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Child Molester Gets Life In Prison

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
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A Wauchula man has been sentenced to life in prison for molesting two girls under the age of 12.

Marvin Glen Cook, 62, was found guilty on all counts by a Hardee County jury following a 3-1/2-day trial last October in Hardee Circuit Court. Jurors deliberated for one hour before returning their verdict.

Convictions were for one count of sexual battery on a

child under 12, four counts of lewd molestation and one count of escape.

Sexual battery of a child that young is a capital felony. Imposition of the death penalty for sex offenses, however, was ruled out long ago by the Supreme Court. Instead, Cook faced a sentence of life in prison.

And that is the penalty Circuit Judge Marcus J. Ezelle handed down late last month.

Ezelle ordered Cook held be-

hind bars for the rest of his life, also imposing a mandatory 25-year minimum before Cook could possibly seek parole. Further, the judge sentenced Cook to five years in prison for the escape charge, directing those years to be served consecutive to the life term.

Ezelle also ordered that Cook be designated as both a dangerous sexual offender and a violent felony offender of special concern.

Lastly, the judge assessed

\$1,575 in fines, court costs and fees.

Cook, who was being held in the Hardee County Jail, was transferred to the custody of the Florida Department of Corrections on Wednesday of last week. He is currently incarcerated in the prison system's Central Florida Reception Center in Orlando.

The case against Cook was nearly four years old when it was tried in court.

Cook had been arrested by

Det. David Drake of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 19, 2013, after two girls reported being molested by Cook when they were 8 and 9 years old.

The girls testified the first time Cook touched them inappropriately was after they had asked him for a dollar so they could go to the A&M Mini Mart. He invited them into his house and asked if they wanted to play a game.

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Cook

RAIN DELAY



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

The weather continues to plague the Lady Wildcats in their journey to play in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Final Four Softball Tournament at Historic Dodgertown in Vero Beach. Tuesday's semifinal match between Hardee Senior High School and Cape Coral Charter, originally scheduled for 9:50 a.m., was canceled shortly after 5 p.m. after four successive rain delays. The Lady Wildcats were warming up at the time. Field crews used hand pumps to attempt to keep fields playable, but as of 5 o'clock only one full game had been played on the lengthy roster of games scheduled for Tuesday. FHSAA officials expected the game to be played at 8:30 on Wednesday. A win would advance the ladies in orange and blue to the finals on Wednesday afternoon. No time had been announced for that game. The tournament day has thus far been delayed three times in its entirety since last week, all due to rain.

Deadline Passes As Of Monday, Only 2 Hardee County Races Will Make It To Voters

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
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The deadline to have one's name placed on the election ballot by voter petition rather than paying a fee came and went with two potential candidates opting not to do so.

Now, Melony Cureton and Mindy Castillo will have to empty their wallets of \$1,106 each if they still wish to run for two of the three open School Board seats.

That was the word after noon on Monday, the cutoff time for submitting petitions to the Hardee County Elections Office.

Petitions, which must carry the signatures of 118 registered voters, have to be counted and verified as authentic by elections workers in time for the official qualifying period, which begins at noon on Monday, June 18.

At that time, anyone new wanting to run for County Commission or School Board will have to pay four percent of the position's annual salary in order to make it onto the ballot.

With salaries of \$32,545 for a County Commission member and \$27,656 for a School Board member, the qualifying fees will amount to \$1,302 and \$1,106, respectively.

Traditionally, Hardee County candidates collect the required number of voter signatures rather than forking over the cash. But in at least two fairly

recent instances, candidates surfaced too late for the free ride onto the ballot and instead paid the fare.

So, Monday's deadline does not mean the ballot is set.

The official week-long qualifying period will end at noon on Friday, June 22.

If no new candidates emerge at that time, four out of six elected offices up for grabs will never make it to voters.

The remaining two Hardee County races would be decided by the local electorate.

County Commission District 2 incumbent Sue Birge has two opponents so far. They are Noey Flores and Ralph Arce.

County judge candidates are Kenneth Evers, David Horton and James Pyle. Incumbent judge Jeff McKibben is retiring.

But County Commission District 4's Russell Melendy will gain another four-year term.

And every School Board slot, for district's 1, 4 and 5, will be set. Incumbents Paul Samuels and Gary McWhorter will get four more years on the dais, and District 5 newcomer Mark Gilliard will take a first-time seat.

Cureton had announced for Samuels' position, and Castillo for the one Gilliard is seeking, which currently belongs to Thomas Trevino, who has decided not to seek re-election.

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WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
05/15	88	70	1.44
05/16	87	68	0.08
05/17	83	69	0.86
05/18	88	66	0.01
05/19	83	67	0.26
05/20	73	68	1.68
05/21	86	70	0.18

Rainfall to 05/21/2018 - 15.39
Same period last year - 6.13
Ten Year Average - 49.17
Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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Mini-Bus Outfitted To Deliver Free Food To Kids

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Call it a lunch box on steroids.

The Hardee County School District took possession this week of a repurposed mini-bus to serve as a mobile distribution center for lunch and snacks for area youth this summer.

The feeding station on wheels is expected to serve more than 1,600 students a day.

A similar program last summer fed 300 students per day.

"I am very, very excited about the program," said LaCheron Conway, director of school nutrition.

The local feeding effort is being held in cooperation with the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services' statewide Summer BreakSpot program. The program is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

The Hardee County School District will be delivering lunch and snacks to students across the county this summer in a repurposed mini-bus that recently received a full-body graphic wrap.

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

BGPD Seeks Info In Hit-&-Run Death

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

The death of a 70-year-old homeless man has prompted the Bowling Green Police Department to renew its investigation into an alleged hit-and-run collision.

The victim, Pablo Ramirez, died on Sunday, Capt. Brett Dowden said.

Ramirez, he noted, was an elderly man well known about town. He walked with the aid of his "walking stick," Dowden said, and his gait was slow.

On Saturday, May 5, BGPD officers found him lying in the roadway on Jones Street, between Chester and Mason-Dixon avenues, the captain said. He was taken to the hospital.

"He had a knot on the back of his head," Dowden said of the visible injuries the officers could observe. "He said he had

fallen."

Officers asked Ramirez if he possibly had been hit by a motor vehicle. "He denied it. He said no, all he did was fall," Dowden said.

Officers, however, still suspected otherwise, so they went from the hospital back to the scene, the captain said. "They checked the scene again for evidence. They canvassed the neighbors."

No evidence or witnesses were found.

Dowden said an autopsy was conducted following Ramirez' death, and the Medical Examiner's Office determined his injuries were "consistent with a motor vehicle strike."

The BGPD is asking for any information anyone may have to help officers find the hit-and-run driver. Call the BGPD at 375-3549.

Gas Prices Heading To \$3 A Gallon

As the national average continues to push toward \$3 a gallon, gas prices in the southeastern United States are among the lowest in the country, AAA/The Auto Group reported early this week.

Sunday's national average of \$2.92 is five cents more than a week ago and 57 cents more than this time last year. In 14 states, the average was above \$3 a gallon.

Florida gas prices held steady through the past week, yet remain at their highest levels in more than three years. Sunday's state average was \$2.82, which is 52 cents more than this time last year.

On average, it costs \$42 for a full tank of gasoline, an increase of \$8 from this time last year.

DEADLINE

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Voters will head to the polls for a regional race, too, though, for Circuit Court judge, as incumbent judge Marcus Ezelle also is retiring.

His place on the bench is being sought by two Polk County residents, Steve Pincket of Lakeland and Dana Moore of Winter Haven. Voters all over the circuit, which is comprised of Hardee, Highlands and Polk counties, will decide that race.

LIFE

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The children said they went inside, and Cook directed them into his bedroom. There, they said, he performed an act of a sexual nature on each of them.

That was in May of 2013.

Months later, the girls saw Cook mowing a church lawn and approached him to ask for a dollar for the Mini Mart.

This time, when he asked if they wanted to play a game, they declined.

Instead, Cook took them to the back of the church, again performed a sexual act, and gave them \$5 to share, they testified.

At trial, Cook testified in his own defense, saying, "I would never hurt a kid."



Kelly's Column By Jim

On Tuesday afternoon our Wauchula rain gauge showed 4.5 inches since a week ago. A very unusual rainy stretch for mid-May.

Regular unleaded gasoline prices this past week rose 14 cents to \$2.899 a gallon, after an 11-cent increase from the previous week. The four-dollar question is will it reach \$4?

This week's issue contains a photo tribute to honor the life of Dr. Ernest P. Palmer, who was a personal physician to many people in Hardee County. What an active life he led.

Dr. Palmer's grandson Luke Palmer, 6-4 and 320, plans to see a lot of action this fall for the University of Central Florida Golden Knights as center and guard. He will be a senior. He played quite a bit last year when the Knights went undefeated. He is the son of West and Laina Palmer of Wauchula.

Another Hardee County football player expected to see a lot of action this fall is outside linebacker Keyon Brown, a fifth-year senior at the University of Georgia.

Head coach Kirby Smart said Brown "played with more effort this spring than he has in the past. He knows what to do now so he understands the defense. He's helping on special teams. He's a specialty player who can set the edge or rush the passer. He's been working hard for three or four years to get his turn, and this is his turn."

He signed with the Bulldogs as the nation's No. 145 overall prospect and No. 7-ranked weakside defensive end, reported Jake Rowe at dogs247 on Facebook. In Georgia's great 2017 season Brown at outside linebacker registered four tackles, three in the last four games, his only career statistics, reported Rowe of CBS Sports Digital. Georgia's 2018 spring class of recruits has been rated No. 1 in the nation.

Steve Pincket was among a group from the Lakeland Downtown Kiwanis Club visiting the Wauchula Kiwanis Club on Tuesday. He is running for Circuit Judge in the 10th Judicial District Aug. 28, the seat being vacated by retiring Judge Marcus Ezelle of Wauchula.

He and his wife Michelle Pincket of 28 years have two children, Harrison and Claire. Michelle is a circuit judge. Steve is a graduate of Florida State University and has 28 years of legal experience, including being an assistant state attorney.

AARP Magazine lists six sports stars and the best advice they got from mentors on life and living:

1. Charles Barkley, 54, basketball: his junior high school coach Wallace Honeycutt said to make a Plan B. He told athletes they would one day have to get a real job, that only a few become pros in their sport.

2. Dorothy Hamill, 61, figure skating: Coach Gustave said to never compromise her standards. Details were important. He wanted my laces clean and my boots polished.

3. Jack Nicklaus, 77, golfer: His Ohio State University coach Bob Kepler said to take advantage of every opportunity. He said Jack could not miss an opportunity to play an exhibition match with Sam Snead or prepare for the Walker Cup, which required missing school time.

4. Martina Navratilova, 61, tennis player: Life coach Sandra Haynie said to let go of mistakes and stay focused on the next shot.

5. Jim Plunkett, 70, quarterback: High school coach Al Cimentina said to go the extra mile, on and off the field. Taught him about sacrifice and compassion.

6. Jackie Joyner-Kersey, 55, track: Elementary and high school coach Nino Fennoy said to make a commitment and stick with it. Said sometimes things are not going to go the way you want. Don't flee from difficulties.

Corrections

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

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FOOD

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"During the school year in Florida, more than two million students qualify for free and reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program, but when school is out, many of the children relying on these meals may go hungry," Conway said.

The local effort, headed by Conway, is open to youngsters 18 and younger.

The youths will receive a cold lunch consisting of milk, vegetable or fruit, and a sandwich. Snacks will also be available.

The food, according to Conway, will be distributed on two routes that divide the county north and south, and include 16 distribution sites.

The meals and snacks are free.

The summer feeding program is expected to launch this coming Tuesday — the first official day of summer vacation after the Memorial Day holiday — at the county's public schools and run through June 28.

The program will begin delivering meals and snacks to non-school sites on June 4. That program is expected to end July 31.

There will be no delivery on July 4.

Summer BreakSpot will be introduced to the community during an information session Tuesday, June 12, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Wauchula Gar-

dens Apartment Complex, 1020 Makowski Road, Wauchula.

Most meal sites will be at supervised, public places like parks, libraries and churches.

To find a site, visit summer-breakspot.org, dial 2-1-1 or text "FoodFL" to 877-877.

"Hardee County understands that a hungry child cannot learn, and their objectives are to provide nutritious food consistently and to provide food that contributes to the student's educational experience," Conway added.

"While feeding kids during the school year is important, they also realize that kids need nutritious meals during the summer months as well."

Roundup

Golf Tourney Helps Mission

Florida First Assembly of God is co-sponsoring a golf tournament to raise funds for a mission trip to

Ecuador. It will be on June 9, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Bartow Golf Course.

To register or be a hole sponsor, contact www.flfirstag.org/missions.

Cattle Outlook Program June 7

A "Beef Cattle Financial Outlook 2018-19" program will be hosted by the Hardee County Extension Office on Thursday, June 7, beginning at 6 p.m. at 507 Civic Center Dr. in Wauchula.

Chris Prevatt, beef cattle economist for the University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences, will explore market trends and how they will affect future prices. Registration is \$10, including a meal and educational materials. Deadline is Friday, June 1. Call 773-2164 or email mwa@ufl.edu.

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MAY

- 24 - Knitting & Crochet/ HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/ 10 am
- 24 - Storytime/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/ 10 am
- 24 - Lunch & Learn/ HC Chamber of Commerce/Historic Train Depot/135 E. Main St., Wauchula/ Noon
- 24 - Sen. Denise Grimsley Mobile Office Hour/Wauchula Train Depot/ 1:15-2:15 p.m
- 24 - Hometown Happy Hour/Main Street Wauchula Inc./Main Street/5 pm
- 24 - Fitness in the Park/ Yoga/Heritage Park/5:30 pm
- 24 - ZS Town Commission Meeting/104 W. Fifth Street, Zolfo Springs/6 pm
- 25 - How To Use Your Device/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/ 10:30 am
- 26 - HC School Board Meeting/ 230 S. Florida Ave., Wauchula/5 pm
- 30 - Adult Coloring/HC Public Library/ 315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/ 10 am
- 31 - Knitting & Crochet/ HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/ 10 am
- 31 - Storytime/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/ 10 am

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

JUNE

- 7 - Professor DoDad/ Hardee County Public Library/1 pm
- 7 - Beef Cattle Financial Outlook Program/ Hardee County Extension Office/ 6 pm
- 11 - Reptile Discovery/ Hardee County Public Library/6 pm

JULY

- 13 - Scout Club/Main Street Wauchula Inc./6 pm

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

AUGUST

- 10 - Wildcat Tailgate Party/Main Street Wauchula Inc./6 pm
- 25 - HC Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

NOVEMBER

- 17 - Hoofin' If Off Main/ Main Street Wauchula/8 am
- 24 - Brunch in the Park/ Main Street Wauchula/8 am

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

DECEMBER

- 1 - HC Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade
- 14 - Hometown Christmas/ Main Street Wauchula/6 pm

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

READING SKIRMISH



COURTESY PHOTOS
First and second graders at Wauchula Elementary competed in the school's fifth annual Book Skirmish last week to show off their reading comprehension skills. Participating were students who had read all the Sunshine State Young Reader Award Jr. books and had passed the Accelerated Reader quizzes on them. Contestants (above) had to correctly answer questions about the books in order to move on to the next round. The Skirmish continued until there were only three students left. These winners were (bottom photo, from front left) Jasmin Baker, Addilyn Hilton and Kane Prescott. Fifth graders from the school's Battle of the Books team, including (bottom photo, back row) Micayla Gillespie, Laina Canary, Ava Roberts and Will Cornell, helped with the Skirmish.



On This Day:

- 1989 NY Yankee hurler Lee Gutterman sets record of pitching 30-2/3 innings before giving up his 1st run of season
- 1989 Sonia Sutcliffe, wife of the Yorkshire Ripper, is awarded £600,000 in damages after winning a libel action against satirical magazine Private Eye (later reduced to £60,000 on appeal).
- 1989 33rd European Cup: Milan beats Steaua Bucuresti 4-0 at Barcelona
- 1990 Stanley Cup: Edmonton Oilers beat Boston Bruins, 4 games to 1
- 1990 A car carrying American Earth First! activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney explodes in Oakland, California, critically injuring both
- 1992 Colleen Walker wins LPGA Corning Golf Classic
- 1992 Despite trailing 7-1, NY Yanks tie Milwaukee Brewers & then score 1 in 9th to avoid 5th straight extra inning game
- 1993 Eritrea achieved independence from Ethiopia after 30-year civil war
- 1993 NHL Prince of Wales Conference Final: Montreal Canadians beat New York Islanders, 4 games to 1
- 1996 "Spy Hard" starring Leslie Nielsen is released




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Enrique Frias
Gabiella Flores
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Carlos Rubio
Fermin Velasco-Martinez

Outstanding AR
Alexis Farias
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Milagros Covarrubias

Fermin Velasco-Martinez

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Isabella Alcantar
Uziel Velasco-Martinez

AR Honors Award
Fermin Velasco-Martinez
Milagros Covarrubias-Valencia
Makaelah Sanchez

Overall AR Student
Fermin Velasco-Martinez

Jr. Sunshine Reader of the Year
Ryan Brummett-Coffin

Sunshine State Young Readers Jr. Awards
Ezmeralda Alamia
Milagros Covarrubias-Valencia
Sahara Grey
Brenda Lopez-Ramos
Jazmin Reyes-Ochoa
Makaelah Sanchez
Fermin Velasco-Martinez
Jayla Bass
Ryan Brummett-Coffin
Cylee Murphy
Genesis Magana-Navarette

Overall Sunshine Reader
Fermin Velasco-Martinez

Reading
Abygail Adams
Diego Validiez
Neida Rodriguez
John Michael Lumley
Fermin Velasco-Martinez

Spelling
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Jha'lana Spurlock
Amariah Garza
Brenda Lopez-Ramos

English
Gwynevere Grey
Rafael Lopez
Cesar Hernandez
Yerlenna Avila-Reyes

Science
Hector Martinez
Lindsey Trevino
Francisco Arevalo
Ebony Baker
Brooke Johnston

Social Studies
Christian Valadez
Javier Mendez-Lopez
Carlos Chagoya
Jocelyn Eures
Ezmeralda Alamia

Math
Richard Rivera
Deonte Lee
Caden Lumley
Sandra Gomez-Lopez
Marcelino Rios

Writing
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Cylee Murphy
Gabriela Torres
Sahara Grey
Alessandra Hernandez-Figueroa

Principal's Awards
William Lopez-Caceras
Fabiola Gutierrez-Robles
Jesse Nunez
Rebecca Bravo
Julio Tavares
Kynzi Trevino
Marcelino Rios
Alessandra Hernandez-Figueroa

Sportsmanship Awards
Saraidi Morales-Cruz
Ryan Brummett-Coffin
William Lopez-Caceres
Fabiola Gutierrez-Robles
Kirstyn Faulkner
Jesse Nunez
Caidyn Sanchez
Andrea Rodriguez
Kynzi Trevino
Carlos Chagoya
Francisco Arevalo
Luis Navarro-Castillo
Gabriel Rodriguez
Ebony Baker
Romeo Flores
Johanna Macedo
Ezmeralda Alamia
Francisco Arreola

Coach's Award
Jaylee Rios
Carlos Cruz-Abrego
Makaya Lee
Eduardo Hernandez-Palacios
Neida Rodriguez
Jose Gonzalez
Nathania Lopez
Dallas Rodriguez

Most Improved PE Award
Valeria Molina Lozano
Gunner Davenport
Julian Herrada

Franchesca Hernandez-Figueroa
Nicholas Sims
Amariah Garza
Carlos Rubio
Alessandra Hernandez-Figueroa

Student Council
Jamayia Parker
Andrea Rodriguez
Andy Abrego
Yaridia Valencia
Cayden Sanchez
Rebecca Bravo
Cameron Esquivel
Uriel Vasquez
Dakoda McQuaig
Nathaniel Pena
Miguel Rodriguez
Makaelah Sanchez
Berenice Morales
Ashley Perez-Avila
Joselyn Abrego
Gabriel Rodriguez
German Covarrubias
Megan Knarr
Dallas Rodriguez
Canyia Simmons
Ezmeralda Alamia
Carlos Rubio

Honor Society
Ezmeralda Alamia
Francisco Arreola
Romeo Flores
David Gomez-Lopez
Alessandra Hernandez
Brenda Lopez-Ramos
Hugo Rodriguez-Paz
Fermin Velasco-Martinez
Olivero Castillo
Milagros Covarrubias-Valencia
Sahara Grey
Cesar Hernandez
Maryah McCoy

An Aversion To Liver

I realize most of you grew up in tasteful families with genteel manners, where everyone was born knowing which fork to use for dessert and which fork to use for salad. I grew up in a family that was proud to have forks.

We did have some couth. Chewing with your mouth open or smacking your food meant you were sent to your room without finishing supper and with no dessert. "That's disgusting," Mamma would say.

At this point, I should inform you that I hate liver. As far back as I can remember, someone has been encouraging me to eat liver. I was told, "How do you know you don't like it unless you try it?"

I've never tried self-performed surgery either, but I'm pretty sure I wouldn't like it. It did not matter if the liver came from a chicken or a cow, my parents thought there was some virtue in consuming it.

Mamma finally decided on a fool proof plan to make me eat liver: she would fry it, like fried steak. Mamma made the best fried steak south of the Suwannee River. She would flour it with salt and pepper mixed in and slide it into an iron skillet of hot Crisco. Then she would cook rice and homemade milk gravy (this was before cholesterol). Green beans that had simmered all day with a ham hock and homemade biscuits with butter completed the meal.

I came in from a hard day of running around being a boy. Being a consummate consumer of Mamma's fried selections, I knew this was not fried chicken. I asked Mamma, "What's for supper?" She said,

without cracking a smile, "Beef! Now, set the table." I neglected to ask which part of the cow would be served, and with mouth watering I set the table.

We said the blessings and used our single forks to spear a piece of crispy brown meat. I quickly cut a piece, lifted my fork to my mouth, and let my lips capture the prize.

My taste buds registered surprise. The crispy fried outside was familiar, but beyond that thin layer was a meat of unknown origin. Instead of the

There then ensued a great family debate. My brothers insisted I be banished from the table because I had been caught chewing with my mouth open. I insisted I was innocent, because: 1) I had not repeatedly chewed, only moving my jaw once; 2) Spewing a deadly substance out one's mouth is not a violation of Amy Vanderbilt's Rules of Etiquette, but a survival tactic; and 3) My Mother lied to me.

Mercy prevailed, and I filled up on rice and gravy (which was good, even if it derived



Directions

By Clay Smith
Hardee County Native

sweetness of round steak, there was a bitterness, like burnt motor oil (don't ask how I know burnt motor oil is bitter). My brain began to frantically search its memory files. With amazing speed my neurons went back into the cobweb-covered taste recollections. The taste fit the profile of "liver."

I promise I did not do this intentionally. It was an involuntary reflex. My brain sent an emergency message to my lungs, my tongue, my cheeks, and my lips saying, "Expel this heathen substance!"

