and Richard Rivera.



First graders with good classroom conduct were (from left) Ana Cruz, Esli Lupercio, Colson Stevens, Katelyn Sims and Honesti Redden. Not pictured: Natalee Tawes.



Taking responsibility were third graders (front, from left) Saulido Alamia, Makaya Lee and Uriel Vasquez; (back row) Brittany Baker, Diego Luna, Dilverto Lopez-Gutierrez and Caden Lumley. Not pictured: Julius Briseno.



Fourth graders with good citizenship included (front row, from left) Cesar Hernandez-Flores, Amy Darty, Marvin Mejia Chavez and Eboni Baker; (back) Ivan Trevino, Kynzi Trevino, Aidan Driggers and Karla Ramos.



Fifth-grade students displaying leadership qualities were (from left) Alianna Martinez, Daniel Rodriguez, Canyia Simmons, Alexis Escamilla, Johanna Macedo and Jazmin Reyes-Ochoa.

HONOR ROLL Bowling Green Elementary Third Quarter

KINDERGARTEN

A
Mailen Cruz-Ruiz
Tristan Fleurimond
Bella Median
Benjamin Lopez
Ariana Rivera
Edna Sotelo
Eyleen Maldonado-
Jaimes
Klowie Rodriguez
Kielne Adcox
Iliana Belmarez
Laremy Dickey
Sadi McQuaig
Wesley Wright

A/B
Nevaeh Bass
Adaia Gomez-
Martinez
Baylie Goodwin
Jaspen Gordon
Alexis Hopkins
Ernesto Munoz-
Hernandez
Milagros Peralta
Ricardo Castillo
Ingrid Duarte
David Guerrero
Leileni Hernandez
Aidan Mouldin
Danica Fennell
Aviviana Rivera
Christopher Iniguez
Emilio Maldonado-
Jaimes
Angel Merales-Cruz
Corina Gutierrez
Amber-Rose Haines
Natasha Mather
Skylinn Powell
Hilano Ramirez-
Garcia

FIRST GRADE
A
Vanessa Cepeda
Alexandra Lugo
Esli Lupercio
Anahi Rojo
Kenyan Williams
Karyna Gomez
Bodhi Derringer

A/B
Ana Cruz
Jesus Gasper
Tomas Hernandez
Jayda Kilpatrick
Justice Lara
Eddie Picazo

Monica Solis
Moises Tovar
Bethany Darty
Ashley Esquivel
Brody Matthews
Xzaiver Robinson
Rey Sanchez-Cruz
Rebekha Sandoval
Colson Stevens
Natalee Tawes
Keidren Young
Anahi Arana-Arzale
Natalie Arvizu
Leviy Avila-Victoria
Diego Calvillo
Malillanhy
Cervantes
Iris DeLuna
Tatiana Eures
Daniela Gutierrez-
Robles
Viviana Hurtado-
Dominguez
Roberto Magana-
Navarrete
Brielle Median
Noah Murray
Honesti Redden
Alani Robles
Katelyn Sims

SECOND GRADE
A
Enrique Frias
Jaylee Rios
Amberly Trejo
William Lopez-
Caceres

A/B
Gabriella Flores
Lourdes Ramirez-
Mendoza
Elizabeth Roblero-
Cruz
Christian Valadez
Bryan Cantor
Briseida Lemus-
Santos
Addison Miller
Cylee Murphy
Jaquelin Romero-
Serrano
Jayla Bass
Abygail Adams
Gwynevere Grey
Fabiola Gutierrez-
Robles

THIRD GRADE
A
Jesse Nunez

Diego Valdiviez
A/B
Isabella Alcantar
Leslie Alvarenga-
Rodriguez
Caiden Bridges
Juan Chirinos-
Ramirez
Ava Driggers
Cameron Ewquivel
Kyleigh Ford
Ariana Gonzalez
Franchesca
Hernandez-
Figueroa
Madelin Hernandez-
Jose
Makaya Lee
Samiyah Singleton
Jha'Lana Spurlock
Uriel Vasquez
Rebecca Bravo
Dylan Flores
Elizabeth Ramirez
Vanessa Tovar-
Sanchez
Juan Velasco-Paz
Gerardo Arvizu
Alexander Cruz
Brittany Baker
Rafael Lopez
Diego Luna
Christopher Martin
Jamyia Parker
Richard Rivera
Andrea Rodriguez
Analilia Sandoval
Andy Abrego-
Ambriz
Brandon DeJesus-
Martinez
Kirstyn Faulkner
Dilverto Lopez-
Gutierrez
Gabriela Torres
Lindsey Trevino

FIFTH GRADE
A/B
Caitlin Knarr
Marcelino Rios
Canyia Dior
Simmons
Ezmeralda Alamia
Francisco Arreola
Jessica Bautista-
Lopez
Egiselle Ewquivel
Tony Fields
Romeo Flores
Alessandra
Hernandez-
Figueroa
Lourdes Ramirez-
Mendoza
Efrén Hernandez-
Jose
Cecilia Lara
Brenda Lopez-
Ramos
Johanna Macedo
Jazmin Reyes-Ochoa
Hugo Rodriguez-Paz
Carlos Rubio
Fermin Velasco-
Martinez

FOURTH GRADE
A
Milagros
Covarrubias
Uziel Velasco-
Martinez
Maryah McCoy
Makaelah Sanchez

A/B
Eboni Baker
Ryan Lanham
Kymorrah Thomas
Santiago Alamia

Amariah Garza
Cesar Hernandez-
Flores
Ashley Perez-Avila
Julio Tavares
Julio Velasco-Lopez
Beyonce Juarez
Dakoda McQuaig
Angel Robles
Neida Rodriguez
Michael Avila
Raul Cruz
Aiden Driggers
Joycelyn Eures
Elio Flores
Karolina Gonzalez
Sahara Grey
Jennifer Lopez
Karla Ramos
Alejandro Rodriguez
Miguel Rodriguez
Natalie Rodriguez
Gisel Maldonado
Nicholas Sims
Jevon Valadez

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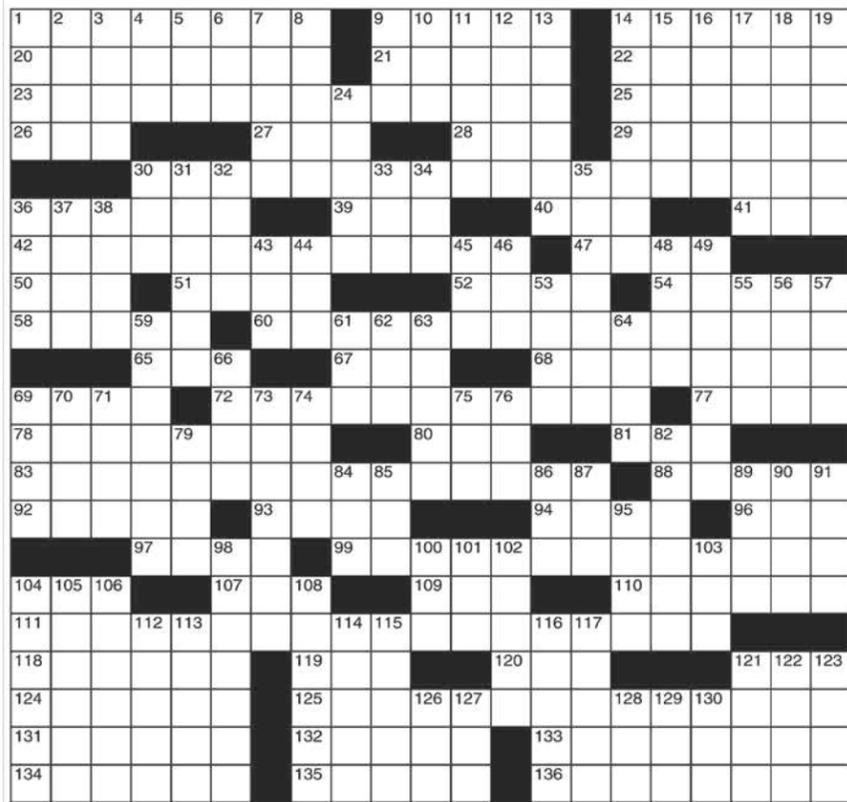
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Super Crossword