I spewed the half-eaten chunk of liver out of my mouth, into the atmosphere. It landed on my brother's plate. He yelled my name: "Clay!" My brain had moved onto other things, like chugging my glass of sweet tea to wash that nasty taste off my taste buds.

from liver). Jesus said to the church at Laodicea, "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I will spew you out of my mouth."

Jesus cannot stand people or churches that are apathetic and disengaged. To Him, they taste like liver. Jesus can handle opposition. He loves passion. He loathes passivity.

When I was an adult, I told a doctor about my aversion to liver. He said, "I don't blame you. Never eat another animal's poison filter."

Are passive Jesus followers and passive churches, bags of poison that Jesus will spew out of His mouth?

Or maybe the better question is, "Is Jesus about to spew me out of His mouth?"

Apply Now For National Wildlife Refuge Hunts

There are several fall hunts on five national wildlife refuges that you may apply for from now until June 15.

These National Wildlife Refuge hunts offer yet another unique and limited opportunity to hunt on well-managed habitat with healthy game populations and low hunting pressure.

No guest permits are available for any of these hunts.

If you get drawn, you must pay for your permit by the claim deadline or you forfeit it, and it'll be available during the next application period which is first-come, first-served.

On the 21,574-acre Lake Woodruff in Volusia and Lake counties, you may apply for archery and muzzleloading gun hunts for deer and hog. There is no fee to apply, but if you get drawn, the permit

costs \$27.50. You may apply for archery hunts on Brevard County's 140,000-acre Merritt Island.

you may apply for primitive weapons hunts for the exotic and enormous sambar deer. It's \$5 to apply, and \$37.50 to buy



Outta The Woods

By Tony Young
Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission

There is no cost to apply, but if you get drawn, the permit is \$27.50.

Just south of Tallahassee, you may apply for archery, general gun and mobility-impaired hunts on the 32,000-acre St. Marks. Each of these hunts cost \$5 to apply, and if you get drawn, the permits are \$27.50.

On Franklin County's 11,400-acre St. Vincent Island,

the permit should you get drawn.

Lower Suwannee, in Dixie and Levy counties, has a \$15 permit you may purchase that allows you to hunt the entire fall and spring season on the 53,000-acre refuge. The application period here, however, ended with the close of spring turkey season.

For all the others, don't forget to apply before June 15!

Notices

2017 TANGIBLE "PERSONAL PROPERTY" LIST

As is provided by Chapter 196.199 Acts of 1941, notice is hereby given that the tangible personal property taxes assessed for 2017 are now delinquent and beginning April 1st, such taxes are drawing interest of 1 1/2 percent per month plus the proportionate cost of publishing this notice. Unless the amounts set opposite each name below are paid before the 31st day of May, 2018, warrants will issue thereon directing levy upon and seizure of the tangible property of the taxpayer for unpaid taxes, penalties and additional costs.

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SUPERIOR SOUND



COURTESY PHOTOS

Hardee Junior High's advanced band groups recently traveled to Kathleen High School for the District 12 Middle School Music Performance Assessment. The Orange Band received an overall Superior rating. Members include (above) Morgan Dunlap, Eleazar Delacruz, Nadiah Belmarez, Seirra Perez and Antonio Farias; Acacia Brinkmann, Lindsay Bolin, Myia Lamy, Karime Rodriguez, Alli Gutierrez and Damian Toledo; Denis Mendieta, Vincente Gardner, Steven Parker, Adrian Navarro, Giselle Zuniga, Samantha Shackelford, Alex Harris and Izaiah Zamora; Sara Ibanez, Raul Avila-Perez, Crystal Wingate, Cyclalaz Avila-Perez, Esther Avalos and Maria Munguia; and Chris Sosa, Angel Lopez-Dejesus, Manuel Rodriguez, Alex Estrada, William Willis, Alexis Crawford, Kami Kelly and Lilly Edwards. Not pictured: Azaria Williams and Joel Bartolon. The Blue Band received straight Superior ratings. Members include (below) Elizabeth Darty, Amy Farias, Stephanie McMillan and Angielita Casso; Maddison Justiss, Anabella Gomez, Angel Aviles, Robert Ehrenkaufner, Lana Krell, Scarlett Covarrubias, Adolfo Morales and Marissa Valdez; Jaqueline Jurado, David Orta, Karlie Alderman, Arianna Rodriguez, Flor Ruiz, Alicia Gonzalez, Deisy Salazar and Caleb Ybarra; and Ricardo Sanchez, Marisa Mendieta, Gabriel Goff, Kassandra Jimenez, Gabriel Delarosa, Kiara Detrinidad, Mattie Wells, Viviana Hernandez and Dallas Grice. Not pictured: Jada Altieri, Aimee Jimenez, Jeremiah Alcantar, Acacia Brinkmann, Denis Mendieta, Crystal Wingate, Chris Sosa and Sara Ibanez.



SYMPHONIC STUDENTS



COURTESY PHOTO

Four Hardee Junior High band students recently traveled to the University of South Florida in Tampa to participate in "Symphonic Celebration." The festival features two concert bands, comprised of middle-school students nominated by their band directors from throughout Florida. The students worked with distinguished conductors, including nationally known middle-school band director Cheryl Floyd and composer Quincy Hilliard, USF faculty and other outstanding clinicians. They attended rehearsals, master classes, chamber ensembles and clinics during the weekend event. They also saw performances featuring students from the USF School of Music and Herd of Thunder marching band. Students performed in a chamber ensemble concert and a wind band concert. Here, ready to watch a performance at the concert hall, are (from left) Sara Ibanez, Jaqueline Jurado, Denis Mendieta and Crystal Wingate.

DEPUTY DOG



COURTESY PHOTO

Students at Zolfo Springs Elementary received a visit from a Hardee County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. The children learned what a valuable role a K-9 Unit plays in crime-fighting as well as missing-persons cases. Students especially loved meeting Katie, the bloodhound.



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LEO CLUB SENIORS



PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY

From left are Laura Arce, who plans to attend South Florida State College; Mallory Gough, Warner University on a softball scholarship, majoring in elementary education; Briana Waters, attend SFSC, dental hygiene; Bril Augustus, SFSC for two years, then transfer to Florida A & M University; and Wauchula Lions Club President Sam Fite.

HHS ACADEMIC TEAM



PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

Hardee High School Academic Team members on Tuesday, May 15, attended the Wauchula Kiwanis Club meeting at the Java Cafe. The team finished sixth in the state among 39 Division 3 schools. From left are junior varsity coach Stephanie Carte, sophomore Enrique Valazquez, sophomore Savannah Valletutti, senior Ana Saldana, junior James Neel, and varsity coach Brittany Dunlap.



From left are Jazlyn Perry, plans to major in dental hygiene at South Florida State College; Ayana Daniels, SFSC, major in business management; Alexis Garza, SFSC; Thalia Hartley, SFSC, major in business and become a teacher in Hardee County; and Helen Summit, Lions Club liaison to the HHS Leo Club. They attended the Lions Club meeting Thursday, May 17, at the Java Cafe.

Kaleb Wright Celebrates His 2nd Birthday

Kaleb Paul Wright, the son of Mitchell and Alishia Wright of Wauchula, turned 2 years old on May 14.

He celebrated the occasion on Saturday, May 12, with a birthday party at Sea World in Orlando. Theme for the party was Mickey Mouse.

Joining in the fun were grandparents Robert and Michelle Wright, sister Jocie Wright, uncle Robert Wright Jr., cousin Sawyer Rose Wright and aunts Charlotte and Diana Boatwright.



Kaleb

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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 May 22, 2008

You're Out! Six more students were expelled this school year, totaling 13 expulsions. Hearings were held for four marijuana-possession offenses, one of derogatory racial remarks and one of spiking a teacher's water with Germ-X hand sanitizer. Six boys, two 16-year-olds, two 14-year-olds, a 13-year-old and a 12-year-old, ended up expelled for varying time periods, and will be considered for placement at Pioneer Career Academy.

Get A Facelift! Florida Hospital Wauchula is being renovated by Stevens Construction



Inc. of Fort Myers. The project will include a pharmacy remodeling, a nurse station addition and configuration of emergency and treatment rooms. The hospital and its emergency services will remain open during the process.

Take A Bow? First Baptist Church of Bowling Green will be hosting an archery contest at the Central Florida Bow

Hunters Range. The event will have door prizes and two contest categories, one for ages 9 to 14 and one for ages 15 and up. Each category will have first-, second- and third-place prizes. The main door prize will be a PSE MachXX1 Bow with an X-Cam system.

Who, Me? Dr. Ross A. Hendry's "Over the Fence" column talks about one of the advantages of living in the small town of Wauchula. He had gone into the Tax Collector's Office to inquire about tags but had no ID, vehicle registration or proof of insurance on hand. The women in the office were patient and willing to work with him, something that would not have happened in Bradenton, he said, calling it "the perks of knowing people who know you."

Star Struck! Two students from Wauchula Elementary School had the opportunity to



meet Team USA softball player Jenny Finch. Daniella Smith (top) and Breanna Godwin (bottom) received autographs from her. The children both play for the Shockers recreational softball team, coached by Melanie Henderson and Tom Hartman.

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HARDEE LIVING

Masons Make Donation To The JROTC Program At High School

The Masonic Lodge in Wauchula presented a donation to the Hardee Senior High School JROTC program at a special dinner last week.

Led by commanding officer Lt. Col. Stephen McDaniel and chief master Sgt. Robert Waltich, the high school's Air Force Junior ROTC program was selected by the lodge because of the attributes exhibited by its cadets in their service to this community.

Checks for \$630 from Wauchula Lodge No. 17 and \$100 from Fort Meade Lodge No. 60 were awarded following a meal catered by a local restaurant.

Members of the fraternal organization hope the funds will help support the JROTC program by perhaps enabling it to purchase additional replica 1834 Calvary sabers for a competition and ceremonial drill team, rocket engines for the educational rocketry pro-

gram, a unit flag, scale airplane models for aerospace study or any other JROTC need.

Receiving the donation on behalf of the JROTC were the evening's guests, McDaniel and Waltich along with 2018-19 cadet corps commander Maj. Eduardo Morales, deputy cadet corps commander Capt. Amber McCall and Color Guard members Commander Nicholas Gainous, U.S. flag, Esmeralda Morales, state flag, and Emilio Huss and Gracie McElroy, rifles.

This, Wauchula Masons point out, was not the first time the Masons of Hardee County have chosen to involve themselves with the high school.

The history linking local schools and the Masons began in 1895, when Wauchula Lodge No. 17 recognized the need for the formal education of the community's children and the need to have a place

constructed for this education.

The Masons, it is recorded, built a school on Eighth Avenue and Bay Street in Wauchula, which they referred to as "the Wauchula School" but residents referred to as "the Masons' building." Upstairs was the lodge's meeting room and downstairs was the school.

Since then, ties to this school district grew stronger. The Masons, for instance, laid the cornerstone of at least one elementary school, North Wauchula Elementary in 1967, and quite possibly others, though records were lost to fire.

They say it is only fitting that the Masons of today's Lodge No. 17 step up to the plate and take a leadership role in helping support the Air Force Junior ROTC program.

The Masonic Lodge is located at 118 W. Main St. in downtown Wauchula.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Representatives of the Air Force Junior ROTC at Hardee Senior High School and Wauchula Masons shared a meal last week as the fraternal organization donated \$730 to the school program.



Jr. Deacon Danny Lackey (left) of the Wauchula Masonic lodge presents a check from Fort Meade Lodge No. 160 to Lt. Col. Stephen McDaniel. That lodge donated \$100 to the Hardee JROTC program.



High-ranking officials from the fraternal organization's district level traveled to Wauchula to be a part of this event. Shown (from left) are Wauchula Jr. Deacon Danny Lackey, JROTC commanding officer Lt. Col. Stephen McDaniel, Deputy District Grand Master Thomas Craze, District Instructor Dick Miller and Wauchula Lodge Master Scott Johnson.



Lt. Col. Stephen McDaniel (left), commanding officer of the JROTC program at Hardee Senior High School, accepts a \$630 donation check from Scott Johnson, lodge master of the Wauchula Masons.



Wauchula Masonic Lodge No. 17 invited district Masonic officials and representatives of the Air Force Junior ROTC to a dinner at the lodge last week, where checks were donated to the school program.

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Flash Back

By Chris Richcreek

1. What was Def Leppard's first No. 1 song?
2. Phil Collins' "Two Hearts" was used on the soundtrack to which film?
3. The Highwaymen was a country supergroup from 1985 to 1995. What does that mean?
4. Who had a posthumous hit with "Blue Side of Lonesome"?

ANSWERS

1. "Photograph," in 1983. The song appears in "Grand Theft Auto V."
2. "Buster," in 1988. The song went to the top of the charts and stayed there for two weeks.
3. All four members were successful in their own careers outside of the group. They were Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings.
4. Jim Reeves, in 1966. It was the fifth song after his death to go to No. 1 on the charts.

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4-City News

By Henrietta Benson
448-6737

Congratulations to the 2018 graduating seniors!

The Women's Conference, with the theme "Queen, Pick Up Your Crown," was held May 9-10 at Auburndale Women's Club.

The Pre-Mother's Day Musical was May 12 at Elizabeth MB Church, Mother's Day celebration was May 19, and the Diva Conference was May 20. This women's conference was a blessing to those ladies who had a desire to have a closer walk with God.

Sisters Success Summit, "She Matters," hosted by Shirlyon McWhorter, was May 12, at Newport Beach Resort in Sunny Isles Beach. There were seven guest speakers.

Praying for the family of Pablo Ramirez, known as Caliman, who passed in Tampa.

Chiquita Robinson, Elizabeth Greene, Jonathan Benson and Brandy Richardson attended the 2018 Pre-Kindergarten Graduation of Charlie Benson on Friday evening in Bartow.

First Lady Mae Farley was the Mother's Day speaker at Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church in Bartow.

The St. John AME Church Prayer Breakfast will be this Saturday at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Sick are G.L. Ryals, Pat Groom, Liam Greene, Bertha Jones, Issac Lunsford and Cortez Hodges.

Deepest sympathy to Lou E. Blevins and family in the home-going of her daughter, Dorothy, in Orlando. The memorial service was Saturday in Orlando.

Mothers at Progressive MB Church received gift bags and a lighted rose on May 13 for Mother's Day.

St. John AME Mother's Day speaker was Evangelist Linda Roberson.

Jessica Valadez, Colette Greene, Chiquita Robinson, Josie Valadez and myself of Bowling Green, Veronica Garcia of Fort Meade and Odellia Ybarra of Wauchula enjoyed a Tuesday evening birthday dinner honoring Jessica on her 41st birthday at the Watering Hole Restaurant in Sebring.

Lisa Crenshaw of Mobile, Ala., left Thursday after two weeks' visit while son Cortez Hodges was in Winter Haven Hospital.

Issac Lunsford had surgery last Monday, and is at home recovering.

DeAnna Jackson was honored with a baby shower Saturday, May 12, at the Water Side Isle Clubhouse in Tampa. The shower was enjoyable, and she received gifts. The baby is due May 31.

Happy birthday to Micheal Pierce, Tonya Pearson and La'Rasha McLeod.

Out on West 664 while coming home through the country, we saw an alligator crossing the road from left to the right. It was huge, about 12-feet long, here in Bowling Green, so be careful!

In hearing the news of "Dr. E.P.," as I called him, on his home-going, we were very sad, the Benson family, as he was our family doctor. The Bensons extend their deepest sympathy to the Palmer family.

He was our doctor back in the '70s-'80s, and he delivered grandson Jonathan Benson in February 1981. Couldn't attend the grave service, but drove by the Wauchula Cemetery and viewed car after car and more; it was a very large turnout.

I worked at Hardee Memorial Hospital, and had surgery back in 1974 and remember he did my surgery and left for Memphis, Tenn. I also have memory of him going to the Boston Marathon. To top it all, my mother, Carrie Daniels, worked for the Palmers when they moved here from Miami, as their housekeeper. We'll miss him. God's blessings to the Palmers.

Congratulation to the Lady Wildcats on their second straight year in the Florida High School Athletic Association Softball Tournament Final Four. I had the enjoyment on a recent Wednesday while having my nails done to meet one of the senior girls getting all the works, toes to smile. Our Wildcat ladies traveled to Vero Beach on Monday for the finals.

The African-American Senior Recognition Service was held Saturday evening, May 12, 2018 at 6:00pm at New Mt. Zion AME Church in Wauchula. Processional of Class of 2018, song "Lift Every Voice and Sing," prayer by JaKevis Brown, Scripture by Jaz'lyn Perry.

Alexia Hodges rendered the welcome, solo by Jesula Charles, words of inspiration by Coach Brian Kemp, Briliyance Augustus presentation of dance, presentation of medallions was conducted by Coach Kemp, the Rev. Willie Hayes, Diane Smith and Garry McWhorter, scholarship presentation by B2B-Greater Macedonia Outreach.

Another award was by the Geraldine Chapter No. 110 Order of Eastern Star of Wauchula to six seniors. The Magnolia Manor Cemetery presented scholarships to four seniors. Refreshments were

served in the fellowship hall.

Graduates who attended: Alexis Benjamin-Graham, Jacques Brown, Marcelin Cimeus, Damar Harris, Anwaun Hines-Gaines, Zaria Luna, Madison McCoy, Fabian McWhorter, Glogiens Metayer, Conrad Pace, Paris Pelzer, Jaz'lyn Perry, Malik Polk, Anderson Severe, Kai Shakir-Washington, Joshua Ward and Dedrick Ash of Spoto High in Tampa.

Students with 3.0 and higher GPA were: Augustus Briyanc, JaKevis Brown, Ashja Camel, Jesula Charles, Ayana Daniels, Naulica Henry, Alexia Hodges, Zachary Hooks, Destinee Jackson-Pace, Rebecca King, Joel Lee, NaKeisha Lemaine, Stephanie Louis and Ivros Youte.

Appreciation goes to New Mt. Zion AME Church, Masonic Family, B2B GM Outreach, Women with a Purpose, Diane Smith, Garry McWhorter, Will Duke Church of Christ and the MLK Celebration Committee. May God bless each of you.

Denise Carpenter, Michelle Brown, Naomi Lindsey, Betty Snelling, Barbara Barnes, Mary Alice Tucker, Wanise Baker, Stephane Snelling and I were honored for the Mother's Day outing dinner on Saturday evening at Fred's Market Restaurant, thanks to Bro. Leonard McGill and Pastor T. Lancaster.

Memorial Day is upon us, remembering all who died for our freedom.

Megan Hartman Wins Award At Gardner-Webb

Gardner-Webb University recently honored undergraduate students for academic excellence and outstanding service and leadership.

Megan Renee Hartman, a senior communication studies major from Wauchula, received an award for her exceptional photography skills.

Winners of these awards exemplify the university's core values of faith, service and leadership in their classrooms and communities.

In recognition of the honor, Hartman may choose a book for purchase by Gardner-Webb's Dover Memorial Library. The book will be inscribed with her name and the date of the award presentation.

Located in the North Carolina foothills, Gardner-Webb University is a private Christian liberal-arts university.

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Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green!

This paper will come out May 24, and happy birthday wishes are extended to my sister-in-law, Avis, who will turn another year younger on this date. Belated wishes to Shuree Rawls, as she celebrated last Friday.

This past Sunday was the last day for our beloved pastor, Brother Steve. Dwayne Willis will preach next Sunday morning and then Mike Roberts for a few Sundays. Everyone was happy to see Fran and John Deer as they came special to see Brother Steve. Our church was packed, which is a good thing.

We will miss Brother Steve and I told him I planned on him coming back to preach my funeral, just not in the near future!

We had some good special music, and this coming Friday night there will be some more good Southern gospel music. The music begins at 7, but there will be a meal at 5:30 for a donation of \$7. It will consist of pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, slaw and cake and tea. All proceeds from the meal will benefit the youth, and it is always a good meal.

There were three big tubs of watermelons at church Sunday morning a week ago. I am giving credit to Robie, and there were enough for each family to take home two or three. They have been super good. I still plan on dropping one and just eating the heart like I used to do when a child!

Gunner and Rock were playing on the boxes last Sunday, and they were the good heavy material that you could make a house, fort or so many things just to have a good time playing in them.

Someone mowed part of the Methodist Cemetery and we are giving credit to John Burdeshaw. He always mows around the sign and this time just kept going. We really appreciate him.

Vicky and Lavoyd Hall were at church last Sunday. She said her niece and family came down from Indiana and visited over Mother's Day and took them out for dinner. She had not seen her niece in over five years.

Some of the men got up early and manned

the grills and cooked chicken for Sunday dinner. It was very good. I appreciate the young men stepping up to the plate.

They announced in Sunday School that Kenny Lambert went into the hospital. Please keep Kenny in serious prayer. Judy Miller was at church but she still does not have much energy. Tim Casey's sister had surgery at the Lakewood Ranch hospital and came through the surgery. Helen Albritton is in the Sebring hospital after falling from a step-ladder in her home Sunday afternoon. We do not know the extent of her injuries, if she is just sore or has broken bones. Please pray for these and others you may be aware of that I'm not.

There was a visitor at church who said he lived in Lake City but used to live in Fort Green. He said he moved to Lake City in 1963, and I told him I did not move here until 1964.

Stephanie and Scooter Reid have moved to Sebring but were back at church last week. It was good to see them.

Austin Smith graduated this past Saturday morning and went on the grad trip to Daytona. The buses did not get back to Wauchula until 5:30 or 6 a.m. He made it to church this morning but most of our young graduates were home in bed! Can't say that I blame them, but the young people can keep going sorta' like the Energizer bunny! Once in my life I had to work the night shift when working for the telephone company, and it made me physically sick and I was young back then!

Faye Chancey said all their family went to Lakeland for dinner (middle of the day) to celebrate her granddaughter, Brianna Waters, who graduated Saturday morning.

Dollene Fields announced that over \$1,200 was collected for the Christmas boxes and this amount will pay for the postage on 138 boxes. This is wonderful, now we will just have to fill up that number of boxes.

If you have never read the column by Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips, you are missing a treat. He has some interesting information.

Please pray for each other and our nation.

HARDEE ROTARY CLUB



PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY

From left are Floyd Rice, Past District Gov. Joyce Gunter of Tampa, Sue Birge, Matthew Whatley, and John Eason. The local Hardee Rotary Club members were honored May 16 for the recent Freedom Flight which carried military veterans to Washington, D.C.



Attending the Wednesday, May 16, Hardee Rotary meeting at the Java Cafe were these veterans who were among those going on the club's recent eighth Freedom Flight to Washington, D.C., Michael Pierson, Col. John Gill, Ray Heaton, Robert White, Jimmy Dickens, Tom Petro, and Larry Pelton.

will be celebrating their
152nd Homecoming
Sunday, May 27, 2018

Services will begin at 10:00 A.M.
Guest speaker will be Mike Roberts.

We invite all former members and friends to come and worship with us.

Dinner will follow the services.
We ask everyone to bring a covered dish.