COLLECTION OF SHADES

- ACROSS**
- 1 In addition to
 - 9 Like racist or sexist jokes
 - 14 Small country in Europe
 - 20 Kellogg's cereal
 - 21 As thin as —
 - 22 Gotten up from bed
 - 23 Certain Burgundy fruit
 - 25 Small
 - 26 Regular: Abbr.
 - 27 Bullring yell
 - 28 W-2 expert
 - 29 Belfast's county
 - 30 Cheesy Italian dish
 - 36 First emperor of Brazil
 - 39 Pigeon's call
 - 40 Airline serving Oslo
 - 41 Honshu coin
 - 42 Annual Calgary or Rochester celebration
 - 47 Suffix with 119-Across
 - 50 Jackie's #2
 - 51 Texter's "Then again ..."
 - 52 "— penny, pick it up ..."
 - 54 Still-life fruit
 - 58 Sam of "The Piano"
 - 60 Very shy sort
 - 65 Ending for cyan
 - 67 British rocker
 - 68 Most indigent
 - 69 Have too much of, for short
 - 72 The 1890s' nickname
 - 77 See
 - 71-Down
 - 78 Any of 12 pontiffs
 - 80 Two-base hit: Abbr.
 - 81 That gal
 - 83 What playing kids "go round"
 - 88 Expand upon
 - 92 Not as daft
 - 93 Hairy twin in the Bible
 - 94 Garr of film
 - 96 "Ni-i-ice!"
 - 97 — do-well (idle person)
 - 99 Suspect in Clue
 - 104 Charade
 - 107 — Fridays (restaurant)
 - 109 Wriggling fish
 - 110 Post-teens
 - 111 1951 Alec Guinness comedy
 - 118 Left fielder Minnie
 - 119 Tearful
 - 120 Tear's place
 - 121 Zero in
 - 124 Ink-squirting creatures
 - 125 Whoopi Goldberg film that's apt for this puzzle
 - 131 Israeli money
 - 132 "St. — Fire"
 - 133 Least quiet
 - 134 Albanian city
 - 135 Jr.-year exams
 - 136 Singers Frank and Nancy
 - 137 Ireland, to the Irish
 - 138 Ovid's 552
 - 143 Dawn goddess
 - 144 "Be quiet!"
 - 145 Invite
 - 146 Maui garland
 - 148 Verbalized
 - 149 No longer edible
 - 153 City of central Sicily
 - 155 Appeal
 - 156 For fear that
 - 157 Kin of -kin
 - 159 Tackles, e.g.
 - 161 Gun, as an engine
 - 162 Suffix with opal
 - 163 Tropical tern
 - 164 Signs made by winners
 - 166 Runner Zatopek
 - 169 Chooses
 - 170 Qatari capital
 - 171 With 77-Across, not closing early, as a store
 - 173 Inn in France
 - 174 Employs
 - 175 Taper off
 - 176 Gulager of "The Killers"
 - 179 Unblemished
 - 182 Flattop, e.g.
 - 184 Sharp knock
 - 185 Karel Capek sci-fi play
 - 186 Aves.
 - 187 "For — a jolly ..."
 - 189 Voodoo —
 - 190 Hype up
 - 191 Measures of resistance
 - 195 Gallivant
 - 198 French "Presto!"
 - 100 Atop, in odes
 - 101 Jewish cry of disgust
 - 102 Architect Saarinen
 - 103 Alehouse
 - 104 Maximally
 - 105 Overly stylish
 - 106 Person camping out, often
 - 108 Foot part
 - 112 "Don't — gift horse in the mouth"
 - 113 Quaking tree
 - 114 Writer Roald and actress
 - 115 Stalk swelling
 - 116 City south of Dijon
 - 117 "Vive —!" (French cry)
 - 121 Imitator
 - 122 Rick Blaine's love, in film
 - 123 Citi Field baseballers
 - 126 Folding bed
 - 127 Old spy org.
 - 128 Lapel insert
 - 129 D.C.'s land
 - 130 Slowing, in music: Abbr.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't waste your time and energy fretting over remarks you consider unnecessary or unkind. Best advice: Ignore them, and just keep doing your usual good job.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting that new perspective on a workplace situation could lead to a solution everyone will accept. Meanwhile, make time to keep up with your creative pursuits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those changes you planned to implement in early summer might need to be reassessed. But don't make any moves until you've discussed this with someone you trust.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspects favor harmony, making this a good time to work out problems in relationships — whether personal or professional, big or small. An old friend comes back.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) While you're still riding that high-powered beam, you might begin to lose focus by week's end. Could be that you'll need to do a little cat-napping to restore your spent energies.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected development creates a lot of excitement. Where it takes you is your decision. Check out the possibilities, then decide if you want to go with it or not.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although your supporters help you squash an unfair claim against you, don't let this go unchallenged. You need to learn more about the motives of those behind it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There still are some tasks to clear up by midweek. Then you can welcome the new month on a high note. A friend brings surprising but very welcome news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might want to change your plans before they're set in cement. Consider advice from colleagues. But remember that, ultimately, it's your choice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A difficult situation is working itself out. Linger problems should be resolved by week's end, allowing the Goat to enjoy a calmer, less stressful period.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful not to move so quickly that you miss possible warning signs that could upset your plans. Slow down. Your supporters will continue to stand by you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your generosity in sharing your time and wisdom with others leads to an intriguing development that could have you considering some interesting choices.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of influencing people to be and do their best. You would make an excellent teacher.

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pancake is added. 2. Cuff is added to sleeve. 3. Spatula is smaller. 4. Tongue is showing. 5. Cap is larger. 6. Salt and pepper shakers are moved.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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÷	x	-		
+	+			17
x	+	x		
x	-			13
12	17	15		

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
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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

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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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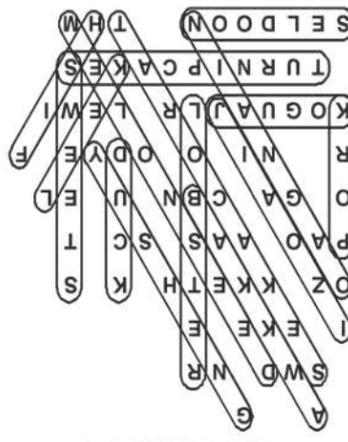
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Answers

Go Figure!

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

Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

After you've had several adult beverages on a flight, you'll probably be feeling no plane.

Answers

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— Unknown author

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Super Crossword

Letter To The Editor

God Showed Me How To Avoid A Traffic Crash

Dear Editor:

Most of us have had to make quick decisions at one time or another. Some may have been in emergency situations.

For me, I've had more than my share of close calls on the roads because of other drivers or just careless mistakes, and I could always make a quick decision to avoid an accident.

However, there is one specific incident when I was not able to decide what to do in the face of an accident on the road.

Where to go? Which way to steer? How to avoid a crash? I saw no logical way to be safe! I absolutely did not know what to do!

It was a sunny afternoon as I drove west on a rural, two-lane road in Hardee County. Although the traumatic incident happened years ago, it remains clear as though it happened yesterday. In fact, that experience affected me for nearly a year.

A small car came toward me at an unusually slow speed. Behind it was a semi-truck which rounded a distant curve at a high speed. I drove on watching as the truck neared the trunk of the car and began to brake to avoid not running over the car.

Clouds of black smoke from brake dust and hot rubber poured from the tires of the truck, and I began to tap my brakes. At least the truck wasn't pulling a trailer. The extra weight would have shoved it on top of the car.

The next few seconds pushed me into a panic mode,

and it became difficult to breathe as I saw the truck swerve over into my lane and fall over onto the driver's side. So then the car and the fallen truck were both headed toward me.

Change lanes? I couldn't. Hit the grass on the right side? I couldn't go there either because the truck seemed to be sliding on a right angle toward the grass. There was nowhere for me to turn.

Then I was braking hard, and my vehicle bounced on the asphalt. I had to be careful and then noticed the smell of burnt rubber and brake dust filling my SUV.

Then, with only seconds left to decide what to do, I did not have an answer as our three vehicles came closer and closer together.

Suddenly, I knew I had an option! I called to God, "Take this steering wheel. I don't know where to go!"

And the voice came, "Go straight. Do not turn. Hold the wheel straight." It repeated, "Go straight." So I did. My hands gripped the wheel, and I held it straight.

A split second later, the car passed me on the left side, and the truck, on its side, slid past me on my right side and landed in the grass where I had debated to turn.

It seemed suicidal to stay in the middle of the road and take my chances, but I had to trust God's answer to my call for help.

Carol Cowing
Winter Haven

Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Hungarian psychiatrist Thomas Stephen Szasz who made the following sage observation: "If you talk to God, you are praying. If God talks to you, you have schizophrenia."

- That iconic symbol of the Old West, the Pony Express, was based on the mail system used throughout the Mongol Empire in the 13th century. However, the Mongol riders often covered 125 miles in a single day, which was faster than the best record held by a Pony Express rider.

- Someone with way too much spare time discovered that a quarter has 119 grooves on its edge.

- What's in a name? A great deal, it turns out, if you're talking about housing prices. Those who study such things say that a house on a "boulevard" is valued at over one-third more than the same house that has "street" in its address.

- Confectioner Milton Hershey suffered through founding two candy companies that ended in failure, then succeeded on his third attempt, and finally sold that company and used the proceeds to found the Hershey Company. After all his hard work, though, he seemed to be less interested in enjoying the fruits of his labors than in helping others. In 1909 he established the Hershey Industrial School for Orphaned Boys, and 10 years later he donated control of the company to a trust for the school. Today the institution is called the Milton Hershey School, and it continues to have a controlling interest in the candy company.

- Southern California has more cars than India has cows. If cows are sacred in India, what does that say about how Californians feel about their automobiles?

Thought for the Day:
"Men are not against you; they are merely for themselves."
—Gene Fowler

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SLIME TIME

COURTESY PHOTOS • MONTAGE BY DARLENE WILLIAMS
Bowling Green Elementary Principal Kathy Clark and Assistant Principal Stuart Durasanti were recently "slimed" at the school by students who had met and exceeded their Accelerated Reader goals. Each reader was recognized and received a trophy. Karyna Gomez is shown as she collects hers. Fourth-grader Roberto Chavis Munoz (pictured) was the overall winner, with more than 200 books and a 95 percent average on his tests. Roberto got to pop the balloon to see what "fate" the administration would endure to show their appreciation for his accomplishment. The balloon said "SLIME!"

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SUPERSTAR STUDENTS

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The faculty, staff and kids at Wauchula Elementary School dressed up as superstars recently to remind third through fifth graders to show their talent on the upcoming Florida Standards Assessment, a state exam is administered at the end of each school year. The paparazzi were even there to photograph the many superstars!