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Crewsville Bethel Baptist Church

8251 Crewsville Rd., Crewsville
Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 4
thru
Friday, June 8
5-7 pm
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soc5:17-6:7p

Crime Blotter

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

COUNTY

May 20, a residential burglary on Lake Branch Road, criminal mischief on Murphy Road, and thefts at two locations on Redbird Lane were reported.

May 19, Sergio Melendez, 40, of 4620 Maple Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Brian LaFlam on a charge of withholding support of children.

May 19, Alfreda Renee Burks, 42, of 653 Chamberlain Blvd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Jennifer Soria and charged with simple assault on an officer.

May 17, Johnny Benavides, 20, of 24 Deibrich St., Eustis, was arrested by Dep. Beth Gainous on a charge of failure to appear in court.

May 17, Tyler Cobain Veitch, 21, of 1134 Marie Rd., Bowling Green, was arrested by the Drug Task Force (DTF) and charged with violation of probation.

May 17, Jesse Joseph Gilman, 20, of 588 Callie Ln., Bowling Green, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

May 17, Santos Plata, 37, of 3050 Spruce St., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Bryant Ovalles and charged with two counts of battery.

May 16, Victoria Guerrero, 32, of 1164 Downing Cir., Wauchula, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

May 16, Elizabeth Nichole Miller, 27, of 4943 Barnum St., Sebring, was arrested by Dep. Bryant Ovalles and charged with battery, larceny of property, larceny and carrying a concealed weapon.

May 16, a tag was reported stolen on Hanusch Road.

May 15, Charles Claude Crouse, 32, of 1153 Mockingbird Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. John Layport on a charge of violation of probation.

May 15, LaDorian Romeo, 25, of 1615 Lincoln St., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. John Layport and charged with criminal mischief—damage to property.

May 15, Amber Reynolds, 31, of 2585 McIntosh Dr., Lakeland, was arrested by Dep. Brian LaFlam and charged with two counts of uttering forged instruments and two counts of larceny-theft.

May 15, a residential burglary on Lake Branch Road was reported.

May 14, Leroy Fender, 42, of 115 Redbird Ln., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by DTF and charged with resisting an officer without violence and detained two counts of failure to appear in court.

May 14, Joshua David Miller, 33, of 1021 S. Ninth Ave., Wauchula, and Meagan Arndt, 24, of 2579 Pinecrest Ave., Arcadia, were arrested by DTF and each charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Miller was also held on an out-of-county warrant. Arndt was also charged with possession of cocaine.

May 14, Brittany Nicole Farabee, 28, of 700 E. Townsend St., was arrested by Dep. Ediberto Soto and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was also detained on two counts of failure to appear in court.

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May 20, Shayna Souza, 24, of 12112 Summerland Key St., Tampa, was arrested by Ofc. Emmanuel Vazquez and charged with possession of marijuana.

May 20, criminal mischief on North Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 North) was reported.

May 16, Adrian Sanchez, 31, of 322 S. Eighth Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Bryanna Lott and charged with battery, resisting an officer without violence and violation of probation.

May 17, Tony Terrell Rodriguez, 25, General Delivery, Bowling Green, was arrested by Ofc. Christopher Gicker and charged with two counts battery on an officer, resisting an officer with violence, criminal mischief—damage to property and possession of drug paraphernalia.

May 17, Jacob Ray Naranja, 24, of 3018 Brantwood Dr., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Ofc. Emmanuel Vazquez on an out-of-county warrant.

May 17, a theft on West Oak Street was reported.

May 15, criminal mischief on Orange Place and a theft on La Playa Drive were reported.

May 14, a theft on East Orange Street was reported.

BOWLING GREEN

May 17, criminal mischief on Minor Avenue was reported.

May 15, thefts on Royal Lane and on Chester Avenue were reported.

May 14, a theft on Feather Lane was reported.

Notices

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

CASE NO.: 252013CA000470

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.

SEAN M. MURPHY A/K/A SEAN MURPHY, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated April 04, 2018, and entered in Case No. 252013CA000470 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HARDEE COUNTY, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and SEAN M. MURPHY A/K/A SEAN MURPHY, et al are Defendants, the clerk, Victoria L. Rogers, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM at HARDEE County Courthouse, 417 West Main Street, 2nd Floor, outside of Room 202, Wauchula, FL 33873, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 6

day of June, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 5 AND ALL OF LOTS 6, 7 AND 8, BLOCK 2, SHELTON'S SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 5, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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 at Wauchula, HARDEE COUNTY, Florida, this 30 day of April, 2018.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS, Clerk of said Circuit Court

By: Connie Coker As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

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

CASE NO.: 252016CA000473

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2007-3, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3, Plaintiff,

vs.

SAUL CASTILLO; DEBORAH CASTILLO; et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on August 30, 2017 in Civil Case No. 252016CA000473, of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida, wherein, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2007-3, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3 is the Plaintiff, and SAUL CASTILLO; DEBORAH CASTILLO; UNKNOWN TENANT 1 N/K/A EMILIO CASTILLO; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Victoria L. Rogers will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873 on June 6, 2018 at 11:00 AM EST

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Courthouse Report

COUNTY COURT

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

Mark Allen Mercer Jr., 24, Bowling Green, and Charity Sue Santos, 31, Bowling Green.

Adalberto Lopez, 60, Wauchula, and Rosio Flores Navarro, 49, Wauchula.

Austin Lane Bridgman, 19, Lake City, and Karley Paige Owens, 18, Fort Meade.

Nathan Edward Pilkington, 28, Ona, and Kaylea Ashlee Black, 26, Myakka City.

Michael James Prine, 30, Wauchula, and Rebecca Nechole James, 32, Wauchula.

Lee Edward Woods, 24, Wauchula, and Briana Jo Hardy, 24, Wauchula.

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

Discover Bank vs. Jared S. Sosa, voluntary dismissal.

Triest Group Inc. vs. Central Florida Produce and others, default judgment.

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:

Eva Lou Sigala and the state Department of Revenue (DOR) vs. Angela Sigala, petition for administrative child support order.

Norma Hernandez vs. Adrian Sanchez, petition for injunction for protection.

Tracie A. King and DOR vs. Jayson Preston Hollis, petition for administrative child support order.

Sara Olmos vs. Leonardo DeJesus Deloera, petition for injunction for protection.

Sara M. Goss and Justin R. Goss, divorce.

CBC Settlement Funding

vs. A. Newman, damages—business transactions.

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

Drema Reyna vs. Ashley Diaz, dismissal of injunction for protection.

Michael S. Farrell and Bonita Marie Kennedy Farrell, divorce.

Jennifer Darena Solis vs. Cipriano Ibarra and DOR, modification of child support.

Reina Ann Medrano and DOR vs. Victor Byron Allen Jackson, child support order.

Miranda Nichole Black and DOR vs. Robert Preston Bivens, child support suspended.

Daverny Kimesha Freeman and DOR vs. Quintavious Lamar Lewis, order.

Larry McDonald vs. Makayla Williams, injunction for protection.

There was no felony criminal court last week as it was trial week.

The following real estate transactions of \$10,000 or more were filed recently in the office of the clerk of court:

Marcos Taguja to Azucena Elvira Garduno-Pedroza, \$12,800.

Robert Jr. and Hope Senkleski to Aaron C. and Micah L. Myers, \$170,000.

Linda S. Dean to Billy E. and Judy A. Roose, \$82,000.

Marcie Means to Samuel Delatorre, Cassandra Delatorre and Michelle Delatorre, \$43,000.

JMJ Citrus to Vance J. Woodard as trustee, \$200,000.

Vicky S. Pate as trustee to Richard M. and Judy A. Russell, \$242,900.

Margarito and Juana M. Hernandez to Angelica Maria Martinez Martinez, \$60,000.

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 8,9 AND 10 BLOCK 37 OF THE ORIGINAL SURVEY OF THE TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN FLORIDA AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 3-29 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY FLORIDA

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on April 30, 2018.

CLERK OF THE COURT
Victoria L. Rogers

Connie Coker
Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: 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, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 14, 2018 for the following Proposals:

E1R77-R0 – Sign Installation, Repair, Replacement and Pavement Markings Removal and Replacement District-Wide.
Budget Amount: \$410,800.00

Z1052-R0 – Pre-Event Emergency Cut and Toss in Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties.

Z1054-R0 – Pre-Event Emergency Cut and Toss in Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, and Lee Counties.

Z1055-R0 – Pre-Event Emergency Cut and Toss in Desoto, Glades, Hendry, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties.

Z1057-R0 – Pre-Event Emergency Generator Installation District-Wide.

Z1058-R0 – Pre-Event Traffic Signal Repair District-Wide.

Z1059 – Pre-Event Single and Multi-Post Signs in Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties.

Z1061 – Pre-Event Single and Multi-Post Signs in Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, and Lee Counties.

Z1062 – Pre-Event Single and Multi-Post Signs in DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties.

Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict1/>; or by calling (863) 519-2559.

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HARDEE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hardee County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinances Nos. 02-17 and 04-01, which authorize a financial hardship exemption to the solid waste disposal and fire rescue portions of the special assessment fees. Property owners qualifying for this exemption will receive a refund or a credit in the amount of the current tax year's approved non-ad valorem taxes toward the special assessment fees for solid waste disposal and fire rescue assessment fees.

If you are interested in applying for this exemption, or if you have any questions pertaining to this issue, please contact Bonnie Heggie at the Office of Management and Budget at 863/773-3199. Applications will be accepted until May 31, 2018.

Russell Melendy, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Hardee County, Florida

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Obituaries

LINDA EVERY PETERSON

Linda Every Peterson, 69, died Saturday, May 19, 2018, at her home in Fort Meade.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Fort Meade, where she was a member of the First Church of God, and a retired service advisor after nearly 25 years for C. Bennett and Greenwood Chevrolet in Fort Meade.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Alec and Doris Ann McCrea Every; and her brother, Gene Every.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph G. Peterson, of Fort Meade; daughter, Patricia Ogborn (Marcus), of Fort Meade; son, Terry Smith, of Mooresboro, N.C.; brother, Robert "Bob" Every (Linda), of Umatilla; and grandchildren, Tyler Ogborn, Heather Smith, and Bryan Smith.

Visitation was Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. today (Thursday), May 24, at the First Church of God, 215 S. Perry Ave., Fort Meade with Rev. Travis Risner officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Fort Meade.

Arrangements by Hancock Funeral Home.

In Loving Memory



WILLA BELLE MOSELEY TUBBS

Willa Belle Moseley Tubbs, 85, a resident of Cleveland, Tenn., and formerly of Florida, passed away Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at the family residence.

Mrs. Tubbs was the daughter of the late Pauline Cooper Terrell and Willard Terrell. Her first husband, Burton Moseley, her second husband, Billy Tubbs, her daughter, Linda Albury and her brother, Thurman Terrell, also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Tubbs was a homemaker and she enjoyed working in her vegetable

garden, fishing and cooking for her family. She was a member of the Bowling Green Baptist Church in Bowling Green.

Survivors include daughter, Tessie Hancock (and her husband David), of Cleveland, Tenn.; her son, Dennis Moseley (and his wife Kathy), of Bartow; her several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Tina Murray, of Bowling Green; and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held in the Roberts Funeral Home Chapel, with a Remembrance Of Life Service following on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 11 a.m., with Pastor Jim Harris officiating. Interment will follow in the Bowling Green Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Expressions of comfort may be made at robertsfh.com.

Roberts Family

FUNERAL HOME WAUCHULA



Provided as a courtesy of Roberts Family Funeral Home

Kitchen Diva

By Angela Shelf Medearis



I'll Drink to That

I try to drink the recommended amount of water each day, but sometimes I want a healthy alternative. What you drink is as important as what you eat. Many beverages contain added sugars and offer little or no nutrients, while others may provide nutrients but too much fat and too many calories. Here are some tips from myplate.gov to help you make better beverage choices.

Drink water – Drink water instead of sugary drinks. Regular soda, energy or sports drinks, and other sweet drinks usually contain a lot of added sugar, which provides more calories than needed.

How much water is enough? – Let your thirst be your guide. Water is an important nutrient for the body, but everyone's needs are different. Most of us get enough water from the foods we eat and the beverages we drink. A healthy body can balance water needs throughout the day. Drink plenty of water if you are very active, live or work in hot conditions, or are an older adult.

A thrifty option – Water is usually easy on the wallet. You can save money by drinking water from the tap at home or when eating out.

Manage your calories – Drink water with and between your meals. Adults and children take in about 400 calories per day as beverages -- drinking water can help you manage your calories.

Kid-friendly drink zone – Make water, low-fat or fat-free milk, or 100 percent juice an easy option in your home. Have ready-to-go containers filled with water or healthy drinks available in the refrigerator. Put them in lunch boxes or backpacks for easy access when kids are away from home. Depending on age, children can drink 1/2 to 1 cup, and adults can drink up to 1 cup of 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice each day.

Don't forget your dairy – When you choose milk or milk alternatives, select low-fat or fat-free milk or fortified

soymilk. Each type of milk offers the same key nutrients such as calcium, vitamin D and potassium, but the number of calories are very different. Older children, teens and adults need 3 cups of milk per day, while children ages 4 to 8 need 2 1/2 cups and children 2 to 3 years old need 2 cups.

Enjoy your beverage – When water just won't do: Enjoy the beverage of your choice, but just cut back. Remember to check the serving size and the number of servings in the can, bottle or container to stay within calorie needs. Select smaller cans, cups or glasses instead of large or supersized options.

Water on the go – Water is always convenient. Fill a clean, reusable water bottle and toss it in your bag or briefcase to quench your thirst throughout the day. Reusable bottles also are easy on the environment.

Check the facts – Use the Nutrition Facts label to choose beverages at the grocery store. The food label and ingredients list contain information about added sugars, saturated fat, sodium and calories to help you make better choices.

Compare what you drink – Food-A-Pedia, an online feature available on the SuperTracker website, can help you compare calories, added sugars and fats in your favorite beverages.

Try this healthy recipe for a Citrus Coconut Water Refresher. It's a delicious way to incorporate fresh fruit juices and the nutritious benefits of coconut water into your daily diet.

Coconut water is the juice found naturally in the center of a young, green coconut. It contains 94 percent water and very little fat.

The water is freshest when it comes directly from the coconut. Simply press a straw into the soft part of a green coconut and start drinking. Store

the coconut in the refrigerator and consume it within two to three weeks of purchase.

You also can buy bottled coconut water at most grocery stores. Be sure to read the ingredient list to make sure you're getting 100 percent coconut water. Some bottled brands contain added sugar or flavoring.

Research has shown that coconut water can lower blood sugar levels and improve other health markers in diabetic animals, guard against the development of kidney stones, reduce cholesterol levels and liver fat, reduce blood pressure levels and blood clots. It also restores hydration and replenishes electrolytes lost during exercise.

CITRUS COCONUT-WATER REFRESHER

- 2 cups coconut water
- 1/4 cup lemon juice – freshly squeezed
- 1/2 cup orange juice – freshly squeezed
- 2 tablespoons lime juice – freshly squeezed
- 2 teaspoons stevia or agave syrup
- 1 cup ice
- 1/2 orange, lime or lemon, sliced

Place all of the ingredients except the sliced fruit into a blender and blend until well-incorporated. Serve with citrus slices. Makes 2 to 4 servings.

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

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Bible Trivia

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lydia in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 Corinthians 11, because of "what" did Paul say women should have a "symbol of authority"? Life, Trust, Love, Angels
3. In Acts 10, who said, "Not so, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean"? Herod, Peter, Thomas, John the Baptist
4. Whose four daughters were considered prophetesses? Gad, Philip, Jonah, Noah

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Angels; 3) Peter; 4) Philip
Visit Wilson Casey's new Trivia Fan Site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Oscar Benavidez Jr. 1957 – 2018

Words can't express how grateful we are for the love shown and heartfelt sentiment that helped us through this difficult time.

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4 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in hand-harvesting berries in Westmoreland County, Virginia, for Westmoreland Berry Farm with work beginning on or about 06/25/2018 and ending on or about 08/15/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 months verifiable prior 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 10304 Spotsylvania Ave, suite 100, Fredericksburg, VA 22408, (540) 322-5788, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency and reference job order #VA1348161. EOE. H-300-18129-190390. c15-24c

8 temporary agricultural equipment operators needed for work in tobacco, corn, soybeans, peanuts, wheat, oats, rye, and cotton in Bladen County for Edward Farms, Inc., with work beginning on or about 06/25/2018 and ending on or about 12/15/2018. The job offered is for a skilled operator and requires minimum 3 months verifiable work experience operating 200+ hp farm equipment. Applicants must possess proper and current driver license. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Workers may be required to submit to random drug and alcohol testing. Apply for this job at NCWorks Career Center – Bladen County, 401 Mercer Mill Rd., Elizabethtown, NC 28337, (910) 862-3255, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency and reference job order #NC10857534. EOE. H-300-18124-796315. c15-24c

Daniel Harvesting, Inc. is hiring 30 farmworkers to cultivate and harvest watermelon crops in Decatur County, GA for a temporary period starting on 06/16/2018 and ending on 07/01/2018. Two (2) months verifiable experience harvesting watermelons is required. The wages offered are the highest of \$10.95/hr. or applicable piece rates. 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. Drug testing and background checks will occur during the interview process and will be conducted at the sole discretion of the employer. Workers must be able to lift 70lbs. to shoulder height repetitively throughout the workday and able to lift and carry 70lbs. in field. Employer guarantees work will be available for at least three-quarters of the period stated. Required tools supplies, and equipment will be provided at no cost to worker. Housing will be available for workers who cannot reasonably return home after each working day. Transportation and subsistence expenses will be provided, or reimbursed after 50% of the work contract is completed, if appropriate. Applicants should apply for the position at their local State Workforce Agency office. Job Order Number: GA2218312093. c15-24c

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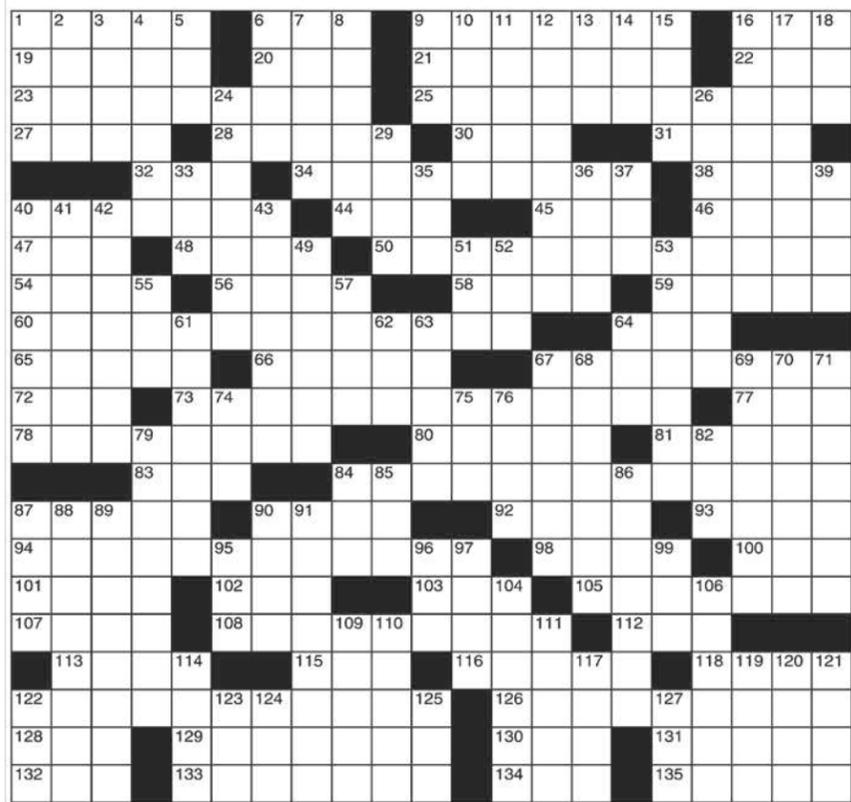
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Super Crossword

INTRO TO POE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Iraqis, e.g.
 - 6 Yank's Civil War foe
 - 9 "View of Toledo" artist
 - 16 Road sign no.
 - 19 — Haute, Indiana
 - 20 Fruit eater in Genesis
 - 21 "Naked" rodent
 - 22 Byronic "before"
 - 23 A second time
 - 25 When you get there
 - 27 Flat-topped rise
 - 28 Choose to participate
 - 30 Nosh, say
 - 31 Like a desert
 - 32 "Sister Wives" ailer
 - 34 Lots of
 - 38 Greater than
 - 40 President Nixon
 - 44 Snatch
 - 45 RV hookup gp.
 - 46 Zilch
 - 47 Love of Lennon
 - 48 What jailbirds are behind
 - 50 Color akin to navy
 - 54 Pop singer Lovato
 - 56 Journalist Paula
 - 58 Dimwit
 - 59 Lock plates
 - 60 Cold, cloudy conditions, say
 - 64 See
 - 77-Across
 - 65 Declaration at the door
 - 66 Spock player
 - 67 Has a printed price of
 - 72 Secretive U.S. org.
 - 73 "Since the subject has come up ..."
 - 77 With
 - 64-Across, of equal status
 - 78 Olympic skater Witt
 - 80 Packaging abbr.
 - 81 Ugly beasts
 - 83 Puppy's bite
 - 84 "Seems suspect to me"
 - 87 Dimwit
 - 90 Singer with the 2001 hit "Thank You"
 - 92 Kemo — (the Lone Ranger)
 - 93 Simon or Diamond
 - 94 Meditated on
 - 98 Guitar great Lofgren
 - 100 "Botch- —" (1952 hit song)
 - 101 "What —!" ("He's the best!")
 - 102 Balkan repub.
 - 103 Shag, e.g.
 - 105 Get flushed
 - 107 Actor Michael of "Star Trek: The Next Generation"
 - 108 Cowardly
 - 112 Day, in Peru
 - 113 Shed tears
 - 115 Rap's "Dr."
 - 116 Arsenal
 - 118 Take apart
 - 122 "Such is life"
 - 126 One may seek respite
 - 128 Family cat, e.g.
 - 129 Stephen, French-style
 - 130 & so forth
 - 131 Huge name in insurance
 - 132 Voting "yes"
 - 133 Least lax
 - 134 With
 - 135-Across, poem whose first line is found among this puzzle's 11 longest answers
 - 135 See 134-Across
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Quark locale
 - 2 Actress Russo
 - 3 Oval portions
 - 4 Respiration
 - 5 Briny deep
 - 6 Lop a crop
 - 7 Best Musical of 1980
 - 8 Gentle
 - 9 Kiwi relative
 - 10 Trotted
 - 11 Twilight, old-style
 - 12 1995 Leslie Nielsen comedy
 - 13 Long span
 - 14 Avis offering
 - 15 Other, in Peru
 - 16 Restorations
 - 17 Exchanged for the better?
 - 18 Slippery sort
 - 24 Flip out
 - 26 Jail cell parts
 - 29 Linguist Chomsky
 - 33 Testing spot
 - 35 Osaka sash
 - 36 Off-limits
 - 37 Slangy "OK"
 - 39 Actress Charlotte and others
 - 40 Tennis champ Andy
 - 41 Notion about motion
 - 42 Charges
 - 43 Enticed
 - 49 Aussie miss prez
 - 51 Post-WWII
 - 52 Fish-fowl link
 - 53 "Yes, it's also included"
 - 55 "— so sure!"
 - 57 Put a label on
 - 61 Second draft
 - 62 Pull along
 - 63 "Laughing" mammal
 - 64 Greek letter
 - 67 Guy keeping the peace
 - 68 Smidgen
 - 69 Refrain
 - 70 Former
 - 71 Grappled, in dialect
 - 74 In the know
 - 75 Amp (up)
 - 76 Summers, in French
 - 79 Painkillers
 - 82 Fired thing
 - 84 Altar words
 - 85 Carpooling lane abbr.
 - 86 Misleading sort
 - 87 Apple debut of 2010
 - 88 Person with a pet pooch
 - 89 No longer fazed by
 - 90 Editor's mark
 - 91 Pin-ons worn by staffers
 - 95 Not refined
 - 96 East ender?
 - 97 Repents of
 - 99 — Lankan
 - 104 Not stay dry
 - 106 Queasiness
 - 109 Norway's currency unit
 - 110 Wails in lamentation
 - 111 Performs, in the Bible
 - 114 Virgil, e.g.
 - 117 Indy 500, e.g.
 - 119 Tube fan's punishment
 - 120 Desert hill
 - 121 "The Good Earth" wife
 - 122 87-Down user's buy
 - 123 Suffix with Seattle
 - 124 Pewter part
 - 125 In place
 - 127 Lt. Tasha on "Star Trek: The Next Generation"



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch your budget so that you don't overspend now and have less to invest when the time is right later on. Arrange to share your weekend with someone special.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An apparent act of injustice might turn out to be either an error in judgment or just plain stupidity. So calm down and cool off, and let the explanations roll out.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The temptation to involve yourself in a friend's or family member's personal problems is laudable. But get the facts before you make a firm commitment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's upsetting when someone you trusted might have failed you. But with new opportunities ahead, you'll soon be too busy to feel even a wee bit sorry for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to keep the faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A sense of uncertainty could be a good reason to change your position on an important matter. Someone close might try to talk you out of it, but it's your decision to make.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've reached an important point in your ongoing pursuit of your goals. You might now want to consider letting someone you trust join you on your journey.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Being too zealous in pursuing your goal could create some resistance. Try to be more mindful of what you ask people to do, and they'll be more likely to do it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You've been going through a spate of uncertainty involving people you care for. But it might be time to take a stand on a position you feel sure you can defend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things change as you go from being ignored to being lionized once again. This is a good time to reintroduce those previously rejected ideas to a more receptive audience.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Treading water keeps you busy, but it won't get you where you need to go. Time to stop making excuses and to start moving ahead toward your goals.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone new in your life creates both anticipation as well as anxiety. Avoid the potential for misunderstandings by watching what you say and how you say it.