'Cats Track & Field Win 4 District Titles

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Four Wildcats returned home from the Class 2A District 9 tournament at Wesley Chapel's Cypress Creek High School with individual district titles last Thursday (April 12).

Oscar DeJesus, a junior at Hardee Senior High School, claimed the individual title in boy's pole vault.

Seeded in the middle of the pack with a 2.89m effort, DeJesus leapt for the win in the finals as he claimed the title with a 3.15m lift.

Ebony Lami, a freshman, earned an individual title in the girls 300m hurdles. Lami qualified for the finals with a 50.42 effort. She bested her time by for than a second to win the title with a 49.39 time.

Alexis Benjamin-Graham successfully defended her 2017 district titles in shot put and discuss.

Setting a new school record in discus, Benjamin-Graham won the event with a distance of 35.60 (116-09).

Benjamin-Graham won the shot put event with a 11.32m (37-01.75) effort.

Twenty-one student-athletes are now moving to regional competition at Cypress Creek High School in Wesley Chapel on April 25.

Qualifiers include: Sophie Allen (pole vault); Mariela Badillo (pole vault); Oscar DeJesus (pole vault); Jesula Charles (triple jump); Benjamin-Graham (shot put, discus); Dristen Newcomb (discus); Tyler Steedley (discus); Colin Barton (discus); Jessica Pascual (400m); Mer-

cedes Cisneros (100m hurdles); Samuel Louis (110m hurdles); Lamy (300m hurdles); Katie Brandeberry (300m hurdles); Tatiana Mier (3200m).

Louis, James Pearson, Ivan Rodriguez, and Dalton Kiella are advancing with the 4x400m relay team; Pascual, Nubia Gomez, Lamy, and Brandeberry are advancing with the 4x400m relay team; Gomez, Mier, Yennifer Nunez, and Ingrid Mendoza are advancing with the 4x800m relay team; and Pearson, Zack Durastanti, Rodriguez, and Roberto Gutierrez are advancing with the 4x800m relay team.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Girls 100m Dash: 15th, Acheline Delhomme, 14.22; 17th, Marisela Duran, 15.04; 19th, Marley Ureste, 15.54; and 20th, Maria Gutierrez, 16.20.

Girls 200m Dash: 11th, Acheline Delhomme, 29.62; 14th, Jalynn Thompson, 30.39; and 19th, Rola Hijaz, 23.92.

Girls 400m Dash: 3rd, Jessica Pascual, 1:05.09; 15th, Jesula Charles, 1:13.79; and 19th, Adela Rojas, 1:22.54.

Girls 800m: 8th, Yennifer Nunez, 2:51.84; 9th, Ingrid Mendoza, 2:54.27; and 13th, Jaqueline Galarza, 3:03.05.

Girls 1600m: 6th, Tatiana Mier, 6:07.73; 13th, Amy Gutierrez, 6:46.78; and 14th, Laura Ramos, 6:47.55.

Girls 3200m: 3rd, Tatiana Mier, 13:41.74; 7th, Amy Gutierrez, 15:22.36; and 8th, Kareli Plata, 15:34.66.

Girls 100m Hurdles: 3rd,

Jennifer Lopez, 19.13; 4th, Mercedes Cisneros, 19.16; 5th, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 19.75; and 9th, Veronica Molina, 21.65.

Girls 300m Hurdles: 1st, Ebony Lami, 49.39; 4th, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 57.26; 6th, Jennifer Lopez, 55.93; and 9th, Mercedes Cisneros, 1:00.72.

Girls 4x400m Relay: 2nd, Hardee (Jessica Pascual, Nubia Gomez, Ebony Lami, Katie Brandeberry), 4:29.77.

Girls 4x800m Relay: 3rd, Hardee (Nubia Gomez, Tatiana Mier, Yennifer Nunez, Ingrid Mendoza), 11:06.46.

Girls High Jump: 8th, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 4-05.00.

Girls Long Jump: 7th, Jalynn Thompson, 13-09.00; 8th, Jennifer Lopez, 13-00.00; 11th, Ebony Lami, 12-05.50; and 19th, Jesula Charles, 11-02.75.

Girls Triple Jump: 4th, Jesula Charles, 30-02.25; 6th, Mercedes Cisneros, 29-06.25; and 7th, Jennifer Lopez, 28-10.50.

Girls Pole Vault: 2nd, Sophie Allen, 7-04.50; 4th, Mariela Badillo, 6-10.75; 6th, Nubia Gomez, 6-10.75; and 8th, Daisy Badillo, 6-00.00.

Girls Discus: 1st, Alexis Benjamin-Graham, 116-09.00; 4th, Dristen Newcomb, 82-03.00; 18th, Cassidy Wallace, 56-06.00; and 19th, Maria DeLoera, 51-05.00.

Girls Shot Put: 1st, Alexis Benjamin-Graham, 37-01.75; 7th, Brilyance Augustus, 26-07.25; 11th, Dristen Newcomb, 24-00.25; and 19th, Lilliana Ramos, 19-09.75.

Boys 100m Dash: 21st, See 'CATS B7



PHOTOS BY TOM STAIK

Alexis Benjamin-Graham successfully defended her district title in the shot put.



Sophie Allen's effort in the pole vault netted a second place finish and a trip to regional competition.



Dristen Newcomb takes her turn at the discus.



Jalyn Thompson makes her landing in the long jump.

Cherry Wins Saturday Fight

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

After nearly a year without a professional bout, Edner Cherry returned to the ring on Saturday (April 14) in Minneapolis, Minn., to defeat Dennis Galarza in a 10-round lightweight challenge.

"I'm still at it," Cherry told The Herald-Advocate prior to the bout.

The 35-year-old Cherry (37-7-2, 19 KOs) won the fight with scores of 97-93, 96-94, and 96-94.

Ten years older than Galarza (16-3, 9 KOs), Cherry gained steam as the fight progressed before dominating the final five rounds.

Cherry, of Wauchula, is hoping to land "2-3 fights this year."

"Hopefully they can keep me busy," Cherry said.

Cherry continues to train in St. Petersburg

in hopes of landing a world title belt.

"Hopefully later this year I can get a world title fight," Cherry said. "That is what I am seeking."



Edner Cherry



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Cherry returned to the ring Saturday to defeat Dennis Galarza in a 10-round lightweight challenge.

- HARDEE LIVING -

6 HHS Students Audition For Wednesday Musicales Scholarships



Lynn Landskroner gave the invocation and sang "The Haven of Rest."



Federation Collect was led by Marilyn Strickland at Wauchula Wednesday Musical on April 11 at Hardee School Board auditorium.



James Stallings introduced the program singers. Not pictured is Musicales President Dr. Sylvia Collins. Other officers are George Wilson, first vice president; Stallings, second vice president; Arnell Waldron, secretary; and Ray Gill, treasurer.



Brilyance Augustus sang "Lay Me Down."



Rebecca King sang "Valerie."



David Radford played piano for the singers.



Graciela Silvan sang "Someone Like You."



Destany Mendiola sang "It Is Well." The next program will be Monday, May 7, at 5 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Wauchula. The theme is International Music.



Tori Ibarra sang "Kissing in Cars." For more information about the Musicales call 773-3553.



Marissa Adams sang "Simple Man."

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TORCH RUN



COURTESY PHOTO

Today (Thursday) is the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics along Main Street in downtown Wauchula. Here, members of the Hardee County Professional Firefighters Union present a check to Sheriff Arnold Lanier for \$300 for Special Olympics. They donated the money to buy Torch Run shirts for the special needs participants and to raise funds. T-shirts are selling for \$15. Contact law enforcement assistant Kim Pfeiffer at the Sheriff's Office at 773-0304, extension 229, to get your shirt. Shown in the photo are (from left) Paramedic/Firefighter Sean Testerman, union president Lt. James Simpson, Lanier and EMT/Firefighter Cameron Durham.

Roundup

Housing Program Meeting Tuesday

The Hardee County State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 5:50 pm at the Hardee County Courthouse Annex, 412 West Orange St, Rm 202, Wauchula.

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend; new members are being recruited. The facility is accessible for disabled individuals. Any disabled person needing to make special arrangements should contact Community Development / Phone 773-6349 at least five days prior to the meeting.

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HARDEE LIVING DEADLINE IS THURSDAY AT 5 PM

4-City News

By Henrietta Benson
448-6737

The continuation of Pastor Eugene Hollimon's 14th annual celebration, church family worship service, was Sunday.

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, the Rev. Larry Polk, pastor, of Arcadia, rendered the April 8 in Zolfo Springs anniversary service at St. Paul M.B. Church for Pastor Hollimon.

Bro. Donald Nicholson had to make a trip to New Jersey to attend the funeral of his grandson.

My mother, who passed on May 29, 2013, to be with the Lord, if she had lived, on April 2 she would have been 92 years old. Miss her much.

Ollie B. Daniels of Miami, John Corbett, Jeanette Daniels, Gloria Faulk, John Henry Peterson, Mae Robinson, Gladys C. Whithers, Evelyn Martin and others of Hardee County attended the celebration of life for Mary Sue Clemons on Saturday, March 31, at Freedom Fellowship Baptist Ministries, Dr. Rev. Sharon T. Goodman, pastor, in Arcadia.

Viewing was at 10 a.m., with selection by Life Changing Experience Baptist Church; Minister Jaccaric Simons, invocation; Scripture Reading Old Testament by Minister Paul Woodall; and New Testament by Minister Jerome Fain. Sis. Lashonda Williams rendered a poem, Sis. Sharon Harris a solo. Words of comfort by Pastor Ricky Kin.

Mary Sue Clemons, the daughter of Great Heart Brown and Mary Lee Robinson, was born in Jemison, Ala., on Nov. 3, 1933, with sunset March 25, 2018.

She went to Alabama State University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in 1950, then Master's Degree at the University of South Florida in library science in 1975. She was employed at Smith Brown School in Arcadia for three years, a teacher in Hardee County and a librarian at Lillian R. Brown School 1955-1966, and remained employed for a total of 39 years and 11 months in the Hardee school system, also serving as director of Chapter One.

Matthew Clemons, Jordan Polk, Freddie Simons, Elijah Williams, James Faison and Van Faison were active pallbearers. Life Changing Experience Church Choir and friends of the family were flower attendants. Interment was in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Arcadia. Repast in the fellowship Hall at Freedom Fellowship Baptist Ministries.

Jace K. Greene had surgery last Monday at Nemours Children Hospital in Orlando and is at home recovering.

Chester Grove MB Church and Pastor T. Lancaster will render the 3 p.m. service in Arcadia at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 101 S. Orange Ave., on Sunday.

First Baptist Institutional Church's celebration of its 20th anniversary of the Rev. Alex Harper Sr. and First Lady in Lakeland was last week.

The Community Support Group meeting was April 9 at New Mt. Zion Church Fellowship Hall.

Central Florida Ridge League of Cities was in Lake Alfred for the April meeting and Aloha Dinner last Thursday.

Bus Driver/Tutor Appreciation Day is coming up April 25, Wednesday, with breakfast, games, bingo and end with lunch. Thanks to all the school bus drivers and tutors for your daily service, "Protection, Safety and Care for Each Student."

Remember the sick: Ollie B. Budgess at home, Thelma Reddicks, Walter Daniels, Tony Camacho, Jace Greene, E. White and Tommie Underwood.

City-Wide Revival in Fort Meade started Tuesday and runs through Friday, nightly at 7. Host church is Beulah MB Church, the Rev. Lewis Shepherd, pastor. All are welcome.

Edner and Elizabeth Cherry left Tuesday for Minneapolis, Minn., where he competed in a boxing match. Cherry weighed in at 133.4 pounds on April 12. The fight was Friday night and he won!

Happy birthday to my dear friends Tracy Williams and G.L. Ryals. Both birthdays were on April 15.

The Bowling Green Recreation Committee met Tuesday, April 10, at the Train Depot.

Colette Greene and Chiquita Robinson were last Thursday visitors in Sarasota. Chiquita had a doctor appointment, and they had a late lunch at Der Dutchman.

Bowling Green City-Wide Mission will be at St. John AME Church this coming Monday at 5 p.m.

Deepest sympathy to the Christian Martinez family in his passing.

Prayers for our troops and nation.

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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 '00s
April 17, 2008

Smart Spending: Carolyn Hendry Wyatt's "LifeLinks" column this month gives advice on how to use your "economic stimulus rebate" during tax season. Several suggestions include, but are not limited to, catching up on bills, paying extra or paying down any credit-card debt, and investing for your or your children's futures. If these may not apply, buy something you need or something for the whole family's pleasure.

3 Cheers: Pop Warner cheerleader Lark Lukawski of



Limestone has been selected to compete for the All-American national cheerleading award in California. The sixth-grader is one of 38 students in her grade from across the country. To

qualify for this event, students must maintain at least a 96 percent grade-point average.

Luxurious Life: This newly constructed home is on sale for

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THANK YOU

Our hearts are full of gratitude when we say "Thank You" to family, friends, and neighbors for your many expressions of kindness and sympathy after the loss of our beloved mother, Gay Albritton.

Special thanks to Gary Moore for his beautiful tribute and to our Ft. Green Baptist Church family for providing such a comforting meal.

Sincerely
Marie, Temptie, and Beth

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HARDEE LIVING

Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green! Our community was deeply saddened by the untimely death of Christian Martinez, a member of our church. He would have graduated in May. Christian was a hard worker. He made his final journey early Saturday morning. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

In case you do not know him, he is Margie Albritton's grandson. At church Sunday night they announced his visitation will be Saturday at 11 with the service at noon, and then burial in Fort Green Baptist followed by the church feeding the family in the fellowship hall.

Faye Davis called me yesterday and was talking about him visiting in her home when the youth went on their mission trip last summer to North Carolina.

On a happy note, the cookbooks are supposed to be ready on Homecoming Day, May 6. The committee will give the price then, and reports they are nice books in, I believe, a three-ring binder. Two of the first recipes were from Helen Wood, and she has been looking forward to the publication date for some time.

Everyone was delighted to see Shaun Casey at church Sunday.

Helen Albritton called me early Sunday morning to advise she was sick but Debbie Noah was coming to church and for me to look out for her. She sat with me, and said she plans to come back as often as possible. She lives in Bradenton and has a strenuous work schedule, but said she might be able to come on Wednesday.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Nor-

man Hunt, who made his final journey last Friday. There will be a memorial service in Wauchula on this Friday at the First Baptist Church. The visitation begins at 3 followed by the service at 4 p.m.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Genice Moye Bennett on the home-going of her husband, Ray. He had been sick for a long time. There will be a memorial service at New Zion Baptist in the future.

Angie Coker Sonnier and family have moved to Tennessee. Little Addie is the apple of grandparents Danny and Connie Coker's eye. I feel confident the highways will be kept hot going to visit Addie and, of course, the parents. We will definitely miss them.

Punk Albritton is still in the Sarasota hospital. Cindy Williams was back in the hospital but could have been released by now. Wayne Seminole is still sick even though he is out of the hospital. Joey and William Taylor are both out of the hospital but still have a long road ahead of them. They were the ones burned in the four-wheeler explosion. Wesley Smith is suffering with an infection now, and we are all praying he will get well enough to return to work, his ardent desire. Please pray for these and others that are still on our prayer list.

An old friend called me last week to wish us a happy 20th wedding anniversary. We talked for a long time, and I reminisced that she visited my mama when she was in the nursing home in Bartow. That really was special, as mama could not talk, walk or eat. I always thank the Lord every morning when I get out of bed

that I can do those three things and that I know the Lord.

Ruby came to my 60th birthday and then to Sherman and my wedding, and Jacksonville is not next door! I met Ruby when I worked at Prudential. She has remained a good friend over the years, visiting us when my late husband, Kay, was alive and now that Sherman and I are together. My mama always said that after school, the way you met and made friends was at work or church. As usual, "Mama was right!"

The rib fest, the youth fundraiser, has been moved to April 28 so there is still time to get a ticket from any of the youth.

The ladies senior luncheon will be next Thursday, April 26, at Fort Green Baptist. This is a great time and well worth attending. Seldom, do you get to attend a function where everything is decorated beautifully, food prepared without any help from you and then a great devotion. There is a list in the church foyer to sign so they can be sure and prepare sufficient food.

Terry Miller coordinated the tickets for "The Story of Jesus" that several attended last Friday night, and did a super job. The seats for Helen and me were on the third row right by the steps where you could hold onto the rail. A couple of the ladies were on the first row, which was better for them, and the rest sat on the third or fourth row. It was a great time of fellowship, and one of the best parts is that Lee and Chrysta Chancey drove us old folks!

Hazel Farwell called me the other day wanting to know if I remembered the name of a

Farm Bureau representative that lived in the panhandle, but used to come to Hardee County quite often. He was actually governor of Florida for one day, but that is another story. If you go to Cracker Country at the Tampa fair you can see his name on the governors' photos and time in office.

I was able to suggest someone who could help her. She was always active in the homemakers clubs in Hardee County and sorry they are no longer active. She moved to Arcadia after the death of her husband, Ray. She said Ray went on a trip to Pakistan with the one-day governor! She still supports 4-H.

Sherman bought a new sport coat recently and it was a famous brand name but the button holes were just sewn and not bound. A person came to Wauchula from Gainesville to show anyone interested in sewing how to make bound button holes. I made my late husband a sport coat with bound button holes. I always thought they looked better than the regular on men's coats. This was back when the county had more sewing in the county agent's office.

Please pray for each other and our nation.

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Swap Meet Set May 12 At Bowling Green Depot

The Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Committee is having a Swap Meet Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 12, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

It's time to get rid of all the excess stuff you have around the house! Booth space is available and registration forms can be downloaded on Facebook (www.facebook.com/eventsatthedepot) and are also available at the Bowling Green City Office, at 201 E. Main St.

There is a \$20 fee for a 10x20 foot booth space. You

must bring your own tent, tables and chairs and check in Friday, May 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tents can be set up that evening but everything else must be set up the next day. Set-up for the event starts at 6 a.m. on Saturday. No registrations will be taken the day of the event. You must register by Friday afternoon.

If you don't have anything to sell then just plan on coming to see if someone else's trash is your treasure. The event is free to everyone attending.