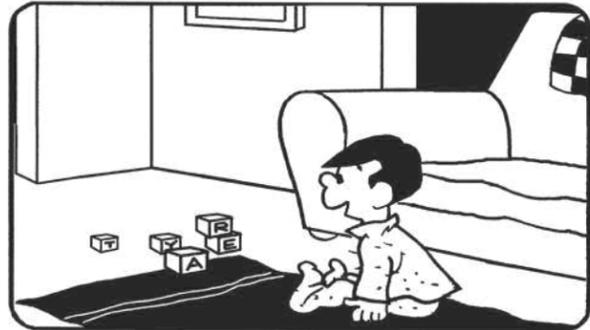
BORN THIS WEEK: You see life as both creative and pragmatic. You would not only be a fine artist, but also a successful one.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Blanket is smaller. 2. Hair is different. 3. Block is moved. 4. Wall is wider. 5. Picture is moved. 6. Mouth is open.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

	-		x		12
x		x		+	
	+		x		20
-		+		+	
	+		x		17
11		14		6	

DIFFICULTY: ★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8			7			3
1	9	5		7		
3			6		9	8
3	1					5
	4		8		6	
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	1	2		3	7	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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N M K D O O H R O B H G I E N

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

- Bend
- Circle
- Clock
- Corner
- Horn
- House
- League
- Maypole
- Moon
- Neighborhood
- Table
- Time
- Town
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- World

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Answers

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	+		+	-
20	x	6	+	4
	+		x	x
12	x	1	-	5

Answers

Go Figure!

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

Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: I equals O

VGDP K PYZCKPTD BQZDC QDKAAM

GKQX BI KTTIRJAZCG CIRDBGZPU,

Z'X CKM GD'C JYBBZPU GZC JDCB

EIIB EIQVKQX.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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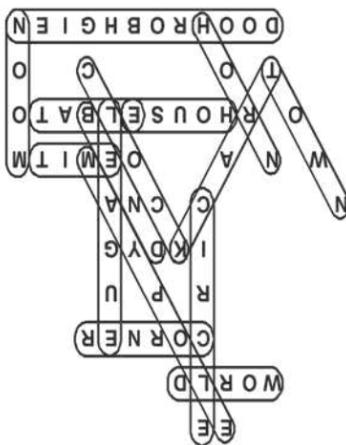
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Answers

When a nuisance tries really hard to accomplish something, I'd say he's putting his pest foot forward.

Answers

CryptoQuip

— Doug Larson
be Labor Day weekend, end it would probably U.S. were placed end to

Answers

CryptoQuote

RETURNING GRADS



COURTESY PHOTO
The graduating seniors of Hardee High School's Class of 2018 who had attended Bowling Green Elementary encouraged the current students by walking down memory lane at their former elementary school one last time. Paraprofessional Yuri Gutierrez coordinated the event, arranging for the seniors to come. A full pomp-and-circumstance parade honoring the graduates commenced at 7:45 a.m. Shown at their old haunts are (from left) Jasmine Mendoza, Jenny Lopez, Jaz'lyn Perry, Ana Corona, Victoria Ibarra, Julissa Molina, Alexis McBride and Alexis Garza.

POINT MAN



COURTESY PHOTO
Angel Romero-Vasquez of Zolfo Springs Elementary was recognized at a recent meeting of the Hardee County School Board for reading his way to more than 1,000 Accelerated Reader points. Angel earned a total of 1,575.5 points, and scored a test average of 94.9 percent! Flanking Angel and his family are ZSE Principal Tammy Pohl and Schools Superintendent Bob Shayman.

Do you have a "Bucket List?"

Isn't life amazing? Time passes so fast you cannot seem to hang on, but most of us just keep getting older. Somehow we survive but look back on missed opportunities, failures, a few successes and a huge "Bucket List" of unfinished things we fully intended to get done but never quite got around to doing.

There was the one you were madly in love with but never let them know then years later you learn they were feeling the same about you.

What happened to all those trips to far-away places you intended to go to?

You built a house exactly the way you wanted it, no cookie cutter design for you, but when finished it was nothing like you really wanted.

Are you still dreaming of the "Bucket List?" Somehow life or the living thereof gets in the way. Weeks turn into years, and that bucket seems to stay full.

When you retired you planned to spend days on the riverbank catching up on all the fishing you have missed, but by retirement you have had so many injuries and surgeries you cannot get to the riverbank. You have spent enough on equipment all in vain.

The bucket just rots away along with all your other dreams.



As Seen From This Side

By Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips
 Wauchula

Stop! Right where you are if you are planning on opening a business. I am too old so I will pass this idea on to you.

There are not many choices of places to eat out family-style. Wauchula needs you.

I learned today of an idea I have known about for 40 years. When you ask your friends or family where they would like to go, what is their answer. "Just anywhere" or "it doesn't matter."

Go into the restaurant business across from each other. Here are the names, and you don't owe me anything. Just imagine if all these people came to these two cafes you would have a waiting line outside. I suggest you cover this space because they are going to be there quite a spell. Another good idea is "I don't know."

I have gotten these answers from dates (many years ago), family and friends, so I am sure they have got to be a winner, whether the restaurant is a 5-Star or greasy spoon.

Deer can read! Arnold Air Force Base and Old Camp Forest are about eight miles south. A lot

of buildings are in sight of the road. Every 200 yards there are signs proclaiming this as a "Safety Zone."

Usually you can see three to six deer in this safety area feeding up to the right-of-way. It is not deer season, and you cannot shoot in the safety zone anyway.

A week or two before deer season hunters purchase permits and set up their deer stands. The first day of deer season the woods are full of hunters, but 300 deer will be grazing in the safety zone all day. They can read. They know you can't shoot.

I am sitting with a hospice patient. His house butts up to a state park on two sides, and homes line the street across the way. Three times a day deer feed on the left side of his yard and across between the houses.

One large tree is loaded with bright red berries. They feed there and seldom run when we come in or out. I bought a sack of sweet feed and spread it on the rest of his yard.

As I write there are 10 four-legged lawnmowers at work near the front door and back yard. Yup, deer can read.

TRAVELING SLUGGERS



COURTESY PHOTO
The Hardee County Youth Softball 10-under Allstars travel team won third place last weekend in a competition featuring teams from 13 communities from across the state. Pictured are: (front row from l) Taylor McCants, Mikayla Silva, Valerieh Juarez, Kirstyn Faulkner, and Yareli Duarte; (middle row, from l) Jordyn Lozano, Luna Guajardo, Eliza Thomas, Saydee Herrera, Alanna Garcia, and Crystal Ramirez; and (back row, from l) head coach Adam Juarez, assistant coach Sharri Knight, and assistant coach Hector Silva.

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Highlands Lawmen Ride For Fallen Hardee Deputy

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

The brotherhood of the thin blue line became a brotherhood of bikes earlier this month.

More than 2,500 lawmen from across the country descended upon the nation's capital as part of the annual Police Unity Tour to pay tribute to fellow officers lost in the line of duty.

The ride – which travels more than 300 miles from Northern New Jersey into Washington, D.C. – was founded more than 20 years ago by 18 riders.

Lt. Sean Casey and Det. Daniel McFee, peace officers of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, joined the effort this year to honor Dep. Julie Bridges.

Bridges, a veteran of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office, was killed in a head-on collision last September as she left a shift at a local evacuation shelter during Hurricane Irma.

"The Hardee County Sheriff's Office is overwhelmed with gratitude in the remembrance of Deputy Sheriff Julie Bridges, by the Highlands County Sheriff's Office," the local Sheriff's Office noted in a social media statement.

"We are sending our prayers and support as Lt. Sean Casey and Det. Daniel McFee honor her life by participating in the Police Unity Tour that will end at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C.," it concluded.

Casey and McFee logged hundreds of miles on Heartland area roadways as they prepared for the memorial ride.

The start of the memorial journal – emotional any year – was shrouded in the veil of tragedy.

The ride embarked from Morris County, N.J., on May 9, for the first 60 miles of the journey, just days after Highlands County Dep. William Gentry succumbed May 7 to gunshot wounds he sustained responding to a neighborhood dispute in the Placid Lakes community in Lake Placid.

The deputies, though, remained true to their word to honor Bridges.

"Although the timing is terrible, we are riding this one for Julie Bridges, and I don't want to take anything away from her family," McFee said. "We just want to respect her and give her the full honor."

Gentry, the lawmen added, "is certainly on our hearts and minds, and we have shared his



Thousands of lawmen from across the nation pedaled more than 300 miles as part of the Police Unity Tour to Washington, D.C. COURTESY PHOTOS

story a lot."

The second leg of the ride, a 100-mile stretch, took riders from Somerset, N.J., to Wilmington, Del., on May 10.

The third leg, on May 11, took the lawmen on another 100-mile trek that ended in Annapolis, Md.

The Police Unity Tour entered Washington and the National Law Enforcement

Officers Memorial on May 12.

"We are carrying the memories of Julie Bridges and William Gentry with us into Washington, D.C.," Casey told The Herald-Advocate.

As the Police Unity Tour ended with a candlelight vigil on the Washington Mall, the motivation of its slogan resonated the somber event: "We Ride For Those Who Died."



Lt. Sean Casey and Det. Daniel McFee of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office honored the memory of Hardee Sheriff's Office Dep. Julie Bridges on the Police Unity Tour.

Former Coach, Retiring Teacher Honored

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

After 44 years of teaching and 28 years of coaching in Hardee County, Phil Rasmussen is officially retiring and was honored during the Wildcats' spring football game May 17.

Rasmussen graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1973 and was hired by principal Pat Patterson and then varsity head coach Jerry Kapusta for a teaching and coaching job at Hardee High.

In 1978, the Wisconsin transplant married Hardee

County native Sonya Lamb.

Rasmussen spent 15 years teaching at the Hardee Senior High, 15 years at Hardee Junior High and the last 14 years at Bowling Green Elementary, where the physical education teacher was chosen in 2006 as the district's Teacher of the Year and represent Hardee County at the state level.

He coached the junior varsity team for his first couple of years while scouting the varsity team's upcoming opponent of Friday nights.

In 1976, he became an assistant on the varsity squad,

coaching the offensive and defensive lines.

He also coached track, baseball and weight lifting during that time and was active in the Hardee County chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, chaperoning trips to summer camps for many years.

Rasmussen was chosen to replace longtime coach Bob Martin when he retired and served as the head coach from 1996 through 2000.

He is proud of the number of his players who went on to play at the college level.

In 2002, Rasmussen was recruited by Webber International University in Lake Wales as an assistant coach as it got its fledgling football program up and running.

While at Webber, he recruited several Hardee County football players to join the team.

During his time teaching in Bowling Green, Rasmussen was able to impact some third generation children of his first players and students.

He also taught math lessons during literacy block, refereed at "Battle of the Books" competitions and fostered a spirit of competitiveness and always trying your best with his students.

He taught all his students to "treat others as you want to be treated."

Rasmussen is still married to Sonya, and they have two sons, Cale and Dane, both of whom played for the Wildcats and at Webber University.

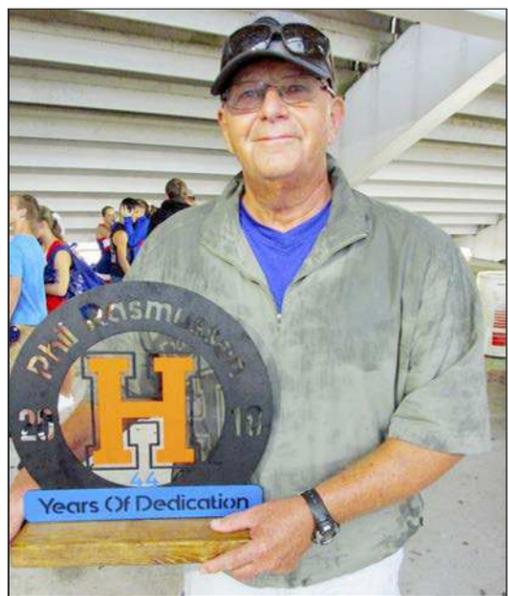


PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

Former Wildcat Head Coach Phil Rasmussen was honored during the Hardee's spring game last week. Rasmussen taught in Hardee County for 44 years and spent 28 years coaching local athletes.

Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. When was the last time before 2017 that the Philadelphia Phillies hit three consecutive homers in a game?

2. Name the last major-league player before Colorado's Charlie Blackmon in 2017 to lead off two consecutive games with a triple.

3. Before 2016, when was the last time the Oakland Raiders had a winning record for an NFL season?

4. When was the last time a men's college basketball team west of the Mississippi won the NCAA Tournament?

5. Name three of the four NHL players to have scored 600 or more career goals in fewer than 1,000 games.

6. Who are the only three drivers to have won a NASCAR Cup championship at age 43 or older?

ANSWERS

1. It was 2008, when Chase Utley, Ryan Howard and Pat Burrell did it.

2. Miami's Jose Reyes, in 2012.

3. It was 2002.

4. Kansas, in 2008.

5. Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Brett Hull and Alex Ovechkin.

6. Bobby Allison (age 45 in 1983), Dale Earnhardt (43 in 1994) and Lee Petty (45 in 1959).

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GREAT GRANT



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Carey Crawford, guidance counselor at Bowling Green Elementary, has received a \$2,000 grant from Lowe's Home Improvement stores. Crawford is the National Elementary Honor Society sponsor at the school, as well as holding many other titles. She plans to use the grant money to make improvements to and purchase materials for the Honor Society and other club affiliations she has at the school. Crawford is flanked here by Assistant Principal Stuart Durastanti and Principal Kathy Clark.

Summer Construction Begins At Schools

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The gentle din of students will be replaced with the rumble of backhoes and jackhammers next week.

School may be out for most students beginning Friday, but work will continue for the Hardee County School District as it launches its summer maintenance and building program.

"We have projects at every school," said Rob Krahl, facilities director.

Eight of the construction projects will be performed by in-house staff and five other projects will be conducted by outside contractors, Krahl added.

Hardee High

Work is scheduled to begin June 4 at Hardee Senior High

School to replace the underground storm water system that failed during Hurricane Irma last September.

The school's underground drain system was unable to cope with the deluge of water from the storm and led to widespread damage in the school's auditorium.

The damaged auditorium remained closed through the school year, prompting high school events to be relocated to the auditorium at Hardee Junior High School.

The project, expected to cost well over \$100,000, is slated to be completed by Aug. 3.

Bowling Green Elementary

Replacement of the leaking cafeteria roof at Bowling Green Elementary is ex-

pected to begin June 11.

"We are still getting some water in," said Principal Kathy Clark last Thursday after near daily rainstorms last week.

The project is expected to last four weeks.

North Wauchula

North Wauchula Elementary will receive two utility improvement projects this summer.

The first project, slated to begin in June, will repair and line drainage pipes at the school.

The second project, to begin in July, will last approximately 2-3 weeks and replace and line water pipes.

Wauchula Elementary

A demolition project is scheduled in June at

Wauchula Elementary School to remove a four-room building at the site.

Zolfo Springs Elementary

Zolfo Springs Elementary School is also scheduled for a major construction project, with the replacement of a 2-½" water line in July.

Security Concerns

The summer works program is expected to also include several projects designed to improve school safety.

"The deputy superintendent (Todd Durden) and the (Hardee County) Sheriff's Office have been evaluating security at all the school sites," Krahl said. "When they are complete the priorities for the Maintenance Department will likely change."

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Wildcats Win Both Spring Games

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Hardee Wildcats won both of their abbreviated spring games, which consisted of two quarters each, by beating Cardinal Mooney 16-0 and then took down Avon Park 31-6 at Wildcat Stadium Thursday night.

Head Coach Brian Kemp was very pleased with the way his squad competed, adding they played with great effort in both games.

"We tried not to be too complex with the game plan," he said. "We just wanted to let the guys go out and play fast, and they did that well."

Cardinal Mooney received to start the game and picked up a few first downs before defensive end Randy McLeod recovered a fumble for the Wildcats.

Hardee's offense took over and picked up two first downs before James Pearson, a rising senior quarterback who transferred from Sebring this spring, saw his fourth-down pass attempt fall incomplete for a turnover on downs.

Cornerback Myron Refouere intercepted Ryan Bolduc just before the first quarter ended to give Hardee the ball at their 29.

The Wildcats picked up two first downs before Pearson was intercepted and the Cougars took over at the Cats

20-yard line with 9:52 left in the half.

The Wildcat defenders sent Cardinal Mooney backwards on three straight plays, the last of which ended with a safety after McLeod and Matt Tyson teamed up to sack quarterback Ryan Bolduc in the end zone for a 2-0 lead.

Hardee's offense found its rhythm on its third possession with Ellis Hodges, a rising sophomore who transferred after playing for Desoto last season, rushed for a first down before a personal foul on Cardinal Mooney gave the Cats another first down at midfield.

Jean St. Louis then ripped off a 24-yard run before Pearson connected with Quinten Lindsey for a 24-yard touchdown pass.

Leo Duarte made the PAT and Hardee led 9-0 with 6:51 remaining.

Cardinal Mooney kept the ball for all of one play as McLeod continued terrorizing the Cougars' backfield with a sack and forced fumble before he recovered the ball at the 25.

After a penalty moved the ball back to the 34, Hodges ripped off four runs in a row, with the last being for a touchdown from 6-yards out to push Hardee's lead to 16-0 after Duarte's PAT kick with 4:35 remaining.

Cardinal Mooney drove down to the Hardee 10-yard

line before turning the ball over on downs with just under a minute remaining.

Hardee's offense then ran out the clock to preserve the 16-0 victory.

Hardee took an intermission while Cardinal Mooney defeated Avon Park 21-7.

The Wildcats then came out and took down the Red Devils 31-6.

Avon Park received and quickly went three-and-out.

Hardee settled for a field goal after Pearson found Dylan Davis open for a 31-yard catch to move the ball down to the 16.

After the drive stalled, Duarte was called in and made a 27-yard field goal to give Hardee a 3-0 lead with 7:16 left in the first quarter.

Avon Park took over and Hardee's defense forced a fumble on the first play of the drive and Trayvon Thomas recovered for the Wildcats at the Red Devils 25.

St. Louis ran over left tackle for 7 yards before taking the next handoff down to the 1-yard line.

Two plays later he ran over the right tackle for a 2-yard touchdown.

The Duarte PAT was good and Hardee led 10-0 with 5:10 left in the opening quarter.

Hardee's defense forced another quick three-and-out and the Cats took over at the

Avon Park 46 after the punt.

Two plays later Pearson dropped back to pass and found Lindsey wide open behind the defense for a 44-yard touchdown reception.

Duarte split the upright on the PAT kick and Hardee led 17-0 with 3:02 left in the first quarter.

The Red Devils took over and a third-down pass attempt was intercepted by Lindsey, who returned it 45 yards for a touchdown.

Duarte's kick was good and Hardee led 24-0 with 1:58 left in the first quarter.

Avon Park got on the board with 9:58 left in the game with a 19-yard touchdown pass.

Hardee's offense, led by mainly younger players, then iced the game with a 70-yard touchdown drive that took 9:08 off the clock.

Cade Alexy ripped off a 12-yard run for a first down to start the drive before rushing for a dozen more and another first down two plays later.

Pearson then found Jozie St. Louis open for a first down reception to move the ball down to the Avon Park 19.

Bryce Rucker capped off the drive a few plays later with a 2-yard plunge up the middle for the touchdown.

Duarte's kick was good and the Wildcat's went up 31-6 with just under a minute to go.



Peavy's Ponderings

By Jonell Peavy

Sugar Possum of the late Truman Thomas

Georgi, my granddaughter, called me Tuesday evening and asked me if I wanted to go with her to see Brook in her school play. Brook is her niece and my great-granddaughter. Of course I jumped at the chance. I don't drive at night so I've missed lots of events my granddaughters were in.

We enjoyed the play. The girls wanted to ride home with us, so I rode with Jodi, their Mom, and Georgi's sister, and the girls rode with Georgi.