School Menu

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: cereal, yogurt parfait, pizza, juice, fruit and milk

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

THURSDAY
Breakfast: cereal, zucchini bread, chicken biscuit, juice, fruit and milk

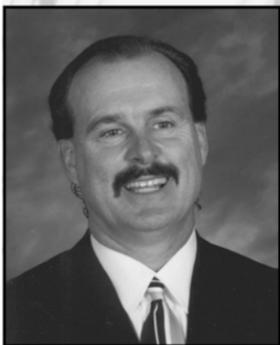
Lunch: pasta (k-12), chicken salad, PB&J (k-12), pizza (k-12), chicken nuggets (6-12), spicy chicken sandwich (6-12), garden salad, corn, garden salad (6-12), fruit and milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: cereal, yogurt w/Rockin'Ola, juice, fruit and milk

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

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Courthouse Report

COUNTY COURT

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

Justin Eugene Spiker, 36, Wauchula, and Kassie Laine Knight, 36, Wauchula.
 Roberto Christopher Rivas, 27, Wauchula, and Haley Jordan Shelton, 23, Zolfo Springs.
 Aaron J. Robinson, 32, Bowling Green, and Kalama Letrice Rodgers, 39, Bunnell.

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

The Palms Apartments vs. Aracely Perez-Torres, judgment for tenant eviction.
 Lake Wales Medical Center vs. Jenny Poblano, judgment.
 Midland Funding vs. John Mitchell, consent judgment.
 Wauchula State Bank vs.

Dora Cuevas, dismissed.
 Wauchula State Bank vs. Dustin Colburn, dismissed.
 Wauchula State Bank vs. Roberto Oropeza, dismissed.
 Wauchula State Bank vs. David L. Hill, dismissed.
 Wauchula State Bank vs. Encarnacio Ledezma, dismissed.
 Wauchula State Bank vs. Dennis Ray Waltermann, dismissed.
 Revell Inc. vs. Curtis Quimby, voluntary dismissal.

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

CIRCUIT COURT

The following civil actions were filed recently in the office of the circuit court:
 Gilberto Catalon-Palacios and Maria Catalon, divorce.
 Clint Hummon vs. Tonya

Babcock, petition for injunction for protection.
 Deisi V. Mares and the state Department of Revenue (DOR) vs. Jose Antonio Ortiz Jr., petition for child support.
 Antonio Ornelas and DOR vs. Rosario Ornelas, petition for enforcement of administrative child support order.
 Amanda Brees and DOR vs. Ova Lee Fields Jr., petition for administrative child support order.
 Heidi Daughtry and Michael Parker Daughtry, divorce.

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

Bank of New York Mellon as trustee vs. Mary Lynn Brown, Robert C. Brown and others, judgment of mortgage

foreclosure.
 Robert Rivers vs. Thelma Rivers, dismissal of injunction for protection.
 Judy Grissom vs. Paul Fulton, injunction for protection.
 Charity Santos and Pedro Santos, divorce.
 Jason Cord, Michelle Cord vs. Windmill Express and Windmill Farms Nurseries Inc., dismissed.
 Jefferson Capital Systems vs. Tamara Adams, voluntary dismissal.
 Gladys Annette Gaines and DOR vs. Charlie Frank Lee III, child support order.
 Sheena Holbrook vs. Charles Rotten, dismissal of injunction for protection.
 Wauchula State Bank vs. Maria L. Ordehi and others, voluntary dismissal.
 Jamie Rewis vs. Ashley Adams, dismissal of injunction for protection.

There was no felony criminal court as it was trial week. The following cases were settled:

Juan Alvino Castillo, arson—amended to felony criminal mischief, adjudication withheld, probation three years, restitution to fire marshal to be set, ACF class, 50 hours community service, \$2,751.17 fines, costs and fees; burning to defraud insurer and false or fraudulent insurance claim, not prosecuted.
 John Cody Vandiver, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, sale of methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine, Florida State Prison 36 months, license suspended one year, substance abuse evaluation, \$1,220 fines, costs and fees placed on lien; sale of methamphetamine, two counts unlawful use of a two-way communication device, two counts possession of a structure/vehicle for trafficking/sale or manufacture of controlled substances, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, and two counts possession of drug paraphernalia, not prosecuted.
 Wesley Petiphar, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, Florida State Prison three-year minimum/maximum and concurrent with any federal or other sentencing, \$1,320 fines, costs and fees placed on lien; attempted first degree murder, shooting into a building/vehicle, discharging a firearm on public streets and grand theft auto, not prosecuted.

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

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

Dora A. Cruz to Victory Investment Services, \$278,000.
 John P. and Candace W. Bozeman to Edward Keith and Jennifer David Labud, \$285,000.
 Justin D. Anderson to FBI Homes, \$65,000.
 Julio Mateo and Francisca Armenta Vargaz to Oscar Santiago Feliciano and Maricela Hernandez DeJesus, \$70,000.
 Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida Inc. as trustee to Isaura Figueroa, \$115,500.
 3-B Housing to Jessica Centeno, \$53,000.
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 Dipakkumar R. Patel to Krupa Suresh Ahir, \$186,600.
 Joan Hasenbank to Vincent J. and Susanne R. Morrison, \$42,000.
 Blake P. and Samantha G. Perry to Joshua B. Klein, \$93,500.
 Fred and Hilde E. Goddard to Mark and Dorothy Pohnl, \$19,000.
 RAL Heartland Properties to Manuel Ortiz, \$95,000.
 Mayela Yancey to Linda Amara, \$159,900.
 Richard W. and Judy A. Graham to Graham Income Tax Service Inc., \$136,000.
 Robin M. Black to Juan C. and Araceli V. Plata, \$15,000.
 JMJ Citrus to Francesco Lucatero and Isaura Lucatero Zamora, \$245,500.
 James H. and Julie Meyer to Anton William and Sharon M. Cihak, \$24,000.
 Ofelia Martinez to Humberto Molina and Dalila Garcia, \$32,000.
 Bayardo Detrinidad to Bayardo Detrinidad and Andres Arturo Restrepo, \$57,500.

Notices

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.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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 Naples, Florida 34102
 (239) 398-6103
 MichaelGMoore@comcast.net

Personal Representative:
 John S. Rhoden
 5340 Goodson Road
 West Jefferson, OH 43162

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 25-2018-CP-000037

IN RE: ESTATE OF

ROBERT L. HAMBRICK, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Robert L. Hambrick, deceased, whose date of death was January 9, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hardee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 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 is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is April 19, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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 Florida Bar Number: 0017957
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 Telephone: (863) 465-5033
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 E-Mail: pam@karlsonlaw.com

Personal Representative:
 Karen L. Archie
 109 Burlington Unit #4
 Chaffee, Missouri 63740

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Pursuant to F.S. 197.512
 Victoria L. Rogers
 Hardee County, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
 Tax Deed File: 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:
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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

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

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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

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

All of the property is in HARDEE County, Florida.

Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on May 16, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

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 Plaintiffs' 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

3:29-4:19c

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME ACT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of the Fictitious Name Act, Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, as amended, intends to register with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, the fictitious name of Budget Inn under which the undersigned is engaged or will engage in business at: 409 N. 6th Ave, in the City of Wauchula, Florida 33873.

That the party/parties interested in said business enterprise is/are as follows: Krupa Ahir.

Dated at Wauchula, Hardee County, Florida 33873.

Person authorizing publication: Krupa Ahir.

Dated: April 11, 2018

4:19c

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME ACT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of the Fictitious Name Act, Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, as amended, intends to register with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, the fictitious name of Davis Farm & Cattle under which the undersigned is engaged or will engage in business at: 3792 E. Main St., in the City of Wauchula, Florida 33873.

That the party/parties interested in said business enterprise is/are as follows: Paul E. Davis.

Dated at Wauchula, Hardee County, Florida 33873.

Person authorizing publication: Paul E. Davis.

Dated: April 10, 2018

4:19c

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Lady Cats Top Seed In District

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Lady Wildcats are heading into playoff season at the top of the heap.

The varsity softball squad from Hardee Senior High School (13-11, 8-0) will open the postseason on Tuesday (April 24) with a 7 p.m. home match against the Titans of Tenoroc (Lakeland) High School (1-6).

Also playing Tuesday in the opening round of the FHSAA Class 5A District 10 tournament will be McKeel (Lakeland) Academy (6-2) as they play host to the Panthers of Mulberry High School (3-4).

If Hardee wins on Tuesday, they will face either the winner of the McKeel/Mulberry match in a title game next Friday (April 27) at home.

The regular season wraps up this week.

The ladies in orange and blue will face the Bulldogs of DeSoto County High School at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) for the team's senior night.

The final game of the regular season will be Friday (April 20) as the squad travels to Braden River High School for a 6:30 p.m. game.

Hardee Blanks McKeel

The Lady Wildcats blanked McKeel in a 4-0 game held April 13.

The game remained scoreless until the top of the fifth inning.

With bases loaded, Sarah Carlton knocked a line drive to left field that allowed Alexis McBride, McKayla Benavidez, and Ashlee Patterson to cross home plate.

Carlton would record the final run of the game, bringing the score to 4-0, later in the inning as she advanced home on a passed ball while Alayna Carranco held the plate.

Hardee had seven hits and four runs in 26 at bats during the outing.

Carlton and Benavidez each had two hits, and Patterson, Carranco, and McBride each had one hit. Runs were recorded by Patterson, Carlton, McBride, and Benavidez.

Carranco held the mound for the Lady Wildcats through all seven innings and allowed eight hits and no runs while striking out five batters.

Hardee Outlasts Streaks, 9-5

In a come-from-behind win, the Lady Wildcats defeated the Blue Streaks of Sebring High in a 9-5 game held April 12.

Sebring jumped to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning.

Hardee began to battle in the top of the second inning as they cut Sebring's lead to 3-1. Carranco scored following a line drive to center field off the bat of Amari DeLeon.

Two more Wildcats runs came in the top of the third inning to tie the game 3-3. Carl-

ton scored after Carranco bunted toward the third basemen. The tie run came from Carranco following a fly ball to right field off the bat of DeLeon.