We visited for a while then we left Frostproof and headed home to Avon Park. We came home by way of the Old Avon Park cutoff road because it was raining and there was hardly any traffic.

We all know God looks after his children, but He also looks after his animals. As we were going home Georgi spotted a small yellow kitten just off the highway in the weeds. She backed the car up and got out and found not one but two tiny baby kittens. One was yellow, and one was black. She looked for more, but the two were all she found.

She turned around so we could look for the mother. I called and called as she drove real slow, but the two kittens were all we found. Someone just dropped them off beside the road in the rain, but God was in control.

I know that He put us on that road at that time to save those kittens from being killed. They were wet and hungry. I don't think they were even weaned because one of them kept trying to suck on my hand.

Georgi took them home with her. She gave them some warm milk and fed them some wet food, which they were able to eat. She then set out to find them a good home by posting on social media. We didn't want to separate them, but God was in control.

An Avon Park man who had a small kitten about the size of the ones Georgi had took both of them for companions for his kitten. He sent Georgi a picture of them and his kitten sharing a food dish.

I don't see how anyone can just drop an animal off with nothing to eat or drink, especially a baby animal that can't fend for itself. That is cruelty of the worst kind. It makes you wonder about the person who left those kittens to die.

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

Kovels Antiques & Collecting

By Terry & Kim Kovel

ANIMAL HORN CHAIR

Animal horns have been used to make furniture for centuries. Chairs, chandeliers and storage racks made in the 15th century exist in some museums. But the popularity of antlers and horns for chairs came about in the 19th century. They were made first for hunting lodges and castles for nobility, but almost all of that furniture is now known only



The arms and back of this chair are made from carefully placed cow horns creating a Victorian chair. It sold for \$1,400 a few years ago, but would sell for less today.

through pictures and reports. In 1851, chairs, chests of drawers and even a sofa made of horns were exhibited at the London World Exhibition. The Tobey furniture Co. of Chicago displayed the first American horn furniture at the 1876 Exposition. The idea lost favor by 1920. Around 1990, the horn chairs were rediscovered by Western collectors.

The most famous horn-furniture maker in the U.S. — and also the most expensive today — is Wenzel Friedrich of San Antonio, which started in 1880. All of the furniture is made from cattle horns, available from the slaughterhouses. The horns require little care. Some owners like to oil the parts, but most prefer to just dust and wipe with a damp cloth. Chairs are rarely marked and often misattributed, because the makers often copied each other.

A Victorian upholstered oak armchair with four cow horns as the arms and back sold in Asheville, North Carolina, at a Brunk auction a few years ago for \$1,400. Chairs by identified makers sell for much more.

The National Texas Longhorn Museum pictures many chairs and describes the unique shapes used by the makers.

Q: I was given a silver bookmark by my grandmother, who was born in Holland in the early 1890s. It was hers as a child. The bookmark was a dagger shape and would slip over the page. It was approximately 2 1/2 to 3 inches long and had a long burgundy tassel. It was stolen from my house. I'm looking for prices for insurance purposes.

A: It's impossible to give an accurate value for your grandmother's silver bookmark without seeing it and weighing it. Do you remember if it had a maker's mark? Was it solid silver or silver plate? Was it heavy? Silver bookmarks sell for \$30 to \$80, with most of the value determined by the weight of the silver.

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Toggle charm, Confucius, holding staff, hand-carved, boxwood, counterweight, silk cord, c. 1900, 2 x 1/2 inches, \$80.

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Parian doll, dancing woman, red lace dress, revolves on lead base, pull string, Germany, 9 inches, \$235.

Radio, Motorola Bullet, AM, tube, turquoise blue Bakelite, gold bullet-shaped dial, c. 1957, 6 x 12 inches, \$850.

TIP: Gold and silver trim on glass or ceramics will eventually wash off if cleaned in a dishwasher. Gold- and silver-trimmed glassware and ceramics should never be put in a microwave. The metallic glaze will cause electric arcing and could start a fire.

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Letter To The Editor

Remembering High School In Zolfo Springs, Birthday Party

Dear Editor:

Continuing with my first years of teaching ...

At Zolfo Springs Elementary School we only had one first grade, one second grade and one third grade. Mr. Bartley Sapp was our principal. His office was upstairs over the entrance to the school.

When the high school burned in 1945, the teachers, their students and principal were moved to the "Big Building" at Zolfo Springs Elementary.

That meant that there had to be quite a bit of re-arrangements made. I was not there when all of those arrangements were made. I came there later in late August in 1947.

By that time the inhabitants of the high school were being transferred back to Wauchula. There is a little time in there I cannot remember exactly what happened or transpired, but the high school had moved back to Wauchula, and we were spread out in more rooms for all eight grades.

We were happy, and they were happy to be in their new surroundings. So, I'll see all of you in the sweet by-and-by.

Zolfo Springs Elementary began to grow after the high school moved back to Wauchula into their new buildings. We had a new lunchroom and kitchen. When they moved into a new kitchen and dining area, they left a couple of electric stoves.

This was during strawberry season. Two of my second

graders were cousins and had access to strawberries. This was during the time when Mrs. Merita McLendon was hired to go from each elementary school to teach music.

Mrs. Gebhart and I thought it would be nice if our two second grade classes would get together and have our children to bake a cake decorated with strawberries for Mrs. McLendon's birthday which was Oct. 10.

The children in both rooms were excited about this. Mrs. Gebhart and I got permission to use the stoves that were in the old kitchen. The children were excited over having a "surprise birthday party" for her.

They were all very cooperative in keeping this activity a surprise. They worked together, getting ready for baking and getting the stage and auditorium ready to have Mrs. McLendon to sit in a special chair and space on the stage.

It all worked out fine. Nobody breathed a word to let her know what was going on. Mrs.

McLendon did not have an inkling as to why she had a special chair on stage. She sat down as she was instructed. Both classes (second graders only) started singing "Happy Birthday" to her.

We all (all grade levels) loved Merita McLendon. We hated it very much when she was sent back to teach a grade level (I think it was first grade. I am not sure about that.)

I don't know what the upper grades did about music, but all of us in the first through the third grade levels kept on having music. Mrs. Gebhart and Mrs. Zola Durranee played piano while the rest of us in the second and third grade levels led the singing.

Keep on humming and singing and keep the music in your hearts whether you sing "base soprano" like I do or not. I have been told there is no such thing as a base soprano. I just tell them, "You haven't heard me!"

Roxie Bentley
Wauchula

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- 2 teaspoons chili seasoning
- 1 tablespoon Splenda Granular
- 1 (8-ounce) can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup cubed Velveeta Light processed cheese

1. In a large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, saute potatoes for 10 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, in another large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, brown meat and onion. Stir in tomato sauce, undrained tomatoes, chili seasoning and Splenda. Add kidney beans and Velveeta cheese. Mix well to combine. Continue cooking until cheese melts and potatoes are browned, stirring both often.

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HHS Hosts Annual Senior Honors Banquet

By JENNIFER McCONKEY
Herald-Advocate Intern

Hardee High School's top seniors received their stoles and cords for graduation at a banquet held in their honor last week.

The annual Senior Honor's Banquet took place Thursday evening at the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center.

Seniors were welcomed by Hardee Senior High School's principal, Dr. Michele Polk. After the welcome, the school's Air Force Junior ROTC unit posted the colors.

Speakers at the event included Hardee County School Board member Paul Samuels, Superintendent of Schools Bob Shayman and Hardee County Teacher of the Year Madgaly Santana of North Wauchula Elementary.

The 2018 Latin Honors and Honors graduates were recognized by Polk, Shayman, assistant principals Mary Farr and Ron Herron, and Senior Class sponsor Mary Sue Mad-

dox. Honors and Latin Honors rankings are determined by the students' grade-point averages.

Summa cum laude students, with GPAs of 4.4 or higher, were Taylor Lynn Bone, Avery Bunch, Shelby Lynn Gibson, Jenny Lopez, Sarai Santana and Judith M. Zamora.

Magna cum laude students, with GPAs from 4.21 to 4.39, were Jose Aleman, Lindsey Kate Barwick, Mason Block, Ashja Ariana Camel, Nubia Adelmar Gomez, Alexis Marie McBride, Shauna Norwood, Ellie Dean Palmer and Alicia Ruiz.

Cum laude students, with GPAs from 4.0 to 4.2, were German Arzate, Sarai Espinoza, Katelyn Fuller, Lovely Laly Lee, Basilia Lozano, Giselle Yvette Mendez, Yiselle Atala Mier, Alexis Suzanne Neel, Benjamin Garrett Norris, Carlos David Perez, Gabriela Monica Reyes, Maribel Rodriguez, Ana Victoria Villa, Genouchy

Vue and Ricardo Zuniga.

Honors students, with GPAs from 3.5 to 3.99, were Ivan Alan Badillo, Colin T. Barton, Makayla Bethany Benavidez, Miguel Angel Benitez, Mercedes Nichole Cisneros, Humberto Delarosa, Diana Deloera, Julissa Nicole Flores, Erika Garcia, Mario Gomez, Thalia Aleda Hartley, Nubia Hernandez, Karina Lopez, Adelina Luna-Muniz, Christain Ivan Martinez, Abigail Maya, Marlene Mendez Guerrero, Gabriela Montoya and Adam Michael Olvera.

Also, Jasmine Daniella Otero, Alex Paulino, Raquel Alexis Resendez, Maria Reyes, Ruby Moreno Rivera, Miguel Ruiz, Ana D. Saldana Angel, Layla Yvette Santoyo, Adelina G. Servin, Graciela Silvan-Macedo, Kerra Dawn Stock, Jose Sustaita, Janessa Janae Tamayo, Aissatou Marie Tavarez, Brittany Stephanie Valdiviez, Guillermo Velasco Rojas, Diamond Nichele White and Peter Yeeleng Yang.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Hardee Senior High School's summa cum laude seniors received gold stoles to wear with their graduation caps and gowns to represent their academic excellence.



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Mohammad Shweil
Connor Slemmons
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Pamela Tinoco
Matthew Torres
Benjamin Lambory
Sinai Thompson
Vanessa Garcia
Iliana Molina
Eliseo Deleon
Jaiden Hendrieth
Luis Vargas
Tori Wilkinson
Dylan Alday
Denis Hernandez
Ariel Garza
Nevaeh Hernandez
Aaliyah Leon-Estrada
Vanesa Pena-Alegre
Betsy Rubinos
Ana Salgado
Joshua Trevino
Honor Vuc

FIRST GRADE

Anthony Beckham
Lucinda Espinoza
Lola Ledezma
Oswaldo Martinez
Ryleigh Plumley
Alexandra Ramos
Emma Garcia
Angel Gomez
Allyson Johnson
Jack Nord
Denise Reyes-Silva
Florentino Ramos
Leslee Herrera-Reyes
Yulianna Dominguez-
Santiago
Aryes Abbey
Joaquin Ramos-
Martinez
Brayden Mead
Naomie Mora-
Aldama
Kimberly Rivera
Dominica Roath
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Valdez
Joshua Workman
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Isai Hernandez-Avila
Kylie Lane

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Jerriona Williams
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Serenity Bauknicht
Dalilah Medrano
Santiago Villagran
Mateo Villagran
Milly Sustaita
Karen Salgado
Jose Fabian-Ramirez
Jordin Aguilar
Easton Amig
Noah Beumel
Braydn Congleton
Cheston Graham
Dodge Graham
Briee Grice
Elisa Hernandez
Brooke Holt
Jaiden Lazarre
Harper Manning
Miguel Rosales-
Baquix
Rylan Smith
Melody Solorio
Leilani Tinoco
Rosario Torress-
Hernandez

THIRD GRADE

Warren Bryant
Nevaeh Rivers
Julian Solis
Gracie Kate Spencer
Nathaniel Browdy
Alissa Gicker
Brocke Goodwyn
Natalya Hart
Derek Hart
Jeremiah Naranjo
Gracie Rae Nord
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FOURTH GRADE

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New EDA Board Meets

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

The newly appointed Economic Development Authority met for the first time last week.

This new board is a result of legislation introduced by Rep. Ben Albritton and Sen. Denise Grimsley and signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott in late March.

During the meeting, the board did not take any formal actions but elected county commissioners Russell Melendy as chairman and Sue Birge as vice chairwoman.

The board also approved reimbursement requests from previous grant applicants that were awarded funding by the prior board.

The current board is comprised of the five county commissioners, Mike Thompson, Rick Knight, Colon Lambert, Melendy and Birge.

Each municipality also gets one seat on the board.

Wauchula has chosen City Manager Terry Atchley to fill its seat while Zolfo Springs has Town Manager Linda Roberson. Both Atchley and Roberson were on the previous board.

Bowling Green appointed commissioner Steve Spinks to represent the city.

Donna Doubleday, who was not present for the meeting, is the CEO of Heartland Workforce and remains on the board following this overhaul.

Originally, the EDA was comprised of individuals from the Florida Department of Community Affairs, most recently a vacant seat; Enterprise Florida/Heartland Workforce, represented by Doubleday; the Florida Phosphate Council, represented by Brian Pohl of Mosaic; the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce with Steven Southwell; Hardee County Farm Bureau with David Royal; and four at-large members appointed by the

Hardee County Board of County Commissioners, which included Birge, Stan Pelham, Roberson and Atchley.

The board is expected to focus more on municipal infrastructure projects, such as installing utilities all along the U.S. 17 corridor from Bowling Green to the south end of Zolfo Springs.

Board members also talked about continuing to have a grant process to give incentives for startup businesses, businesses looking to expand operations and hire additional employees or those looking to relocate to Hardee County.

The EDA board will also be tasked with dispersing \$10 million from the former CF Industries development agreement with the board, which specifies 75 percent of the funds must be spent on educational projects while 25 percent is reserved for enhancing recreational opportunities in the county.



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Celebrity Extra

By Cindy Elavsky

Q: I just watched the "Lucifer" series finale on Fox, and I am beyond gutted that the series was canceled. This show is one of the funniest, smartest and most interesting shows on TV today. And the chemistry between all the actors, as well as the star power of Tom Ellis, is hard to come by nowadays. I really felt that the show was hitting its stride. Is there any chance Fox will reverse its decision, or maybe someone else can pick it up?

—Kayla F., via email

A: I'm right there with you, Kayla. As I've expressed in this column before, "Lucifer" is one of my favorite shows, and I was crushed to learn of its cancellation. There are tons of fans who feel the same way, if Twitter's #SaveLucifer and #PickUpLucifer campaigns are any

indication. I mean, Lucifer FINALLY showed his true self to Chloe, she finally understands he is literally the devil (and not metaphorically, as she always believed), and that's it? It's canceled? As of this writing, no one had picked up the series yet, but a lot can happen, and happen quickly, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed. If you want to help, speak your mind on social media and enlist your friends. It actually does work, sometimes.

Q: Can you tell me what's up with "Outlander"? It's been forever since I've seen



Top 10 Movies

1. Avengers: Infinity War (PG-13) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth
2. Life of the Party (PG-13) Melissa McCarthy, Gillian Jacobs
3. Breaking In (PG-13) Gabrielle Union, Billy Burke
4. Overboard (PG-13) Anna Farris, Eugenio Derbez
5. A Quiet Place (PG-13) Emily Blunt, John Krasinski
6. I Feel Pretty (PG-13) Amy Schumer, Michelle Williams
7. Rampage (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Naomie Harris
8. Tully (R) Charlize Theron, Mackenzie Davis
9. Black Panther (PG-13) Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan
10. RGB (PG) Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Gloria Steinem

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Crop Update

May 21, 2018

General: According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 20, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.2 inches in Miramar Beach (Walton County) to 12.9 inches in Juno Beach (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperature ranged from 60.5 °F in Jacksonville (Duval County) to 84.5 °F in Marianna (Jackson County).

Citrus: Several consecutive days of rainfall were beneficial to citrus growing counties. Canals and ditches were being refilled, and soil moisture was being replenished. All citrus growing counties had stations recording two or more inches of rainfall. Counties in the central and western portions of the citrus region received the most rainfall. Lakeland (Polk County) had 8.31 inches, while Joshua and Arcadia (DeSoto County) had 8.22 and 8.13 inches of rainfall, respectively. Temperatures were about average in the citrus growing region, with highs in the 80's. According to the May 17, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, rainfall deficits moderated in several areas of the citrus growing region. Areas of moderate drought shrank in the northern citrus area and the Indian River district (portions of Brevard, Orange, and Osceola Counties), and also in the southwestern region (sections of Collier, Hendry, and Lee Counties). Abnormally dry conditions also receded across the entire citrus belt.

Valencia harvest was winding down. Only two processing plants remained open. The Valencia crop is expected to finish by the end of May.

Next season's fruit continued to size well. Trees held an abundance of fruit from a good bloom earlier this year. Oranges, on average, were as large as golf ball size, with grapefruit slightly larger. Grove owners halted most operations due to daily rainfall. Caretakers did accomplish some limited mowing, spraying, and resetting new trees.

Fruits and Vegetables: Rainy conditions across most the state hurt the remaining vegetable crops and has made harvest difficult as the season closes down. Watermelon is nearing harvest in Levy County.

Livestock and Pastures: Most of the state reported pastures receiving some rain with the Panhandle the only area reporting spotty rainfall and hay still being fed to cattle.

Field Crops: Walton County reports some Peanuts will need to be replanted due to drought while in other areas of the Panhandle recent rains have allowed planting to continue. In Flagler and Putnam counties potato harvest is still in progress but difficult due to wet conditions. Sugarcane harvest is running late in Glades and Hendry Counties.

• On July 1, 2015, the estimated population of Florida was 20,271,272 people.

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—Jamie R., via Facebook

A: Starz has revealed that you'll have a little while longer to wait for season four to begin, which is slated for November (I'll keep you posted when they announce an exact date) and will consist of 13 episodes. BUT I have some great news for you: The time-traveling fantasy-romance series has been renewed through season six, with seasons five and six each comprising 12 episodes. Starz president and CEO Chris Albrecht in a statement: "Fans can rest assured their beloved Claire and Jamie will be back facing new challenges, adversaries and adventures in seasons five and six as we delve into American history and continue the story of the Frasers as they settle in the New World." And remember, author Diana Gabaldon is currently working on the ninth book, so there is a potential for at least nine sea-

sons of the fan-favorite series.

Q: Is "Shades of Blue" ever coming back? It didn't air this past fall, so I was counting on spring. Now spring has come and gone, and no "Blue." What's going on?

—Gigi R., via email

A: No need to worry. NBC has pushed back the season-three premiere date of the Jennifer Lopez and Ray Liotta cop drama to Sunday, June 17, at 10 p.m. ET. This will be its final season, and according to sources, it was planned as a three-season story arc from its inception. NBC revealed that season three's storyline "brings Lopez's complex character to a fitting resolution."

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Inside Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

Jim Carrey had a dark time after his former girlfriend Cathriona White died from an overdose of prescription drugs. Both her mother and her former husband filed wrongful death suits against him, which were dismissed in January. Carrey's "Dumb & Dumber To" (2014) was a hit (\$50 million cost/\$170 million gross), but the black comedy "The Bad Batch" (2016) totally bombed. His latest film, "Dark Crimes," opened May 18. In it he plays a serious role as Tadek, a detective investigating the murder of a businessman identical to the murder of a character in a recently released novel.

Peter Dinklage finally will realize his dream to star as Herve Villechaize, who played Tattoo on "Fantasy Island" and died in 1993. He's been trying to make the film "My

Dinner with Herve" for several years, and now his home network, HBO, which has starred him in "Game of Thrones" since 2011, has given the greenlight. The TV film will co-star Jamie Dornan as a journalist, and Andy Garcia as Ricardo Montalban. Dinklage, father of two children with wife Erica Schmidt (since 1995), has made 48 films, including "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008), "X-Men: Days of Future Past" (2014), "The Boss" (2016), "Three Billboards" (2017) and "Avengers: Infinity War" (2018). He is currently shooting "O Lucky Day," billed as "a leprechaun comedy." I can't wait to hear his Irish accent.



Broadway theatergoers can see a host of film and TV stars in current shows. Jim Parsons ("Big

Bang Theory"), Zachery Quinto ("Star Trek's" Mr. Spock) and Andrew Rannells ("Girls") are in the 50th-anniversary revival of "Boys in the Band." Denzel Washington stars in "The Iceman Cometh"; "Roseanne's" Laurie Metcalf in "Three Tall Women"; Chris Evans (Captain America, currently in "Avengers: Infinity War") in "Lobby Hero"; and Nathan Lane ("Modern Family") and Andrew Garfield ("Hacksaw Ridge") in "Angels in America." Diana Rigg ("The Avengers" Mrs. Peel) appears in the revival of "My Fair Lady," and "Dawson Creek's" Joshua Jackson stars in "Children of a Lesser God." If any of these are your favorites, it's time to make that trip to NYC you've put off for too long.

Here are some surprising salaries. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, age 35, only makes \$179,700 for putting her spin on the news. Albert Einstein's estate still earns \$10 million a year. The CCO of Netflix, Ted Sarandos (53), downloaded \$15 million last year. Mark Harmon (66), in addition to acting in "NCIS," got paid for producing the show and made \$19 million. Fox's Sean Hannity (56) made \$36 million for presenting his exaggerated truths, while performers Chris Rock (53) made \$57 million and Bruce Springsteen (68) made \$68 million. And what was in your pay envelope last year?

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

• Modern dietary trends notwithstanding, raw vegetables have not always enjoyed the healthsome reputation they now have. In medieval times, in fact, veggies would always be cooked; raw ones were considered to be bad for the humors.

• Have you ever heard of an "ad hococracy"? If you're like many frustrated workers these days, you may be employed by one. An ad hococracy is an organization characterized by lack of planning, responding to problems as they emerge rather than anticipating and avoiding them.

• In La Paz, Bolivia, you can find one of the most unusual prisons in the world. At San Pedro Prison, inmates have to purchase their cells. Those who are well off financially can buy private cells with bathrooms, television and kitchens. Those who are less lucky must share tiny rooms.

• You might be surprised to learn that the world's most-translated author, by far, is Agatha Christie. Jules Verne ranks second, followed closely by William Shakespeare. It's interesting to note that three of the top 10 — Enid Blyton, Hans Christian Anderson and Jacob Grimm — wrote works for children.

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Couch Theater DVD Previews

By Sam Struckhoff

DVDs reviewed here are available in stores the week of May 21.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Game Night" (R) — Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams star as Max and Annie, an ultracompetitive

against the incredibly powerful weapon she has become.

"Early Man" (PG) — Directed by Nick Park (of "Wal-

lace and Gromit" fame), this delightful little stop-motion animation venture stars



— snappy duo Michelle and Kevin (Kylie Bunbury and Lamorne Morris), Ryan (Billy Magnussen) with date Sarah (Sharon Horgan) and Max's bigger, better, realer brother Brooks (Kyle Chandler). The sibling rivalry is not subtle, and Brooks decides to one-up the game by hosting an interactive mystery experience at his swanky pad. It's all fun and games until there's an assault and kidnapping. When Brooks is dragged away in real life, Max and Annie go off the board to track him down and solve the mystery. This clever action comedy didn't get the credit it deserved in theaters, and it makes a great watch for your gathering of friends, competitive or no.

"Red Sparrow" (R) — Sporting a nifty Russian accent, Jennifer Lawrence stars as prima ballerina Dominika Egorova, who must find a new means of survival for herself and her sick mother after suffering an injury. She is lured into a sordid job by her uncle Ivan (Matthias Schoenaerts), a Russian Intelligence officer, in exchange for medical care for Mama. Things go unexpectedly murderous, and she is faced with a very narrow choice between death and attending a specialized boot camp for sexual super-weapons dubbed "Sparrows." When she is tasked with finding the contact of a CIA operative (Joel Edgerton), she faces an existential crisis pitting the person she was

reected by Nick Park (of "Wal-lace and Gromit" fame), this delightful little stop-motion animation venture stars Eddie Redmayne as Dug, an above-average prehistoric man whose tribe lives a quiet existence hunting rabbits in The Valley. More technologically advanced Lord Nooth (Tom Hiddleston) interrupts this idyllic reverie with his Bronze Age war elephants, and through a hilarious accidental interchange, Dug is dropped into the middle of a soccer game in Nooth's city. A challenge is made and accepted that Dug's tribe will play Nooth's ringers with the promise that if Dug wins, his valley will be spared.

"15:17 to Paris" (PG-13)

— In August 2015, a man on a train from Amsterdam to Paris opened fire on his fellow passengers. He was subdued by an international hodge-podge of heroes after his gun jammed, and this is the true story of three of them, who play themselves: Americans Spencer Stone, Anthony Sadler and Alek Skarlatos. Director Clint Eastwood clearly believes in the story, and he should: These men performed outstanding acts of bravery and character, but unfortunately, it's critically apparent that they are not actors, and it's a real bummer, because what a great story.

New TV Releases

"Call the Midwife" Season 7

"Famous in Love" Season 1

"Little Women" (miniseries)

"The Loud House: It Gets Louder" Season 1, Volume 2

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Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My granddaughter rescued a scrawny, 4-month-old kitten that was covered with fleas and ear mites. We nursed "Pickles" back to health, and he's now a healthy 9-month-old kitten.

The problem is that Pickles will not stay off our table, counters, appliances, cabinets, etc. — the higher, the better. Even a clock on the wall! He will get down when we tell him, but turn your back and he's right up there again.

I've tried everything. We bought him a climbing pole with ledges; he ignores it. I've tried squirting him with a spray bottle, or by giving him a reward when he listens. We put tacky strips on the counters, and crumbled aluminum foil and wax paper. Nothing works. Help!

—Charlene B., via email

DEAR CHARLENE: Pickles sounds like a wonderful cat, if a real handful! Most healthy cats love jumping up to higher

perches — it's a natural instinct. And it's clear that Pickles is very healthy and comfortable with his new home.

How do you balance keeping Pickles happy and keeping him off the dinner table? The play perch is good — try putting it into a different location, perhaps where sunbeams fall across it. Help him associate it with good things by placing a favorite treat on the perch while calling him. Purchase a window perch or a wall-mounted perch you can put up really high.

Meantime, keep searching for a "warning" noise he responds to. Sometimes just a hiss will work. Shaking a coffee can filled with coins may work. Use the same warning noise each time, so that he associates the noise with "get off." Training may take time, but be patient.

Send your questions, tips or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Cross Country, Track Athletes Honored

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Hardee Senior High School top athletes in cross country and track and field were honored last Tuesday (May 15) during a combined recognition ceremony.

Zach Durastanti was the most honored member of the boy's cross country team as he was honored as the most valuable runner and as a state qualifier.

Tatiana Mier received the most valuable runner honor for the Lady Wildcats.

The cross country rookie of the year was Roberto Gutierrez.

Jasmine Mendoza, Vicky Villa, and Ivan Rodriguez each received a coach's appreciation award.

Alexis Benjamin-Graham

was the most recognized player on the track and field team.

She was honored as Class 5A State Champion Shot Put (12.59m), Class 5A State Qualifier Discus, school record in shot put (12.75m), school record in discus (35.60m), and top scorer for the Lady Wildcats.

Tyler Steedley was honored as a Class 5A State Qualifier Discus and top thrower for the boys.

Ivan Rodriguez was the top scorer for the boys.

Katie Brandeberry and Eboni Lamy were named the rookies of the year for the Lady Wildcats.

Nubia Gomez and Colin Barton received the Senior Academic Award.

Roberto Gutierrez, Laura

Ramos, and Jessica Pascual each received the Wildcat Award.

Samuel Louis was the top hurdler for the boys and Lamy was the top hurdler for the Lady Wildcats.

The top vaulters were Oscar DeJesus and Sophie Allen.

Pascual was the top sprinter for the Lady Wildcats.

Durastanti and Mier were the top distance runners.

Steedley was most improved for the boys and Mercedes Cisneros was most improved for the girls.

Ivan Rodriguez, Israel Lopez, Gomez, and Jalynn Thompson each received the Spirit Award.

Jaime Chagoya and Jesula Charles each received the Coach's Appreciation Award.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Vicky Villa, Ivan Rodriguez, and Jasmine Mendoza received the Cross Country Coach's Appreciation Award from coach Rob Beatty.



Roberto Gutierrez (left) received the cross country rookie of the year award and track and field rookie of the year award from coach Rob Beatty (right).



Jesula Charles (left) received the Coach's Appreciation Award for track and field from coach Rod Smith (right).



Nubia Gomez (left) received the Spirit Award for track and field and the track and field Senior Academic Award from coach Rod Smith (right).



Coach Rob Beatty (center) presented Tatiana Mier (left) and Zack Durastanti (right) with the cross country most valuable runner awards and top distance runner awards.



Coach Rob Beatty (center) presented Ivan Rodriguez (left) and Israel Lopez (right) with Spirit Awards. Rodriguez also received the track and field top scorer award.



Mercedes Cisneros (left) received the most improved athlete award for track and field from coach Rod Smith (right).



Jaime Chagoya (left) received the Coach's Appreciation Award from coach Rob Beatty (right).



Tyler Steedley (left) received the most improved track and field athlete award, was recognized as a Class 5A state qualifier in discus and was also recognized as the boy's top thrower by coach Rob Beatty (right).



Oscar DeJesus (left) was honored as the top vaulter by coach Rob Beatty (right).



Coach Rob Beatty (left) and coach Rod Smith (right) presented the track and field Wildcat Awards to Laura Ramos (second from left), Jessica Pascual (center), and Roberto Gutierrez (second from right).



Katie Brandeberry (left) and Eboni Lamy (right) received the track and field rookie of the year awards from coach Rod Smith (center).



Samuel Louis (left) and Eboni Lami (right) were recognized as the top hurdlers in track and field by coach Rod Smith (center).



Seniors on the track and field team received batons.

WATERMELON HARVEST UNDERWAY



PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY

Delivering watermelons from LaBelle on May 18 to the Wauchula State Farmers Market were, from left, Brenda Miranda, son Javier, 15 months, and husband Jose Miranda, all of Fort Meade.



Jose Miranda used this Dodge pickup to haul a load of watermelons May 18 from LaBelle to Wauchula.



HONORS BREAKFAST

COURTESY PHOTOS • MONTAGE BY DARLENE WILLIAMS

Zolfo Springs Elementary students who earned a place on the school's Honor Roll for all four quarters of the academic year celebrated that fact last week at a breakfast hosted in their honor. Family members were able to join in on the meal and the congratulations.

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1 pound fresh peas in the pod (or 1 cup of frozen peas)
1/4 cup (loosely packed) fresh mint leaves, chopped
Salt and ground black pepper
1/3 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Assorted spring vegetables for dipping, such as cucumber strips, yellow and red pepper strips and baby carrots

1. Shell peas: run thumb along length of seam to open pod and release peas.
2. In 1-quart saucepan, heat 1-inch water to boiling over high heat; add peas and heat to boiling. Reduce heat to medium; cover and cook 3 minutes or just until peas are tender. Drain peas and rinse under cold running water; drain well.
3. In food processor with knife blade attached, puree peas with mint, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Transfer to small bowl; stir in ricotta and Parmesan. Serve dip, with vegetables, or cover and refrigerate to serve later. Makes 1 cup dip.

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Remembering Dr. Ernest P. Palmer (1932 to 2018)

Dr. Ernest Perry Palmer was born April 12, 1932, in Memphis, Tenn., and passed away at age 86 on May 7, 2018, in Wauchula. Graveside services were held May 10 at Wauchula Cemetery with Rev. Joe Butler of the First Baptist Church of Wauchula officiating.

Dr. Palmer and his wife Gayle had four children, Lisa Dickerson of Brandon, Leigh Lamonica in Charlotte, N.C., Steve Palmer, and West Palmer, both of Wauchula, and 10 grandchildren.

He graduated from Memphis State University, Western Reserve University, and Uni-

versity of Tennessee Medical School. He did post-graduate work in pathology at University of Tennessee, internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, La., OB-GYN residency at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, and general surgery residencies at the Veterans Administration Hospital and Variety Children's Hospital in Miami.

He then began looking for a small clinic/hospital where he could have close access to his patients during their treatment and hospitalization, which led him to Wauchula and his ensuing 42-year medical career.



Ernest Palmer graduated from University of Tennessee School of Medicine.



Dr. Palmer enjoyed flying and got a pilot license in the 1970s.



Dr. Palmer practiced medicine for 42 years in Wauchula. Here he is celebrating Christmas at home.



Dr. Palmer went on medical missionary trips to Papua, New Guinea (shown here in 2001) and Brazil.



Gayle and Ernest Palmer and family celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2005 at The Pier in St. Petersburg.



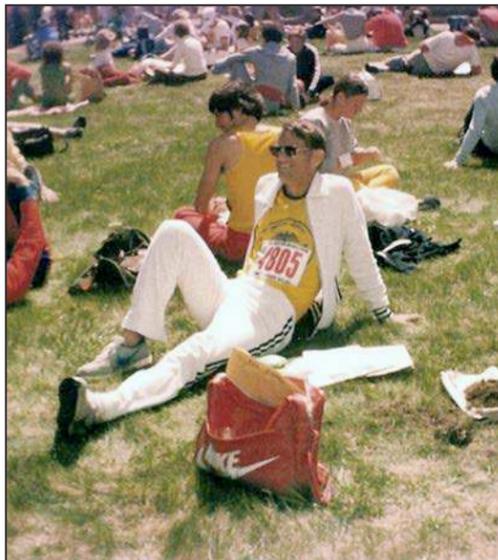
He was a sideline doctor for the Hardee Wildcat football team for 13 years. Here he is treating his son West Palmer in 1987.



Dr. Palmer in 1970 founded Hardee County Youth Football. Here he is presenting the Sportsmanship Award to Max Ullrich in 1981. He was president of Hardee Youth Football from 1971 to 1984.



Gayle and Ernest Palmer on their wedding day on Sept. 1, 1955. They were married 62 years and had four children and 10 grandchildren.



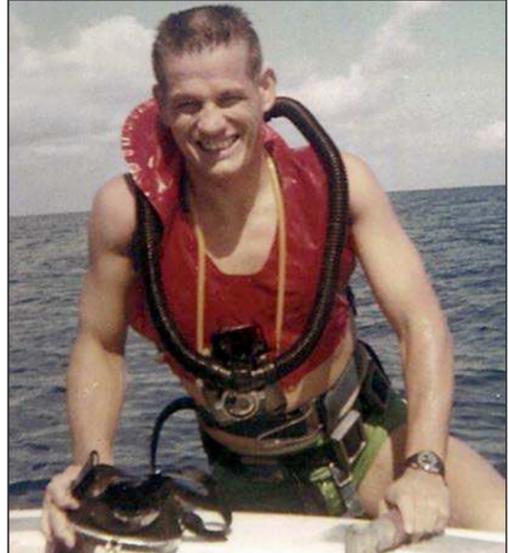
Getting ready for another Boston Marathon. In the Air Force he won a boxing championship in 1952 at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss.



He served on the Board of Trustees for South Florida Junior College which is now South Florida State College.



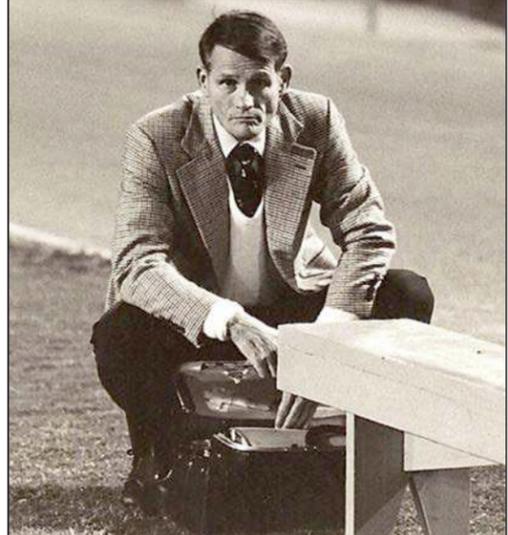
Dr. Palmer served as chief of the medical staff at Hardee Memorial Hospital which later became Crest Medical Center and now Florida Hospital Wauchula owned by the Adventist Health System.



He enjoyed diving at such places as the Florida Keys, Stella Maris, Belize, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Bonaire, and Nassau. This was one of his early dives in the 1960s in Bimini, Bahamas. He was a certified master scuba diver.



Ernest Palmer enjoyed spear fishing.



For 13 years he was a familiar sight along the sidelines at Hardee High School football games, starting in 1965 as team doctor.



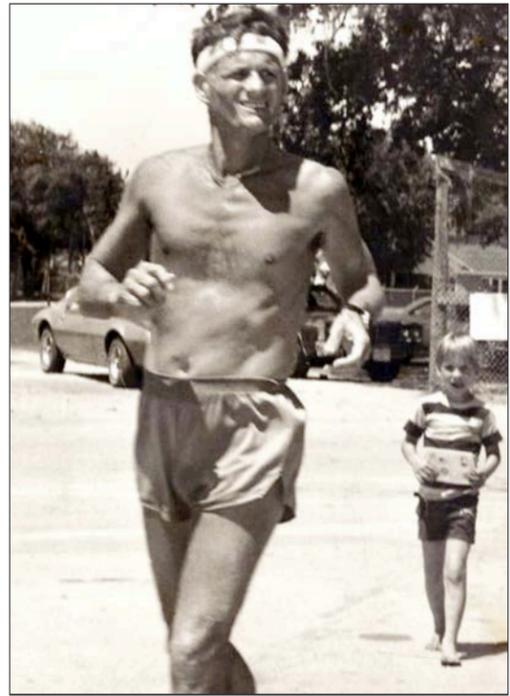
Dr. Palmer is shown here in the mid-1970s at the Boston Marathon with his son Steve who also was a long distance runner.



Dr. Palmer in the halls of the Palmetto Medical Clinic and Hospital. His medical career also included serving as medical director of Hardee Manor, DeSoto Health and Rehabilitation, and Hardee Correctional Institution.



In the early days Dr. Palmer practiced medicine at the Palmetto Medical Clinic and Hospital on Palmetto Street in Wauchula. His associates included Dr. Malcolm Sayre and Dr. Grant Carmichael.



Dr. Palmer for many years was an avid runner and finished marathons of 26.2 miles, including Boston several times and New York City. Here he is running in a March of Dimes event.



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Gayle and Dr. Ernest Palmer in earlier days. They were long-time members of First Baptist Church in Wauchula, and he served as a deacon.

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Alpha & Omega Freedom Ministries

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Requirements: Identification, Social Security card
When: Wednesday ONLY | 10 am – 12 noon

Bowling Green Church of God

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

Cutting Edge Food Ministry

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

First United Methodist Church of Wauchula

207 N. 7th Ave Wauchula, FL 33873
Tele: 863-773-4267
Requirements: ID & Physical address (Light Bill, Lease etc.)
When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month
1:00 – 3:00 pm (first come, first serve)
Other Program: Bagged Lunch - M, W, F
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Requirements: Application with proof of hardship
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- Motorcycles**
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- Notices**
- Personal**
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Lost/Found

LOST: GERMAN SHEPARD, Oct. '17, Ona area. Answers to "Scout," 863-832-1792. 5:17-6:14p

HAVE YOU LOST A PET? Contact animal control in Bowling Green at 863-375-2255 to see if we have your cat or dog. We also have pets for adoption. 4:16dh/tfc

Miscellaneous

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

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747 Ed Wells Rd N Wauchula, 4 Bedroom 2.5 Bath, 20 Acres, \$450,000	163 Golden Oaks Zolfo Springs, Pastureland, 24.29 Acres, \$149,000
963 Stenstrom Rd Wauchula, 3 Bedroom 2.5 Bath, 8.31 Acres, \$469,000	4492 Alderman Rd Bowling Green, Residential Land/Pastureland, 20 Acres, \$160,000
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8:18tfc-dh
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230 temporary farm-workers needed to transplant sweet potatoes, hand harvest pickles, sweet potatoes, jalapenos, squash, watermelons. Top and sucker Flu Cure tobacco and general farm labor. In Clinton, Four Oaks, Newton Grove and Goldsboro, and Sampson, Johnston, Wayne, County, NC. For Florida Orange Gold LLC. work will be beginning on or about 06/08/2018 and ending on or about 11/30/2018. This job offer is for farm labor. This job offer is for an experience 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 or piece rate may be offered depending on the crop activity. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Workers may be required to submit to random drug and alcohol testing applicants should report or send resumes to NC works career center @115 North Blvd, Clinton, NC 28328 @ (910)592-5756, or the nearest local office of their state workforce agency. In reference of job order number NC 10865874. Prior to contacting the employer. Eoe H-300-181-281-23136
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HES Wins Annual 'Battle Of The Books' Competition

The battle lines were drawn, and the victors were determined!

The 15th annual Battle of the Books competition, held on May 1, included all five Hardee County elementary schools. During the contest, one team from each elementary school was asked to recall specific details from each of the 15 Sunshine State Young Reader Award books.

Following a double-elimination format, the final two competing teams were from Hilltop Elementary School and Zolfo Springs Elementary School.

Team members from Hilltop Elementary proved to be tough competitors by extending the competition to a difficult sixth round against Zolfo Springs Elementary.

After a demanding battle, Hilltop Elementary's team was proclaimed the winner!

All five teams and their coaches put forth a solid effort

to prepare for the event, demonstrating their academic excellence.

Schools Superintendent Bob Shayman gave special recognition and presented an award to Ava Roberts and Will Cornell of Wauchula Elementary and Angel Romero-Vazquez of Zolfo Springs Elementary for being three-year team members at their school sites.

He also presented awards to each student within the school district who successfully read and tested on all 15 Sunshine State Young Reader Award books.

Those students are:
Sahara Gray, Ezmeralda Alamia, Milagros-Covarrubias-Valencias, Brenda Lopez-Roberts, Jazmin Reyes-Ochoa, Makaelah Sanchez, Fermin Velasco-Martinez, Gage Harden, Alejandro Cardenas, David Cruz, Jose Ehrenkauffer, Jennifer Gonzalez-Delacruz, Erick Lucatero-Sosa, Barbie Ramos, Michael Rivera, Gus-

tavo Velasco-Gonzalez and Gael Velazquez.

Also, Yazmin Venegas, Ana Shehadah-Damott, Luis Bautista-Tomas, Adrian Chavez, Anabel Chavez, Laryn Christian, Ayden Cruz-Garcia, Jakob Goodwyn, Angel Ortega-Lopez, Krissa Pierre, Natalie Quintana, Jimmy Ruiz-Santos, Aly Servin, Carter Albritton, Laina Canary, Angelina Cerna, Will Cornell, Maria Espinoza-Ramos and Micayla Gillispie.

And, Saydee Herrera, Alexandra Jackson, Oscar Lincoln Lamboy, Peyton Peterson, Obeth Rangel, Ava Roberts, Nolan Roberts, Jay Southwell, Joshua White, Chase Bryant, Alma Guevara, Jayden Gutierrez, Tashin Iqbal, Cesar Jaramillo, Austin Chapman, Kenny Mendieta-Arvizu, Angel Romero-Vasquez, Jodi Salas, Emanuel Serapio-Lopez, Jackuelin Serapio-Lopez, Gracyn Thomas, Emily Tish, Gabriel Vasquez and Vera Bryan.



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The winning Battle of the Books team, from Hilltop Elementary School, included members (from left) Gustavo Velasco, Erick Lucatero-Sosa, Yazmin Venegas, David Cruz, Barbie Ramos and Jennifer Gonzalez; (back) coaches Jennifer Shackelford and Brittany Wiggins.



The reading runners-up, from Zolfo Springs Elementary, were (from left) Kenny Mendieta, Angel Romero-Vazquez, Bryan Vera, Austin Chapman, Tashin Iqbal and Jodi Salas; (back) coach Wendy Frye.



The book battlers from Bowling Green Elementary were (from left) Makaelah Sanchez, Jazmin Reyes-Ochoa, Brenda Lopez-Ramos, Milagros Covarrubias-Valencias, Ezmeralda Alamia and Fermin Velasco-Martinez; (back) coach Sharon Ekhoft.



The North Wauchula Elementary team of book lovers included (from left) Aydan Cruz, Luis Bautista, Jimmy Ruiz, Aly Servin, Anabel Chavez, Laryn Christian and Adrian Chavez; (back) coach Pam Justice.



Wauchula Elementary bookworms were (from left) Saydee Herrera, Jay Southwell, Will Cornell, Ava Roberts, Micayla Gillispie and Laina Canary; (back) coach Mary Idsardi.

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Debate Cole Terrell	UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AWARDS Distinguished Athlete Alex Hernandez Mallory Gough	Wauchula State Bank Taylor Lynn Bone	Betty B. Wild Shelby Gibson	Wauchula Elementary School Student Council Ana Villa	Hardee Athletic Foundation Mason Block Adelina Luna-Muniz Ana Villa
Building Construction Technology Sean Patrick Murphy	“Semper Fidelis” Award for Musical Excellence Benjamin Garrett Norris Gabriella Ruiz	Ron Beldin Memorial Jose Sustaita	Joseph E. Johnston/Bette L. McDearman Memorial Judith Zamora	George Heine, Jr. Hardee County Youth Sports Mason Block Alexis McBride Mallory Gough	Hardee County Sheriff’s Posse Perla Vasquez Jose Aleman
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Early Childhood Education Marlene Mendez Karina Lopez Maria Paniagua	HHS FACULTY AWARDS Sportsmanship Adrian Lee Deleon Mallory Claire Gough	Shirley Hennig Health Ana Delia Saldana Angel Mason Block Nubia Hernandez Nakeisha Lemaine Basilio Lozano Gizelle Mendez Adelina Luna-Muniz	Dr. Harold E. Henderson Memorial Sayra Campos	Seminole Electric Cooperative Carlos Perez	Wauchula Women’s Club Elizabeth Weeks
Band Outstanding Senior Ana Corona	Citizenship Ivan Alan Badillo Diamond Nichele White	Hardee County Cattlemen Jose Aleman	Hanford D. Brace Sr. Memorial Alexis Westberry	Miss Hardee County Taylor Bone Avery Bunch Bridgette Conley Shauna Norwood Briana Waters	Marsha Timmerman Memorial Benjamin Garrett Norris
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Principal's Baccalaureate Challenge:

Live A Purposeful Life

By DR. MICHELE POLK
Hardee Senior High Principal

Good evening.
Tonight, looking out into the sea of solid blue collected before me, I'm thinking about your junior-year fall pep rally, and I'm half expecting Lane to step up and part the waters. That coordinated "parting of the sea of red T-shirts" demonstrated the unity of the Class of 2018.