Hardee finally took the lead in the top of the fourth inning. McBride and Patterson were knocked home following a line drive to left field off the bat of Carlton, bringing the score to 5-3.

Four more Wildcat runs came in the top of the fifth inning to bring the score to 9-3. DeLeon and Lillian Salazar scored following a hard ground ball to right field off the bat of Trinity Herr. A line drive to center field off the bat of Carranco allowed Herr and Carlton to score.

The final point of the game went to Sebring in the bottom of the fifth to bring the score to 9-4.

The Lady Wildcats had 11 hits and nine runs in 31 at bats during the outing.

Carlton had three hits, DeLeon had two hits, and Patterson, Herr, Carranco, Salazar, Marisa Rodriguez, and McBride each had one hit.

Carlton and Carranco each had two runs, and Patterson, Herr, DeLeon, Salazar, and McBride each had one run.

Stephanie Derringer held the mound all seven innings for Hardee and allowed four hits and five runs while striking out three batters and throwing 93 pitches.



COURTESY PHOTO

Mallory Gough, Marissa Rodriguez, Deborah Figueroa, Makayla Benavidez, Destinee Jackson, Alexis McBride, and Alayna Carranco will be honored tonight (Thursday) at senior night for the Hardee Senior High School varsity softball team.



COURTESY PHOTOS BY STACY SMITH

Mallory Gough hitting for the Lady Wildcats.



Sarah Carlton making the out on third.



Destinee Jackson getting the out at home against McKeel Academy.



Makayla Benavidez slapping at the plate.

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Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. Who are the three official Montreal Expos in the Baseball Hall of Fame?
2. How many times did Hall of Famer Steve Carlton win at least 20 games in a season for the Philadelphia Phillies?
3. When was the last time before 2016 that the Temple Owls football team won a conference championship?
4. Golden State's Stephen Curry set a record in 2016 for most 3-pointers in a game (13). Who had held the mark of 12?
5. Who holds the NHL record for most consecutive games played?
6. Which two soccer greats have won the Ballon d'Or award as soccer's best player five times each?
7. Name any of the three horses trained by Bob Baffert that won the Breeders' Cup

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ANSWERS

1. Gary Carter, Andre Dawson and Tim Lincecum.
2. Five times -- 1972, '76, '77, '80 and '82.
3. It was 1967.
4. Kobe Bryant (2003), Donyell Marshall (2005) and Curry (2016).
5. Doug Jarvis, with 964 consecutive games played.
6. Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.
7. Bayern, 2014; American Pharoah, 2015; Arrogate, 2016.

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SPORTS DEADLINE IS THURSDAY 5PM (WEEKEND EVENT, MONDAY AT NOON)

VARSITY BASEBALL

Wildcats Blank Tenoroc, 12-0

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Wildcats of Hardee Senior High School defeated Tenoroc (Lakeland) High School in a 12-0 game in varsity baseball action April 13.

The boys in orange and blue jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning – and never looked back. Mason Block was the first Wildcat to cross home plate following a fly out to center field off the bat of Logan Cartwright. Adrian DeLeon was the final Wildcat to cross home plate in the inning following a line drive to left field by Kaleb Floyd.

Two more Wildcat runs in the top of the second brought the score to 5-0. Matt Tyson knocked a line drive to center

field that allowed Lindsey to score. Tyson scored on an error by the Tenoroc center fielder during an at bat by DeLeon.

Five more runs followed in the top of the fifth inning to lift the Hardee lead to 10-0. Floyd and Gunner Leonard scored following a ground ball to center field off the bat of Block. With bases loaded, Block was sent home as DeLeon was walked. The final two runs of the inning came from Lindsey and Tyson as they advanced on a ground ball off the bat of Cartwright.

The final two runs – putting the Wildcats up 12-0 – came in the top of the fourth inning. Dylan Davis scored after a sacrifice fly to right field off the bat of Lindsey. The final run of the game came from Block who advanced following a pop fly to right field off the bat of Isaac Badillo.

Hardee had 12 runs and nine hits in 26 at bats during the outing.

Block and Lindsey had three runs, Tyson had two runs, and DeLeon, Floyd, Leonard, and Davis each had one run.

Block and Floyd had two hits, and Lindsey, Tyson, DeLeon, Badillo, and Cartwright had one run hit each.

Pitching duties were shared by Hanchey and Lindsey. Hanchey threw 56 pitches in three innings as she struck out three batters and allowed four hits and no runs. Lindsey threw 26 pitches in one inning and allowed no hits or runs as he struck out one batter.

Highlanders Whip Cats, 10-0

The Highlanders of Lake Wales High School blanked the Wildcats in a 10-0 game held April 11.

Hardee was held to no hits in 16 at bats.

Pitching duties were shared by Floyd and Weston Schrader. Schrader pitched one inning and threw 33 pitches as he allowed three hits and two runs and struck out one batter. Floyd pitched two innings as he threw 65 pitches and allowed five hits and eight runs and struck out one batter.

The Wildcats are 14-11 overall this season. They are seated solidly in the middle of the FHSAA Class 5A District 10 standings with a 3-2 record.

There are now three games left in the regular season.

The squad will host DeSoto County High School on Friday (April 20) at 7 p.m. and Lake Wales on Monday (April 23) at 7 p.m. The final game of the regular season will be on the road on April 26 at Fort Meade at 7 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Continued From B1

Jozie St. Louis, 13.28; 22nd, Man Rivera, 13.35; and 23rd, Gabriel Arguelles, 13.56.

Boys 200m Dash: 16th, Israel Lopez, 25.74; 19th, Jozie St. Louis, 27.74; 20th, Terrence White, 28.31; and 21st, Carlos Lopez, 28.50.

Boys 400m Dash: 12th, Dalton Kiella, 55.65; 19th, James Pearson, 58.23; 24th, Man Rivera, 1:02.49; and 26th, Gabriel Arguelles, 1:06.90.

Boys 800m: 13th, Ivan Rodriguez, 2:18.19; and 16th, Miguel Velasco, 2:22.28.

Boys 1600m: 15th, Zach Durastanti, 5:28.12; and 17th, Jaime Chagoya, 5:36.01.

Boys 3200m: 6th, Roberto Gutierrez, 11:07.53; and 13th, Jaime Chagoya, 12:57.59.

Boys 110m Hurdles: 4th, Samuel Louis, 17.75; 5th, Colen Oakes, 17.81; 8th, Aaron Cook, 18.25; and 5th, Adrian Alvarez, 23.53.

Boys 300m Hurdles: 2nd, Colen Oakes, 43.57; 43.57; 7th, Samuel Louis, 47.20; 9th, Aaron Cook, 49.15; and 14th, Carlos Lopez, 52.96.

Boys 4x100m Relay: 6th, Hardee (Carlos Lopez, Myron Refoure, Israel Lopez, Noah Torres), 49.87.

Boys 4x400m Relay: 4th,

Hardee (Samuel Louis, James Pearson, Ivan Rodriguez, Dalton Kiella), 3:46.36.

Boys 4x800m Relay: 4th, Hardee (James Pearson, Zack Durastanti, Ivan Rodriguez, Roberto Gutierrez), 9:11.29.

Boys High Jump: 5th, Samuel Louis, 5-07.00; 7th, Myron Refoure, 5-05.00; 14th, Jozie St. Louis, 5-01.00; and 15th, Josh Ward, 4-11.75.

Boys Long Jump: 17th, Josh Ward, 16-11.25; 18th, Myron Refoure, 16-10.75; and 22nd, Terrence White, 14-05.25.

Boys Triple Jump: 8th, Aaron Cook, 35-07.50; 13th, Terrence White, 32-02.50; 14th, Carlos Lopez, 30-00.25.

Boys Pole Vault: 1st, Oscar DeJesus, 10-04.00; 6th, Noah Torres, 9-04.25; 7th, Zack Durastanti, 8-10.25; and 10th, Miguel Velasco, 6-10.75.

Boys Discus: 2nd, Tyler Steedley, 126-01.00; 3rd, Collin Barton, 120-05.00; 7th, Marcus Sambrano, 110-03.00; and 12th, Ariel Whitters, 99-09.00.

Boys Shot Put: 6th, Ariel Whitters, 38-08.25; 7th, Marcus Sambrano, 37-10.75; 9th, Dustin Willis, 35-11.25; and 18th, Adrian Alvarez, 28-09.75.



PHOTOS BY TOM STAIK

Adrian Alvarez makes an attempt at shot put.



Maria DeLeora takes her turn at discus.



Dustin Willis follows through after releasing the shot put.



Jennifer Lopez comes in for a landing in the long jump.



Kassidy Wallace prepares for her spin at discus.



Miguel Velasco goes into his lift in the pole vault.



Ebony Lamy makes an attempt at the long jump.



Brilyance Augustus makes her attempt at shot put.

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10 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in burley tobacco and straw in Surry County, North Carolina, for H&L Tobacco, LLC with work beginning on or about 05/26/2018 and ending on or about 01/31/2019. 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 - Surry County, 541 West Pine Street, Suite 300, Mount Airy, NC 27030, (336) 786-4169, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10842536. EOE. H-300-18087-484836. cl4:19c

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Peavy's Ponderings

By Jonell Peavy

Sugar Possum of the late Truman Thomas

This is the second time I have written my column from a hospital room. My medications I take at home were not working. I was admitted so I could be treated via IV. I've been here three days and will be sent home with an IV, which I will have for three weeks.

I try to look at everything that happens to me as a learning experience. I thank God for all the nurses and others who have anything to do with my care. I realize they all have lives outside of their hospital jobs, and if you are a people person as I think I am, I enjoy getting to know them and visiting and talking with them each time they come into my room.

When the charge nurse comes in to see me and asks about the care I am receiving, I always tell her how everyone goes that extra mile to make your stay in the hospital a little better--things like if your coffee gets cold in the morning they will get you another cup, and always asking if you need anything. When I go home I feel like I am leaving new friends behind.

I am so ready to go home and see my babies. For you who don't know I call my cats my babies. I know they think I have abandoned them because they are used to being with me 24-7.

When Buddy came to bring me to the hospital my stray, which I named Baby, was inside to eat. When Buddy came in he hid because he is afraid of everyone but me. I think he has been mistreated all of his life so he trusts no one but me, and it took weeks for me to gain his trust.

Never-the-less, we had to leave him inside. After leaving the hospital Buddy went back to let him outside. He found him under my bed, and he was so scared he was jumping on everything and knocking things down. Now Buddy just sees they have food and water, and Baby stays hidden until he leaves.

I guess by the time I get home he will have become a house cat, which I don't mind. He needs lots of love, and I have already learned to love him dearly.

I don't remember if I told you about my daughter calling me months ago and telling me she had a stray cat in her garage and it only had one eye. She asked me what to do. I told her to feed it and give it some water because it was probably hungry.

I'm happy to report it has a home now where everyone holds and pets it, and its favorite place to sleep is on the bed with one or the other of them. They also have three dogs, and Jack (that's what she named him) keeps them in line but mostly ignores them.

I hope if you have a stray show up at your house you will feed it, and if you can't keep it call the Humane Society. They try to find homes for them. If you call the pound they keep cats five days and then they are euthanized. I don't know how long they keep other animals.

They are always in need of volunteers, blankets, and cat and dog food at the Humane Society, so keep that in mind if you are an animal lover.

Keep me in your prayers and God bless.

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

Lagunita Harvesting, LLC is hiring 100 farmworkers to harvest vegetables in Colquitt County, GA for a temporary period from 05/22/2018 to 06/30/2018. The wages offered are the highest of \$10.95/hr. or applicable piece rates. Two (2) months verifiable experience harvesting vegetables is required. Prolonged standing, bending, stooping, and reaching required. 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. Failure to comply with the request or testing positive may result in immediate termination. All drug testing and background checks will occur during the interview process and will be conducted at the sole discretion of the employer. Must be able to lift 70lbs to shoulder height repetitively throughout the workday and able to lift and carry 70 lbs. 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 meal 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: GA2121961377. cl4:19c

Lagunita Harvesting, LLC is hiring 144 farmworkers to harvest watermelons in Lee County, GA for a temporary period from 06/01/2018 to 07/08/2018. The wages offered are the highest of \$10.95/hr. or applicable piece rates. Two (2) months verifiable experience harvesting watermelons is required. Prolonged standing, bending, stooping, and reaching required. 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. Failure to comply with the request or testing positive may result in immediate termination. All drug testing and background checks will occur during the interview process and will be conducted at the sole discretion of the employer. Must be able to lift 70lbs to shoulder height repetitively throughout the workday and able to lift and carry 70 lbs. 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 meal 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: GA2145154793. cl4:19c

V. Valencia Harvesting, Inc. is hiring 160 farmworkers to cultivate and harvest watermelon crops in Tift, Wilcox, Bibb, Turner, Worth, and Mitchell Counties in GA for a temporary period starting on 05/20/2018 and ending on 07/05/2018. The wages offered are the highest of \$10.95/hr. or applicable piece rates. Two (2) months verifiable experience harvesting watermelons is required. This job requires 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. All drug testing and background checks will occur during the interview process and will be conducted at the sole expense and discretion of the employer. Workers must be able to lift and carry 50lbs. repetitively throughout the workday. 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 meal 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: GA2162973387. cl4:19c

400 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in watermelon, hay, sweet potato, eggplant, bell pepper and tobacco in Johnston, Sampson, Duplin, Wayne, and Wilson Counties, North Carolina, for Jose M. Gracia Harvesting, Inc., farm labor contractor, with work beginning on or about 05/26/2018 and ending on or about 11/23/2018. 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 - 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 #NC10844171. EOE. H-300-18088-928925. cl4:19c



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NWES Presents P.A.W. & Cool Cat Award Winners



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North Wauchula Elementary School recently held its awards presentation ceremony for students deemed Positively Awesome Workers and Cool Cats for the third nine-weeks grading period. Kindergartners earning P.A.W. status were (front row, from left) Rosemary Hernandez, Jahayra Juarez, Ryder Cerna, Samuel Lazo and Ayden Strickland. Named Cool Cats for their good conduct in class were (second row, from left) Jazlynn Martinez, Scarlett Caley and Araceli Velasco-Hernandez; (third row) Celeste Meir, Josielynn Molina, Armando Cruz and Dadlina Pierre; (back row) Garrett Crawford, Dorian Moble, Daniel Martinez-Vasquez, Jose Bautista and Roselia Barbosa-Cigarroa. Not pictured: Ember Valdez.



Third graders named Positively Awesome Workers included (front row, from left) Savannah Steinel, Janaly Ramirez-Fernandez, Andrew Rodriguez, Remy Jacobson, Marelly Ton Cambray and Joseph Herrera. Cool Cats who stayed on task were (middle row, from left) Krysta Sandoval, Mira Ahir, Isaiah Hernandez, Joshua Hedgecock, Isabela Badillo and Johnny Huron; (back row) Ezekiel Calvillo, Carter Gordon, Kate Santiago, Mariah Mendoza, Ilmer Mendez and Joseph Herrera.



First-grade Positively Awesome Workers were (front row, from left) Elizandro Lopez, Theron Roberts, Samantha Galarza and Benjamin Huron. Cool Cats who are attentive in class included (second row, from left) Aubrey Garcia, Diana Ortega-Lopez and Kourtney Carrillo; (third row) Andres Mendoza, Abrianna Mier and Izabella Romero; (back) Jose Cruz, Valerie Juarez, Wyatt Burdeshaw and Sarah Vasquez. Not pictured: Abbigail Summerlin.



Fourth-grade Positively Awesome Workers were (from front left) Jonathan Alvarez, Alana Wyckoff, Sarah Johnson, Cody Garcia and Ana Maqueda. Cool Cats who set a good example included (middle, from left) Gabriel Fenton, Natalie Hipolito, Laryn Christian, Rumina Rivera and Christopher Tollison; (back) Jasmine Feregrino-Maqueda, Ethan Parker, Natalie Rivera, Lilia Ramos, Jasmin Vargas-Rivera and Aracely Herrada. Not pictured: Jordan Miller.



Positively Awesome Workers in the second grade were (front, from left) Brooklyn Smith, Hallie Smith, Jared Sanchez-Leal, Melanie Zavala and Gabriela Galarza. Cool Cats with good citizenship were (middle row) Sergio Duran, Destiny Hernandez, Majin Lopez, Luke Torres and Noey Santiago; (back) Karina Herrada, Sherlyn Lopez, Luis Piedad-Hernandez and Noah Newman.



Named Positively Awesome Workers for the fifth grade were (from front left) Maria Hilario, Kaitlyn Howell, Joshua Kue and Gilberto Santiago. Cool Cats who showed leadership characteristics included (second row, from left) Israel Ruiz-Lopez, Brooke Hall, Omar Ortiz Reyes and Marianna Almaguer; (third row) Alyssa Hines, Anna Guzman, Angel Ortega-Lopez and Noah Garcia; (back row) Yesenia Saldana Angel, Joshua Delarosa and Cierra Medieros. Not pictured: Caden Chance.

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Requirements: Identification
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207 N. 7th Ave Wauchula, FL 33873
Tele: 863-773-4267
Requirements: ID & Physical address (Light Bill, Lease etc.)
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Larry And His Lightning Truck

My brother-in-law Larry is a great guy. A Florida Athletic Hall of Fame High School Soccer Coach, in his 50's he discovered turkey hunting. When Larry gets interested in something, intensity is too mild a word to describe his focus. The ranch has ready-made turkey hunting habitat. Larry was hooked. Before long, he was embracing all of ranch life, including having a few cows of his own.

The only problem was, Larry had a "city" truck. A "city" truck is deceptive. The advertisements say they ride like a car and carry a load like a truck, but in truth they do neither well. "City" trucks don't clear stumps well and don't have four-wheel drive. As a result, "city" trucks get stuck - a lot.

I know this because I've had "city" trucks. A couple of them

literately among you. A good basic truck is a F-150 or a Chevy 1500, 4x4. That's what I have. It will get you where you need to go in the woods.

If you want a little more muscle for pulling, you get a F-250 or a Chevy 2500. These are working trucks. My brother Steve drives a F-250 4x4. A F-350 or Chevy 3500 is a serious truck. They are built tough and will pull just about anything you've got. The ranch truck is a F-350, and we pull a loaded stock trailer with it.

Larry was tired of having the smallest truck in the family. So, Larry bought a new 2018, F-350 Diesel 4X4 Super Crew Cab. Now if any of us got stuck, we'd call Larry. He and his monster truck would pull us out.

Larry had his truck for two weeks. He was down at the

Bay area than anywhere else on earth). The lights flickered, but they do that when you are the end of the power line. After a few minutes, Larry heard "pop," then another "pop."