And now, you sit just a few days out from graduation, the event that will scatter you into 298 different directions to live

out your lives. It is that "scattering" of your lives that makes high school graduation a somewhat bittersweet milestone.

There is also the heaviness in all of our hearts that stems from the recent loss of your classmate and friend, Christian Martinez. Christian's unexpected passing has reminded us just how fragile life is and reveals the truth in James 4:14, "Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." With that re-

ality so freshly injected into all that we celebrate this week, it is only natural to spend some time considering your own life and wondering about the future.

I have no doubt many of you sit before me tonight with a well laid out 10-year plan, while some of you haven't really thought a lot about what lies beyond Saturday, and still others are somewhere in the middle of those two extremes.

Whichever category you fall into, know that each of you was born with a purpose. It is always interesting how some people are able to discover their purpose and calling, while others completely miss the target. My question to you this evening is, "Into which group will you fall?"

Proverbs 20:5 tells us, "The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out." If you want to find your purpose, it is going to take work, and sometimes it means you'll be in over your head. Sometimes the purposeful road will be uncomfortable, but as the saying goes, "Doing uncomfortable things is just weight training for life."

Shannon Kaiser wrote, "We can't think our way into our life's passion and purpose, we have to do our way in." You simply aren't going to daydream your way to achieving a goal; a purposeful life requires action.

If you are unclear how to get started, think about what inspires you and start there. Whether it's taking classes that interest you, working at a job that challenges

you, exploring a hobby, volunteering, or getting involved in a cause, doing *something* can clear the path that you were meant to walk and a purpose revealed in its own time.

Now here's the kicker: When you *do* something, be prepared to fail.

Crazy as this sounds coming from your principal, who has advocated for the past four years that you pass everything, it is OK to fail. You will discover that some of the biggest mistakes, or failures, of your life might just propel you to your greatest accomplishments.

In her book "The Last Word," Shirley McClain writes, "You don't make mistakes – mistakes make you. Mistakes make you smarter. They make you stronger and they make you more self-reliant."

Lastly, your ability to find your true purpose in life will depend heavily on the people you surround yourself with. I read an article recently on the scientific reasons you should choose your friends carefully. In short, just like eating your vegetables and exercising regularly, good relationships are healthy for us.

Proverbs 13:20 reminds us, "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm." Whether in marriage or friendship, healthy relationships feel good; they bring you joy and peace. Healthy relationships should not be painful or stifling. Choose your relationships wisely.

As you transition into the next



Polk

season of your amazing life, know that your family, teachers, and community are rooting for you. We have worked together to raise you up and we now watch together as you set off on your next great journey to fulfill your life's purpose.

It will not be an easy trip. It will require you to develop and maintain healthy relationships, and it will demand that you *do* the hard work.

On Saturday morning, I will stand on the stage and watch your Wildcat Blue robes part and exit down the two aisles of our Cattleman's Arena, then scatter into the world. Know that I will be praying for each of you; wishing you much joy and love, and a purposeful life. Godspeed.



Mario Gomez is all smiles as he prepares to graduate.

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Major/Degree: Nursing; Physician Assistant



AVERY BUNCH
Parents: Adam & Keli Bunch
College: Florida Southern College
Major/Degree: Nursing



SHELBY GIBSON
Parents: Tim Gibson & Janeen Gibson
College: South Florida State College; Polk State College
Major/Degree: Diagnostic Medical Sonography



JENNY LOPEZ
Parents: Maria Guerrero & Santos Lopez
College: South Florida State College; University of South Florida
Major/Degree: Nursing



SARAI SANTANA
Parents: Miguel & Maggie Santana
College: Southeastern University
Major/Degree: Nursing



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Maribel Rodriguez waves to her cheering family and friends.

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Summa Cum Laude Speech:

The Next Chapter Is Up To You

By 2018 GRADUATES

Summa Cum Laude

INTRODUCTION
Shelby Gibson

On behalf of the Class of 2018, I would like to thank each of you for coming out this morning to show your support for our academic success and to witness each of us begin a new chapter in our lives.

Without the motivation and guidance from you, our parents, teachers, mentors and community members, none of us would be walking across this stage today.

Class of 2018, today marks one of the most important days of our lives. Today we graduate, today we become adults, and today everything changes.

I encourage each of you to take this new opportunity and run with it instead of letting the fear of what is to come control your lives. As C.S. Lewis said, "There are far, far, better things ahead than anything we leave behind."

The next chapter of our lives is blank, so grab ahold of a pen with courage and write an amazing life for yourself.

We are leaving behind some great memories and even greater friends, but the best is yet to come if we refuse to let the fear of change and the unknown dictate our lives.

SUCCESS/FAILURE

Taylor Bone

To each of us success has a different meaning: getting accepted into the college we've always dreamed of, receiving a job offer for right after graduation, or even simply walking across this stage knowing we'll never have to sit through another two-hour class at Hardee Senior High School.

Though we are all excited for this day, and for what is to come, I think it's only fair to acknowledge the successes, and failures, that our four years together have given us.

As Winston Churchill once said, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

Though maybe not at the time, I am thankful for the "struggles" I have faced in my time here, because they have taught me how to avoid them in future situations, and how to handle them independently. Without the failures I have encountered, I can confidently say I would not be prepared for the chapters of my life that are ahead.

So here's to this day, the biggest success in our lives so far, and to the many successes, whatever they may be, in the future.

DETERMINATION

Judith Zamora

As four-star general and former secretary of state Colin Powell once said, "A dream doesn't become a reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work."

As I stand here before everyone today, you probably have no idea that back in eighth grade I was dreading high school. I knew it would be demanding, stressful and at times overwhelming. It was!

One of my favorite pastimes is to "create"; I especially enjoy painting. But high school is more than just doing what you like to do. It's about learning to think critically, working well with others in spite of your differences, becoming disciplined and conditioning your mind and body.

High school was as challenging as I thought it would be. But how do you survive high school? Well, with the endless love of your family, support of your friends, and with excellent mentors. Mentors like Mr. Beatty, who is more than willing to take time out of his schedule to assist a student; Mrs. Hays, who treats her students as one of her own children; and, ahhh, Mrs. Thompson! Her uniqueness is one that will make you feel com-

fortable in your own skin.

Because of these people and our own determination, we were able to reach this point in our lives.

In summary, even when you find yourself dreading the pain and sweat that comes with the new chapter of your life, dream big, work hard, say a prayer and have the determination to go for it anyway!

Graduating class of 2018, our next chapter starts now!

RELATIONSHIPS

Sarai Santana

To the Class of 2018, I wish for each and every one of you to go on after high school and live a fulfilling life because, as you've been told before, this is not the end but instead it is only the beginning.

But what leads to a satisfying and fulfilling life? Is it money, degrees, fame?

This question leads me to the discussion of a 75-year study, the Harvard "Study of Adult Development." During this study, 724 men were analyzed from teenagers to older adulthood. Many of them had wealth, degrees on the wall or even both, but surprisingly when they reached older adulthood, these things were not what they looked back on and valued the most.

Instead, it was the quality of relationships they had with their family, friends and loved ones. Those relationships are what each of these gentlemen based the quality of their life upon.

With that being said, I do encourage you to chase your dreams, and if that leads to a degree or wealth then so be it. However, take heed of the lesson learned from this 75-year study and always set aside time for those who matter most, because as Robert Waldinger said, "The good life is built with good relationships."

INDEPENDENCE

Jenny Lopez

Standing here today, I realize that time truly does pass by quickly.

Let us thank those who have helped us come this far, because without them and our own perseverance, none of this would be possible.

Like Dakota Fanning once said, "Every story has an end, but in life every end is just a new beginning," and today marks the beginning of the rest of our lives.

As of today, we embark on our new journey of freedom.

Now is the time to take on all these new responsibilities as independent individuals and accomplish our dreams. So now, let's turn the page and start a new chapter in our lives.

INITIATIVE

Avery Bunch

"Working hard is important. But there's something that matters even more. Believing in yourself," Harry Potter.

As high schoolers, we often fail to view ourselves in a positive light. We doubt our abilities to make a difference in the world, and we become insecure when times get tough.

But when we take initiative and become dedicated to a cause, amazing things can happen.

We are who we choose to be, and when we believe in ourselves we are capable of doing whatever we put our minds to.

Life, at one point or another, will get hard. It is up to us to push through, believe in ourselves, and use our determination to get where we want to be.

Instead of focusing what may go wrong in the future, we should know that if we believe in ourselves and stay committed to our goals, everything will work out in the end.

Graduates, let us continue to be the best we can be so that we can accomplish our goals and fulfill our dreams.

As F. Scott Fitzgerald once said, "For what it's worth, it's never too late to be whoever you want to be. ... I hope you live a life you're proud of, and if you find that you're not, I hope you have the strength to start over." Thank you.



Having worked hard throughout their high school careers, these six young ladies gave their Summa Cum Laude speeches at the start of graduation.

Magna Cum Laude (4.21 — 4.39 GPA)



JOSE ALEMAN
 Parents: Alma Aleman & Richard Aleman
 College: University of Florida
 Major/Degree: Microbiology & Cell Science



LINDSEY BARWICK
 Parents: Larry Barwick & Darby Barwick
 College: Florida State University
 Major/Degree: Forensic Accounting



MASON BLOCK
 Parents: Monica Block & Jeff Block
 College: University of South Florida
 Major/Degree: Biology



ASHJA CAMEL
 Parents: Senaida Gonzales & Javohn Camel
 College: Florida Gulf Coast University
 Major/Degree: Nursing



NUBIA GOMEZ
 Parents: Tomas Gomez & Antonia Gomez
 College: University of South Florida
 Major/Degree: Medicine



ALEXIS McBRIDE
 Parents: John & Zita McBride
 College: Polk State College
 Major/Degree: Nursing



SHAUNA NORWOOD
 Parents: Sue Eells & Shawn Norwood
 College: University of South Florida
 Major/Degree: Medical Technology



ELLIE PALMER
 Parents: Laina & West Palmer
 College: University of Central Florida
 Major/Degree: Nursing



ALICIA RUIZ
 Parents: Jose & Maria Ruiz
 College: South Florida State College; Florida State University
 Major/Degree: Business & Accounting

Congratulations **Class of 2018**



Left to right: Julissa Flores, Avery Bunch, Shelby Gibson, Bridgette Conley, Taylor Bone, Ellie Palmer, Mason Block and Garrett Norris

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus! —Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

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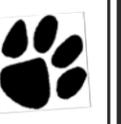
Congratulations!

As you turn the page to the next chapter, the future is yours to write. Fill it with new experiences, good people and rewarding choices that help make the world a better place.

Best wishes to all of the dedicated seniors who are celebrating their graduation!



Sheriff Arnold Lanier
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 Hardee County Sheriff's Office
 wish the Hardee County 2018 Graduates
 Good Luck with their future.



Education is the key and the more you have the more doors of opportunity you can knock on.



Good Luck, Graduates!

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Cum Laude (4.00 — 4.20 GPA)



GERMAN ARZATE
Parents: Ildefonso Arzate & Sabina Balandran
College: University of South Florida
Major/Degree: Computer Science



SARAI ESPINOZA
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College: South Florida State College
Major/Degree: Nursing



KATELYN ELIZABETH FULLER
Parents: Duane & Lori Porter
College: South Florida State College
Major/Degree: Elementary Education



LOVELY LEE
Parents: Cynthia Lee & Soua Ger Lee
College: Keiser University
Major/Degree: Biomedical Sciences



BASILIA LOZANO
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College: Florida Southern College
Major/Degree: Nursing



GISELLE MENDEZ
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Major/Degree: Nursing



YISSELLE MIER
Parents: Alfonso & Maria Mier
College: University of South Florida
Major/Degree: Nursing or Biology



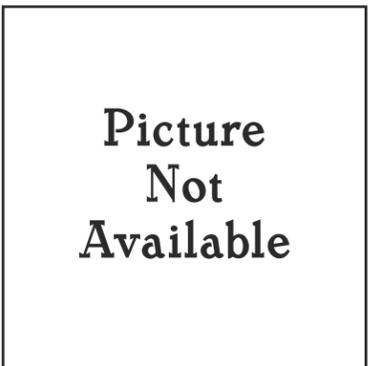
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College: Florida Polytechnic University
Major/Degree: Computer Science



CARLOS PEREZ
Parents: Mario Perez & Silvia Montes
College: University of South Florida
Major/Degree: Marketing



GABRIELA REYES
Parents: Rosa Cruz & Jose Reyes
College: Hofstra University
Major/Degree: Dance



MARIBEL RODRIGUEZ
Parents: Juan Rodriguez & Gloria Miranda
College: Florida State University
Major/Degree: Civil Engineering



ANA VILLA
Parents: Anna & Victor Villa
College: Florida State University
Major/Degree: Biology



GENOUCHY T. VUE
Parent: Yerly B. Lee
College: South Florida State College
Major/Degree: Nursing



RICARDO ZUNIGA
Parents: Ricardo Zuniga & Martina Ramirez
College: South Florida State College
Major/Degree: Computer Science

Honors (3.50 — 3.99 GPA)



Ivan Badillo



Colin Barton



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Mercades Cisneros



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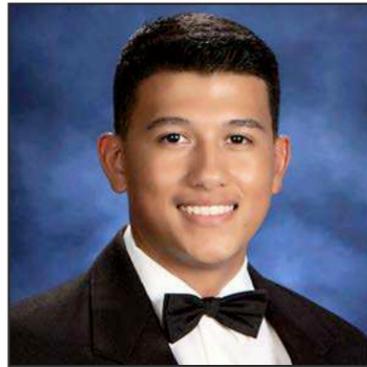
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Mario Gomez



Thalia Hartley



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—Joshua 1:19

Congratulations
CLASS OF 2018!

Class President's Message:

Building On Your Foundation

By THALIA HARTLEY
Senior Class President

Graduates, family, friends, teachers and staff, I am honored to be standing up here today on behalf of my classmates.

There are so many emotions filling the atmosphere of this arena as we are about to walk before you and receive our diplomas.

Parents, you are probably wondering where the years have gone. It may seem like just yesterday we were starting kindergarten, but for us Graduates it seems like it took an eternity to finally make it to this exact moment!

As much as I have looked forward to today, I've always disliked endings. The dreadful end of summer break, falling out with good friends, or even the end of a good Netflix series. Well, today marks the end of our high school careers.

However, "this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

Today as we say goodbye to everything that is familiar to us, everything that is comfortable to us, we get ready to prepare ourselves for the next chapter of our lives.

I don't know what this next chapter holds, but I do know that we're all just people. People learning who we are. Who we want to be, who we don't want to be.

No matter who you are: prom king, the quarterback or even class president,

high school is the same for everyone. It's a rite of passage we all experience, and one that lays the foundation of who we will become.

Although our foundations have already been built, what we choose to construct upon them remains an individual choice. In other words, choose your building materials wisely.

Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will."

Which direction will you choose? What path will you follow?

High school is the best of times, it's the worst of times. It's full of wonderful people and not-so-wonderful people. High school is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that most of us received the chance to make it through.

Thank you, parents, family, administrators, teachers, counselors and all those who have cleared the path and challenged us to break new ground, for it was you who believed even when we doubted.

For the ones who couldn't be here today, you are all so much a part of us that we will carry you each in our hearts forever.

Here's to all the friends that we'll never forget and here's to all the memories we'll never regret!

Thank you, Class of 2018.

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Daniel Alvarez



Miguel Alvarez



Austin Ambris



John Aradanas



Josue Arana



Rico Arana

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Brilyance Augustus



Kaylee Barberee



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Jacques Brown



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Sayra Campos

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-Nora Ephron



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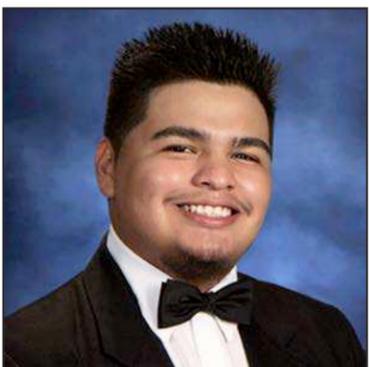
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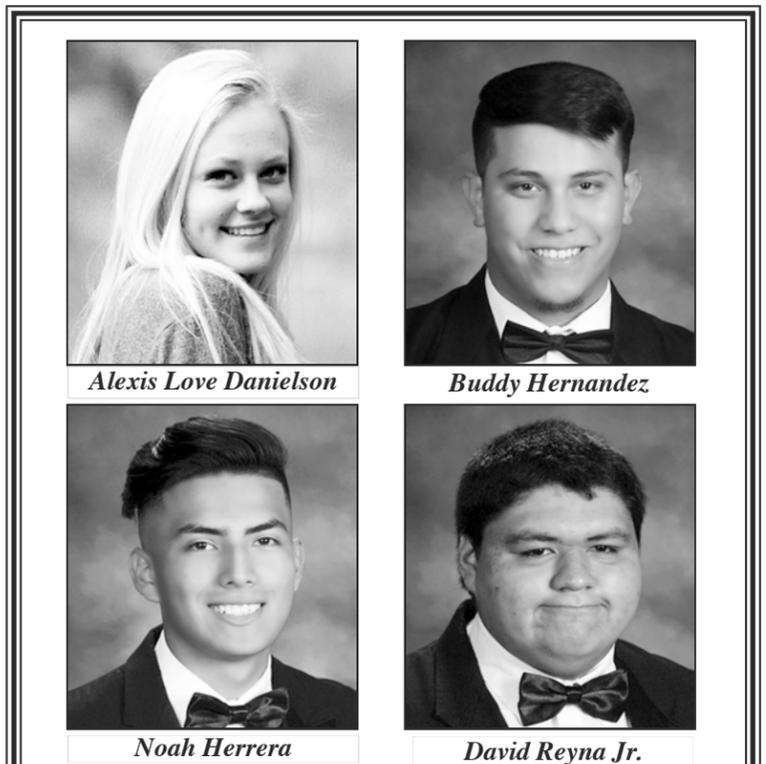
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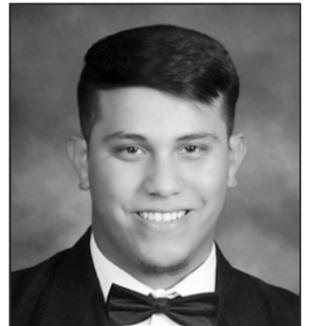
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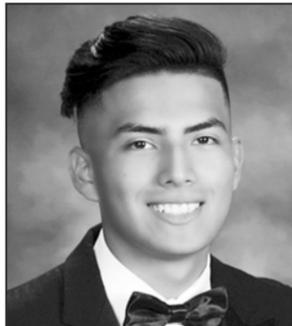
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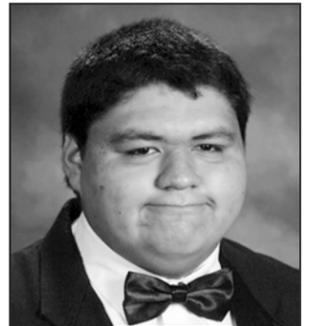
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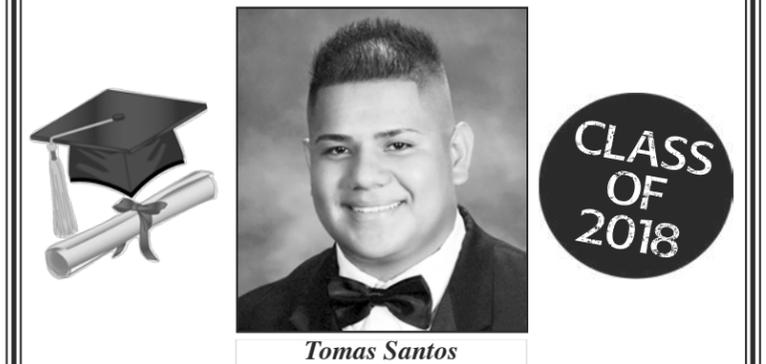
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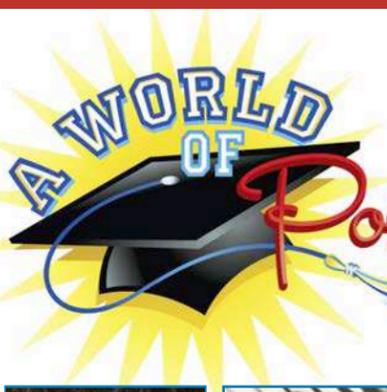


David Reyna Jr.



Tomas Santos

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As you celebrate your graduation, remember that anything is possible with hard work, integrity and perseverance.

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David Henderson



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Alex Hernandez



Ready to send off a new graduating class into the world are (from left) principal Dr. Michele Polk and assistant principals Ron Herron and Mary Farr.



Cecilio Hernandez



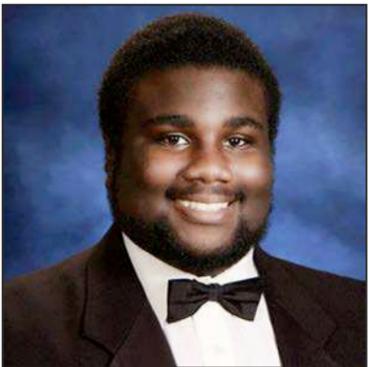
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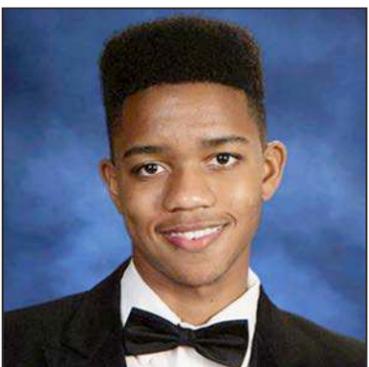
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Anwaun Hines-Gaines



Alexia Hodges



Zachary Hooks



Alexandra Huizar



Victoria Ibarra



Destinee Jackson-Pace

“We are who we choose to be, and when we believe in ourselves we are capable of doing whatever we put our minds to.”

~Avery Bunch



***Best Wishes,
Graduates!***

Congratulations on your well-deserved achievement. We know you’ve faced challenges along the way, and we recognize the hard work and dedication you’ve put in to stand where you do today in your cap and gown. We couldn’t be happier for you and we wish you continued success in your future endeavors!