He went outside to check out the odd sound and smelled smoke. In panic, he thought of his beloved new truck. He rounded the corner of the house to see his brand new, 2018 F-350 Diesel 4x4 Super Crew Cab truck with 700 miles on it, on fire. Lightning had hit the oak tree, and the truck was burning.

The ranch is 12 miles from the fire department in town. By the time the firefighters got there, Larry's new truck had burned to the ground.

When I heard the news, I sent Larry a text telling him how sorry I was. He sent a text back to me, "Thou shalt not covet. Lesson learned."

I need to tell Larry coveting is when you want something someone else has because you think it will make you somebody. Buying a big truck so you don't get stuck is not coveting.

Maybe a better scripture is "He makes the rain fall on the just and the unjust." Every bad thing that happens isn't because God is punishing you. Bad things do happen to good people. Lightning strikes the just and the unjust.

What do we do when bad things happen to us? The best thing I know to do is go to the Father and ask, "What am I supposed to learn?" Sometimes we learn God is all we need. Sometimes we learn that stuff really isn't important. Sometimes we learn God will carry us through.

Insurance should cover most of the loss. Larry will get another truck. I suspect the oak tree will live. And God will be with Larry and you and me, when rain falls, hail comes, and lightning strikes. In the end, God is enough.

PS: It never did hail.



Directions
By Clay Smith
Hardee County Native

were compact trucks, which meant they would clear an anthill on a good day. I took one of my city trucks to the ranch once and got hung up 30 feet past the gate. Once again, I had to endure the humiliation of calling for help. Pop, my brother Steve, and our foreman Richard have all had to come and pull me out.

The same thing happened to Larry. He would go down into the pasture to check his turkey feeders or his cows, and he would hang up or bog down. He got stuck at one creek-crossing so much we named it after him: "Larry's Crossing."

It must be hard to be a Hall of Famer and have to call people to pull you out. Finally, Larry had enough. Not too long ago, he told me he was getting a new truck.

Let me educate the truck il-

ranch, and a line of thunderstorms was moving through. There were warnings of hail. Larry didn't want his new truck to be hit by hail (I understand - I don't want any scratches on a new vehicle until I put them there).

The problem was the new truck wouldn't fit in the garage - too tall. We haven't repaired the tin roof at the barn since the hurricane, so the truck wouldn't be safe there. My brother Steve suggested Larry park his new truck under a hundred-year-old oak tree. The oak tree was thick and would block the hail.

Larry parked his truck in the suggested location and went in the house to wait out the storm. He heard the lightning strike close but didn't think anything of it (there are more lightning storms in the Tampa



Larry's new truck on fire from lightning strike.

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BAND-TASTIC!



COURTESY PHOTOS

Thirty-one Hardee Junior High School band students recently participated in the District 11 Solo & Ensemble Festival at Braden River High School in Bradenton. The young musicians earned a total of 29 Superior ratings and six Excellent ratings. First-period seventh and eighth graders who competed were (top photo, from front left) Cyclalaz Avila-Perez, Myia Lamy, Giselle Zuniga, Maria Munguia and Adrian Navarro; (back) Crystal Wingate, Sara Ibanez, Denis Mendieta, Acacia Brinkmann and Chris Sosa. Sixth-period seventh and eighth graders who performed were (middle photo, from front left) Deysi Salazar, Kiara Detrinidad and Lana Krell; (second row) Alicia Gonzalez, Marissa Valdez, Jaqueline Jurado and Angielita Casso; (back) Marisa Mendieta, David Orta, Caleb Ybarra, Dallas Grice and Gabriel Goff. Sixth graders who participated included beginning band members (bottom photo, from front left) Jacob Duncan, Jeremiah Alcantar, Jewel Sockalosky and Madison Hilliard; (back) Jada Altieri, Azaria Williams, Matt Duncan, Christian Avalos and Ryan Sunday.



Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

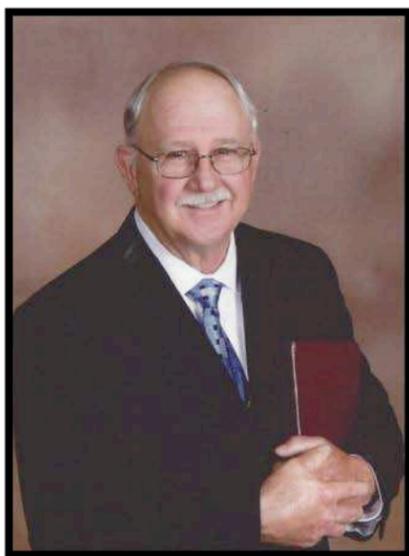
- INVENTIONS:** Who invented the first successful electric razor?
- U.S. STATES:** What is Ohio's official gemstone?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the Griffith Observatory located?
- ORGANIZATIONS:** What volunteer organization celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011?
- MEASUREMENTS:** How many gills are in a pint?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president was the heaviest?
- LITERATURE:** Who popularized the term "The Jazz Age" in a book title?
- MUSIC:** Who had a 1961 hit with the song "Hit the Road Jack"?
- GEOLOGY:** The terms "carrara" and "calacatta" refer to what type of stone?
- PROVERBS:** What is the end of the proverb that begins, "What's good for the goose ..."?

ANSWERS

- Jacob Schick
- Flint
- Los Angeles
- The Peace Corps
- Four
- William Taft weighed 332 pounds
- F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Ray Charles
- Marble
- "... is good for the gander."

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Dr. Robert Roberts

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ORANGE & BLUE REVIEW



Developing Freshman Leadership

by Kim Schraeder, HSHS Leadership Teacher

Are leaders born or created? At Hardee High School we believe leaders can be created with guidance during the most influential and developmental periods of their lives. In an effort to develop future leaders in our community, Hardee High School requires every freshman to take the ROTC or Leadership class.

There is no doubt we are living in trying times. Students today face unique challenges that no other generation has seen. It is critical for our students to learn skills to become more self-disciplined and personally responsible for their own actions, attitudes and behaviors. In Leadership, students learn that being a leader is not necessarily about being elected or popular. It is about being your personal best.

Leadership students focus on learning about, understanding, and presenting

themselves the first half of the year. Learning topics include creating good first impressions, personal values, and developing public speaking skills. The second semester of Leadership focuses on interacting with others, relationships, serving others, and developing a vision for the future.

As a Leadership teacher at Hardee High School I feel the skills my students learn are tools they will carry throughout their lives. Learning how to value and appreciate differences in others, setting high standards in life, and becoming a contributing member of society are practices worth far more than just one credit in high school. It is living a life filled with joy and purpose. This is what I hope my students gain from their year in my Leadership class.



Students Eboni Lamy, Michelle Patterson and Emery Smith learn how to tie a tie. Students learn life skills such as this in a lesson on how to make a good first impression.

HHS IN PICTURES



Hardee County Sheriff Arnold Lanier joyfully serves Enrique Gonzales, a member of the Senior Class of 2018. Each year, senior students enjoy a class luncheon organized by Diane Bryan, Media Specialist and served by local community members. This year's volunteers served an Italian themed lunch. Volunteers include: Linda Smith, Teresa Crawford, Mary Helen Robinson, Monica Stagg, Kim Alexy and Andy Bonjokian and Sheriff Arnold Lanier.



Students Skylar Tatum and Miguel Santiago work together to reframe a negative event in history. Reframing is a process where we take a negative thought or event and find something positive in it.



The Hardee Senior High School's Key Club visited our Nation's Capitol over Spring Break. Club members attended a U. S. House of Representatives session and toured the capital grounds. Pictured here in front of the National Archives Building are from Front, left to right: Alexis Neel, Jordan Sperry, Haven Gray, Maribel Rodriguez, Kaela Villegas, Yasmine Ramirez, Nelsa Sigin, Miguel Ruiz, Christopher Castaldi; Back, left to right: Aissatou Tavarez, Savannah Valletutti, Daylin Newcomb, J.C. Thomas, Siquem Montalvo, Adolfo Gonzalez, and Dristen Newcomb.



Michigan State University College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) personnel visited Hardee High School to meet with prominent seniors. This is the third CAMP visit to our campus this school year. Two of the pictured students have already been accepted to MSU while the third is still in the application process. MSU CAMP is not new to Hardee High. This will be the eleventh consecutive year for a Hardee graduate to enter Michigan State through CAMP. Over that span, thirty of our migrant students entered MSU. Our students have been universally successful at MSU. That is why they continue to recruit here, thus proving that a great high school education can be achieved at Hardee Senior High when students apply themselves. One of our Hardee alumnas will graduate with her law degree this spring. Many others have also graduated with degrees in various fields. Go Spartans! Pictured here left to right: Cliff Lunn, District Migrant Advocate; Miguel Ruiz, MSU CAMP student advisor; Alexa Lynch, Assistant CAMP Director; students, Elias Lopez, Humberto Delarosa, Milagros Estrada, and Recruitment Coordinator Leonel Ornelas-Martinez.



This week's college acceptance Friday Five include from left to right: Daniel Alvarez, South Florida State College; Perla Vasquez, South Florida State College; Dr. Polk, Principal; Alexis Garza choosing between South Florida State College and Southeastern University; German Arzate, University of South Florida and (not pictured is) Anna Villa accepted to Florida State University.

4/21 - 4/22	Mosaic Athletic Golf Tournament - Bluffs Golf Course
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4/30	Underclassman Awards - 6:00pm HSH Auditorium
5/3	Senior Awards & Scholarships - 6:00pm HSH Auditorium
5/5	SAT Test - 8:00am HSHS Cafeteria