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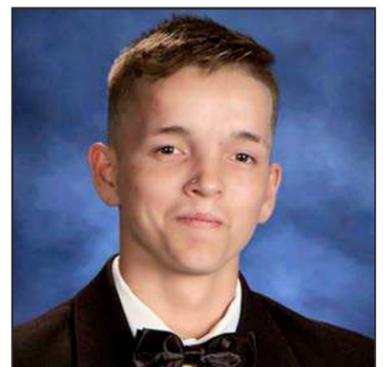
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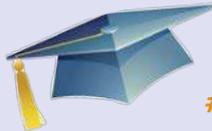

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We are so proud that you have finally accomplished finishing your school years and all the hard work it took to make it to your **“Senior Year 2018”** and now it’s time to get ready to start a New Journey in Life.

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BROTHER: ANDREW FABILA JR*



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Morgan Lanier



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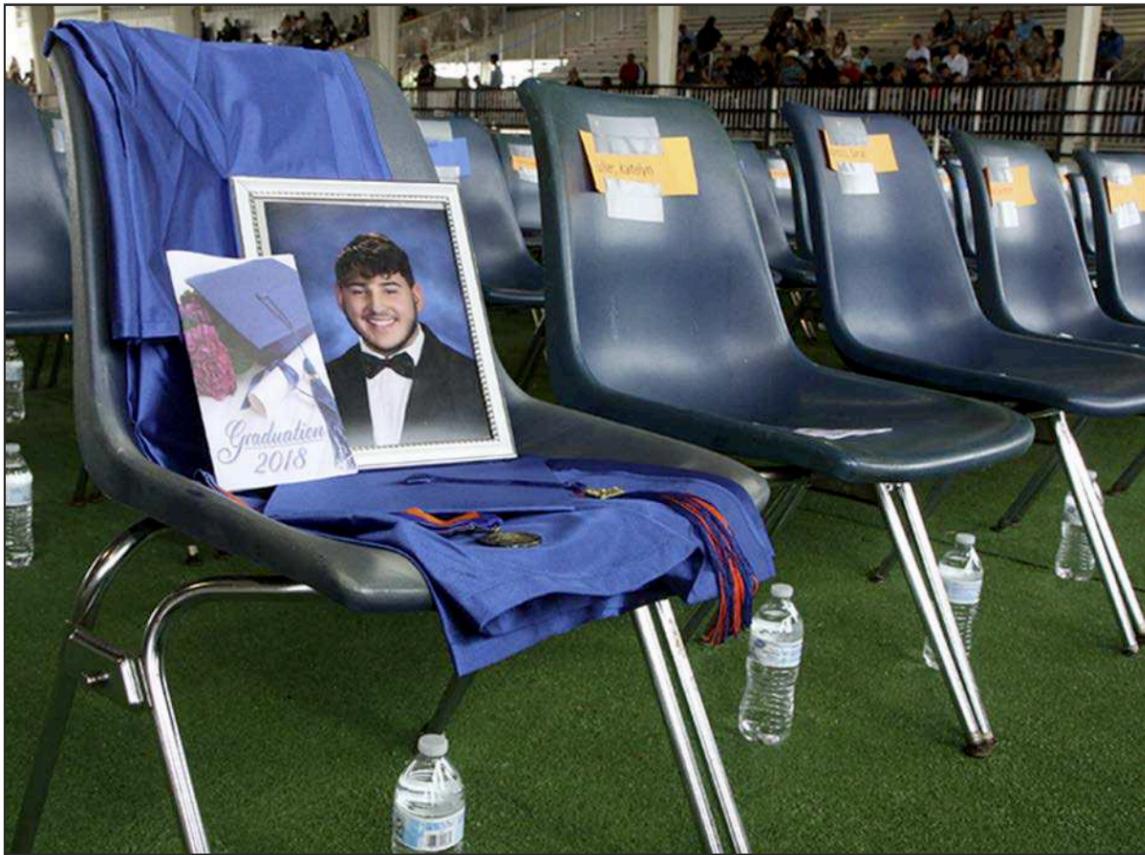
Angel Leon



Beatriz Leon



Carolina Lopez



Chairs line the center of the arena early Saturday morning as they await the arrival of the graduating members of the Class of 2018. One will remain vacant. It belongs to Christian Martinez, who was killed in a car crash on April 14. The chair serves as a memorial tribute to the classmate absent from the ceremony, but present in everyone's hearts. Also missing from the Class of 2018's number was Adrian Rodriguez Jr., who died in 2011 when the vehicle he was riding in was struck by a drunk driver. Later, a moment of silence was held in memory of the two. And Alan Jay Automotive, who administers a "Wheels for A's" award program, donated \$500 gift cards to nine seniors in recognition of the nine A's Christian had submitted into the program. One recipient declined the gift, instead asking for it to go to Christian's family.



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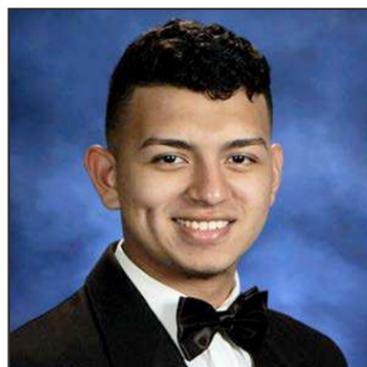
Alexander Lucatero



Mary Macedo-Hernandez



Aaron Maldonado



Adrian Martinez



Jacob Martinez

Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.
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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. *Matthew 28:19*

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A girl who loved to play
And brighten up our lives.
The precious little girl
has grown
Into a woman before our
very little eyes.

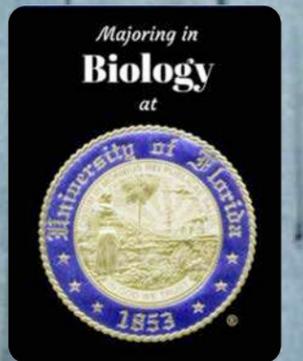
The day that you were born
Was such a happy day,
And you have blessed us all
In so many different ways.

So congrats for finally making it,
And remember in your plans
We are all behind you,
And you're always in
God's hands.

Now go confidently in the
direction of your dreams
& live the life you always
dreamed it to be.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mira,
and Puja

Krupa Chir
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Caleb McCoy



Madison McCoy



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Stephen McQuaig



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Destany Mendiola



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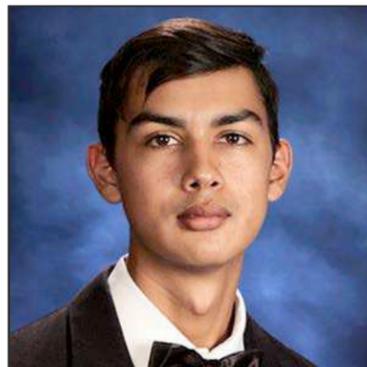
Katheryn Moran



Savannah Mullins



Sean Murphy



Jonathan Naranjo



Nicklaus Nichols



Fernando Orozco



Conrad Pace



Tonya Pacheco



Maria Paniagua



Mario Pantoja

"The world needs dreamers and the world needs doers.
But above all, the world needs dreamers who do."
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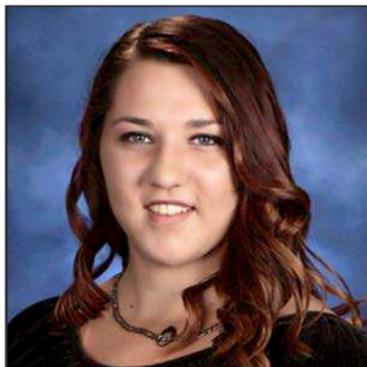
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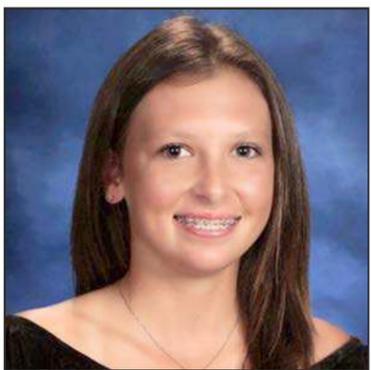
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Hannah Revell



David Reyna



Floyd Rice III



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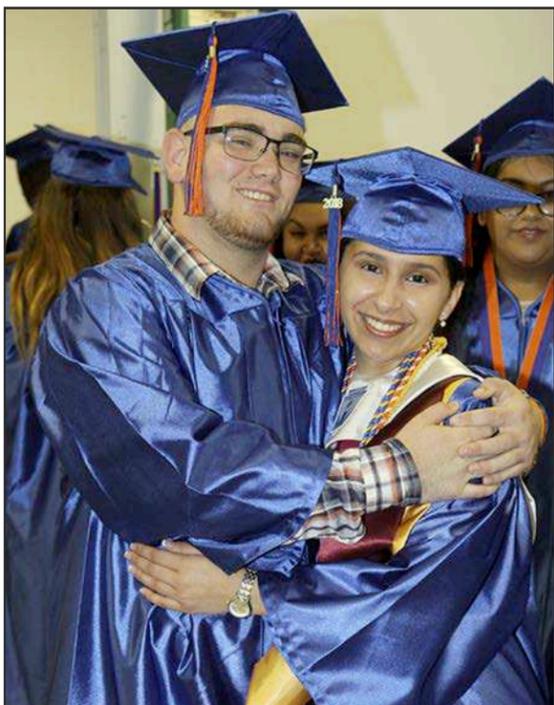
Ismael Rodriguez



Marisa Rodriguez



Miguel Rodriguez



Sylas Kirkland and Raquel Resendez are excited to begin with the ceremony.



Victoria Ibarra and Mayrany Jaimes pose for a quick picture before graduating.

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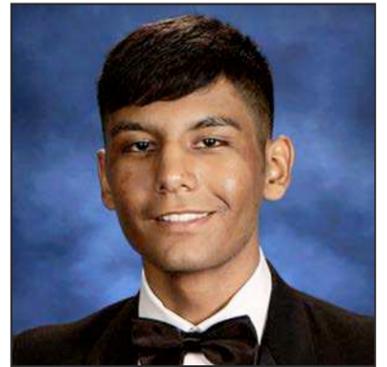
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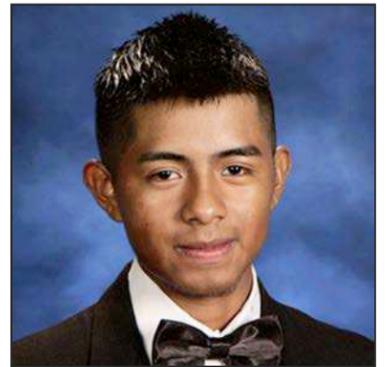
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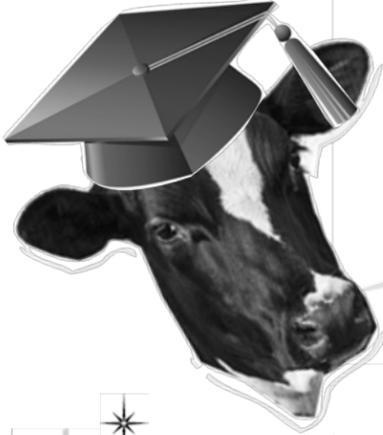
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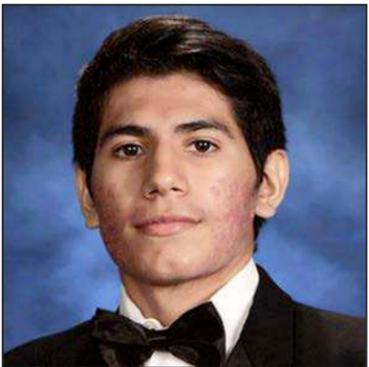
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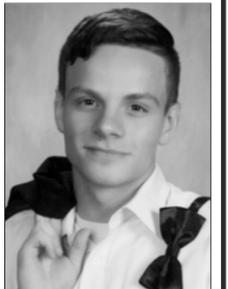
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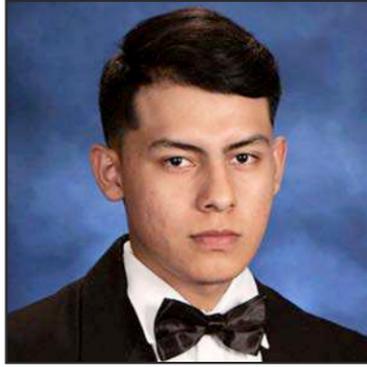
Austin Smith



Leah Vickers



Aaliyah Villafuerte



Marco Villalva



Jose Villegas



Kaela Villegas



Yesenia Villegas



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This group happily poses together before they become Hardee Senior High graduates.



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Ten days from today will be 10 years for me. Ten years ago was the last time I spoke at a graduation, and it was my own. I remember bits and pieces of my speech, but *a lot* of things have changed since then.

I was excited to get my new phone, the LG Chocolate, because it debuted the best speakers out there for the music to listen to.

Classmates of mine were simultaneously graduating with the cast of "High School Musical." Thank goodness that was over.

Instead of talking about "Infinity War" and the newest "Star Wars" movie, "Solo," we were ready to watch "The Dark Knight" and for Harrison Ford to return as a 65-year-old Indiana Jones.

A lot of things have changed in the last 10 years.

If you asked me where I would be in 10 years, I would have answered quite a bit differently back then. I knew where I was going to college and I knew that I was going to play soccer. But as I am getting ready for my 10-year reunion, I was not expecting to have to buy a plane ticket from Florida to go back to Ohio.

I was not expecting to live in a place that half of my cousins couldn't pronounce and quickly follow up with the question: Where the heck is Wauchula? I was not expecting to be married — OK, I was hoping a little — but could *never* imagine that I would get as lucky as I did. I did not picture myself having two kids in just 10 years. I couldn't ever imagine that I would get to help coach a soccer team that set a goal to win districts and finally accomplished it their senior year. I couldn't imagine being there with some of you as you said goodbye to some loved ones.

A lot has changed in the last 10 years.

There were even some things that weren't in my plans at all, not that my plans changed, but things that I did not even see coming. Like that trip to Missis-

sippi.

As a sophomore in college, I traveled with my team from Knoxville, Tenn., down to Corinth, Miss., as our team got ready to try to win a Labor Day tournament. This was my second year attending this tournament, and I learned something from my freshman year: It is hot in Mississippi in September. Now, I know that you all know this being from Florida, but this Ohio native did not realize. So, my freshman year, I was not hydrated well enough to play.

Sophomore year, I was going to be prepared. I was also in charge of driving the bus down to Mississippi. So I drove, and kept the water coming. Seriously, to this day probably the most water I ever consumed in a 12-hour period.

When we arrived in Mississippi, we partnered with a local church and they housed our team in different host homes. I returned to the Wilkins' house, great friends and some of the nicest people I've ever met. Upon arrival I got a hug that gently pushed my bladder enough for me to need to use the restroom immediately.

We were exhausted from travel, heat, and ready to get rest for our tournament.

I crashed on their nice new couch in the living room. In the middle of the night I woke up and had to use the restroom. I walked to their restroom, but it was weird. It looked just like my high school locker room bathroom. As I went to use the bathroom, something happened and it got all over me.

The problem was, I never actually woke up.

Instead, I laid there as a 19-year-old wetting my bed. And it wasn't my bed, it was a couch in some person's home. I quickly got up and started to do laundry at 3 in the morning. When they asked about the laundry going the next day, I told them that I spilled some Gatorade, which wasn't really a lie.

There will be some things in your life that you will not expect, plan, or think about.

There will be other things that you plan on happening, but it just will be different.

But there will be two constants in your life that have always been there and will always be there:

God.

People.

God will always be pursuing you, loving you, chasing you. We will talk more about Him later.

There will always be people in your life: bosses, neighbors, employees, professors, drill sergeants, aunts, moms, siblings. The plumber that comes to your house. People.

LOVE OTHERS

Things are going to change, but these two will always be the same. So what will you do as a response to these two constants? My charge to you today is that you respond with love.

This is actually the answer to a question that an expert in the law asked Jesus in Luke 10. He asked, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?"

He replied, "How do you read it?"

He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and

with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

Great. End of sermon. We know.

I can picture Jesus turning back to teach some more, but this expert of the law wants to justify his action, he wants a definition, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

And in a question, all eyes are back on Jesus.

Class of 2018, today I think that you may be wrestling with this same question. Maybe you didn't know it, but this world is really making us wonder what god we are supposed to love and which people we are supposed to love.

You want to be world changers, community changers. You want to make an impact? Learn from this question.

Who is my neighbor? All eyes on Jesus.

In reply, Jesus said — and I'm going to change this around — "On Oct. 20, 2017, the night of Hardee's Homecoming game, Kai Washington was going down

from the stadium to his house when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

"A youth minister from First Christian happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. He had a fifth-quarter party to make it to. So too, Dr. Polk, when she came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

"But a linebacker for Bradenton Southeast decided to ride home with his parents instead of on the bus. As he traveled, he came where Kai was, and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and Neosporin. Then he put Kai, all bloodied, in his own car, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

"The next day he took out everything he had in his pockets, about \$36, and gave it to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

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Teachers and school district administrators were also in attendance, waiting to give the students a great sendoff.

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The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

You may be thinking, "Ha! A Southeast linebacker helping out one of us?" Did you see the fight that happened on the field that night? Are you kidding? What are you going to say next, a DeSoto Bulldog?"

Yes. Every person that you encounter in life should be treated with love.

It doesn't matter their race. It doesn't matter their sexual preference. It doesn't matter their income. Their job. If they are a celebrity or if they are in jail. If they are liberal or Republican.

Some things in your life will change, and you won't plan on working for someone that disagrees with you or someone that has a different religious viewpoint as you. Your responsibility is to treat others with love. Have mercy. Stop and lend a helping hand.

You know what is incredible

about loving others? It is a lot like peeing your pants. Everyone can see it, but only you can feel the warmth.

God has instilled in us a desire to pursue love and calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves. That means buying ice cream for the person behind you, mowing yards, holding doors open, using manners, holding back on social media rants because you want to prove your point. It means listening. It means being patient.

It means being kind. It means not being envious of what others have, not boasting about what you have, and no longer being full of pride.

Love does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered.

Love will keep no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

— 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
When the whole world is constantly changing, one of the truths that remains the same is the necessity to love others. We are all in this together. There will be people around you. I invite you to love them. It will leave a lasting

impact on whatever community you end up in.

Love people. But also, love God.

LOVE GOD

I don't think it is a shock that they forgot asking about how to love God.

When the guy answers, he says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind."

I think a lot of us know how to love God, but we just find other reasons to push our love to the side for God.

Listen to this. The single-most important thing that you can get right in your life is the relationship between you and God. Not only does this love translate into the promise of eternal life, but also it gives you hope, guidance, peace, wisdom, and so much more in your life.

Sometimes, we get so wrapped up in our world, that we forget how awesome God is. There are so many times that I try to figure out my plans, what is happening, and I forget to love God and trust Him. I can't even scratch an area on my back, and sometimes I put trust in myself more than I put it in God.

When life gets hard in mar-

riage, or at a job, or in a friendship, I find that one of the best things to do is look at all of the good things that have happened. Remember why you chose the job, had the relationship, what belongs in this friendship.

I want to finish this evening just talking about who God is and hope that as you step into this next chapter of your life, you can have an ever-growing love for God.

God is so powerful that He created the whole world, not just Wauchula, or Florida, or Earth, but the entire world. In Luke it says that the hairs on your head are numbered.

I echo Chip Ingram in his book "The Real God" when he says:

"The reason I believe in the God of the Bible and worship Him is because He is before all things, He created all things, He upholds all things, He is above all things, He knows all things, He accomplished all things, He rules over all things, and He is in control of all things. That's the reason I believe in Him and have given my entire life to Him in faith and in trust that He is superior to all the other truth-claims in the world. He is not just another '-ism' out there to be considered. He is infinite and eternal, over all and worthy above all. I worship Him because He is sovereign."

That is the God that I love.

That is why we should all try to obey God, listen to His leading. And the only good way to re-

spond to His love is by digging into His Word, to grow and love Him more.

I know that whatever my future is, God is in control. God knows you by name. He will be pursuing you, so respond to Him in love.

A lot of things in your life will change in the next 10 years. Some of your plans will come true. Some of them won't. God will always be pursuing you, and there will always be people in your life.

Do you want to make an impact? Respond in love.

Love God. Love people. It will change your life. Eternally.

Let's start with doing that right now as a group. I'm going to pray, and as I pray the band is going to come back up here and lead us in one more song. This song is called "What a Beautiful Name." During this song, this is what we will be singing together.

"You have no rival, You have no equal;
"Now and forever, our God reigns;

"Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory;

"Yours is the Name, above all names."

We get to show our love to Jesus and worship Him. The powerful, beautiful, wonderful name of Jesus. Then, Class of 2018, you have an opportunity to graduate from here and love the people that you will interact with.

Let me pray for you.

Seniors Not Pictured

- Hannah Abel
- Lorena Arana-Gonzalez
- Rigoberto Armenta
- Leonardo Bautista-Martinez
- Ricardo Delacruz
- Jose DeLaRosa-Rodriguez
- William Derringer
- Jose Espinoza
- Jose Gonzalez
- Giovanni Gutierrez
- Christian Hernandez
- Rebecca King
- Sylas Kirkland
- Juan Lazaro
- Francisco Luna
- Zaria Luna
- Gerardo Martinez
- Hunter Meadows
- Mariela Miramontes
- Alexis Piedad Camacho
- Malik Polk
- Guadalupe Reyes
- Anderson Severe
- Janessa Tamayo
- Jamari Taylor
- Oscar Trevino
- Adelina Villafranca
- Joshua Yarbrough



Damar Harris and Dr. Polk give a last-minute reminder to the other students on how to receive their diplomas and pose for pictures!



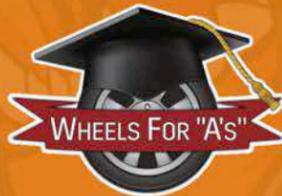
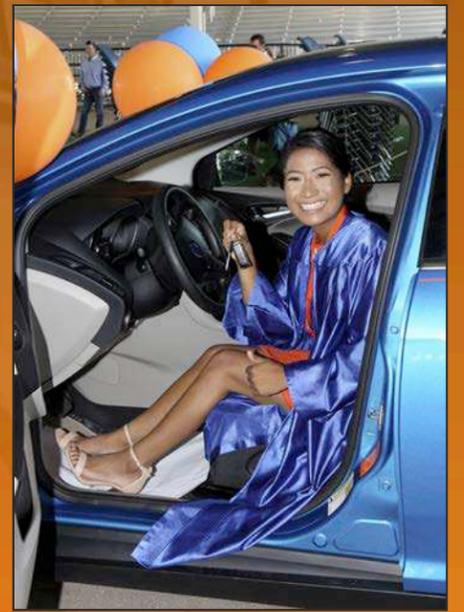
Elizabeth Mier (left) and Stephanie Mier (right) proudly send off Yisselle Mier, who graduated with Latin Honors.

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