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## Test Scores Climb Across District

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Student achievement rates showed significant improvements here this year, according to statistics released late last week by the Florida Department of Education.

"The results were very good," said Bob Shayman, superintendent of schools.

Hardee County students showed significant gains in

both the language arts and math components of the annual Florida State Assessment.

Hardee Senior High School showed significant gains in language arts as 43 percent of ninth graders passed the exam. Last year, only 27 percent of those tested passed.

The school also saw significant gains in mathematics, with 57 percent of freshmen passing the algebra assessment. Last

year, only 24 percent of the students tested passed.

Hardee Junior High School showed gains across the board in language arts, with 42 percent of sixth graders, 39 percent of seventh graders, and 44 percent of eighth graders passing. In 2017, by comparison, 37 percent of sixth graders, 30 percent of seventh graders, and 38 percent of eighth graders passed.

The school also had across-the-board gains in mathematics: 46 percent of sixth graders (41 in 2017), 47 percent of seventh graders (42 percent in 2017), and 40 percent of eighth graders (37 percent in 2017) passed the assessment.

Wauchula Elementary School posted to most significant gains of the five elementary schools. In the fifth grade, 53 percent of students passed

the language arts component — up from 39 percent in 2017. Fifth graders also improved in math as 62 percent passed the assessment — an increase from 52 percent in 2017.

Zolfo Springs Elementary School was the only other elementary to post 10-point gains on the number of students passing, as the number of fifth graders passing language arts jumped from 38 percent in

2017 to 55 percent this year.

Districtwide, 57 percent of students in third grade, 50 percent of students in fourth grade, and 51 percent of students in fifth grade passed the language arts test.

In the elementary math assessment, 68 percent of third graders, 64 percent of fourth graders, and 65 percent of fifth graders passed the exam across

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### SUPER SNAKE



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A brave Lorie Ayers of Wauchula reaches out a tentative hand as she barely grazes this albino python, one of the stars of the Reptile Discovery program last week at the Hardee County Public Library. Handler Bruce Shwedick introduced reptiles large and small from around the world, crocodile and tortoise to chameleon and corn snake. The obvious winner in size was this photogenic guy, named "Banana Boy" and sporting bright yellow markings. Check the Save The Date calendar on A2 for more library happenings.

## No New Candidates Yet For County Offices

By CYNTHIA KRAHL  
Of The Herald-Advocate

No new candidates have surfaced yet as the official qualifying period for county-wide elections nears its end.

The week-long filing period opened on Monday at noon at the Supervisor of Elections Office and closes tomorrow (Friday) at noon.

Anyone wishing to make a run for one of two open County Commission seats or one of three School Board slots can still do so by filling

out some simple forms, taking an oath, and forking over some cash.

Potential candidates must report to the Supervisor of Elections Office at 311 N. Sixth Ave. in Wauchula, inside the Curtis Ezelle Government Complex, to complete the necessary paperwork.

Pre-announced candidates, who used the voter-petition method to get their names placed on the ballot rather than pay the hefty qualifying fees, had all completed the official process by late Tuesday afternoon, the Elections Office said.

Those candidates are incumbent Sue Birge, Noey Flo-

res and Ralph Arce for County Commission District 2; incumbent Russell Melendy for County Commission District 4; incumbent Paul Samuels for School Board District 1; incumbent Garry McWhorter for School Board District 4; and Mark Gilliard for School Board District 5.

County judge candidates who completed the qualifying process by the earlier judicial deadline were Kenneth Evers, David Horton and James Pyle.

So far, only the openings for County Commission District 2 and the county judgeship will head to voters to decide. The other positions do not have enough candidates to make a

race.

If no one completes the paperwork and pays the fee by Friday noon, County Commissioner Melendy and School Board members Samuels and McWhorter and newcomer Gilliard will be handed a four-year term without a vote.

County commissioners are paid \$32,545 a year. The qualifying fee is \$1,302.

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## HHS Answers Math Problem

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Three years ago, the numbers were not looking great for Hardee Senior High School.

The school saw only 20 percent of its students pass the state-mandated end-of-course assessment in algebra in 2016 — one of the lowest pass rates in the entire state.

Students made modest gains in 2017, with the pass rate increasing to 27 percent but still dramatically lagging behind student achievement across the Sunshine State.

Climbing though it was, the high school's percentage of students passing the exam was trailing the state average by more than 30 points.

School leaders, though, have found a solution to the problem of student mathematical success.

According to statistics published late last week by the Florida Department of Education, Hardee Senior High School bested the state average for 2018, with 57 percent of the students tested successfully passing the annual spring assessment.

"We are all excited," said Bob Shayman, superintendent of schools. "It is one of the biggest gains in the state."

Of the 187 ninth graders tested this year, 57 percent passed.

In 2017, the school tested

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## Cookout Invites Crowd

By JENNIFER McCONKEY  
Herald-Advocate Intern

A local group is working hard to treat 2018 Hardee High graduates and their families to a fun cookout this Saturday.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Committee is hosting the cookout, which will run from noon to 4 p.m. at Magnolia Manor Park.

This is their first time organizing an event of this scope, and committee members are hoping a large number of graduates will attend. The grads are welcome to bring their families, too.

Committee members will be

grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and serving chips. There also will be beverages provided.

The cookout is a come-and-go sort of event, but don't feel like you need to rush off as soon as you are done eating. The committee is planning fun activities for the afternoon as well.

And there will be tents covering the tables and chairs, so guests will be protected from the sun or rain. There should be enough seats for everyone, but you're welcome to bring your own lawn chairs if you want to.

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WEATHER			
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06/18	93	74	0.05
Rainfall to 06/18/2018 - 21.83			
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## City Commission Seats Up For Grabs

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Interest has been light from potential candidates to fill two positions on the Wauchula City Commission.

"It has been slow," said Holly Smith, city clerk. Russell Graylin Smith, who currently serves as commissioner for District 2, was the only resident to submit qualification paperwork as of late Tuesday afternoon.

The other seat up for election — District 4 — is currently held by Ken Lambert.

Lambert, who continues to receive treatment for a brain tumor, had not filed paperwork as of press time.

The qualifying period, which

opened at noon on Monday, will formally close tomorrow (Friday) at noon.

If Commissioner Smith is formally qualified, he will return to his seat unopposed if another candidate does not throw a hat into the ring.

The commissioner found himself at the center of controversy last September after he was arrested, in Zolfo Springs, on a misdemeanor domestic violence charge. Charging documents listed his official address as Zolfo Springs. The charges, however, were abandoned after Smith successfully completed a court diversion program.

The City Commission opted not to review the confusion

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### FAULTY FOUNTAIN



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

The fountain at Heritage Park — the centerpiece of the city-maintained Downtown Wauchula destination — has gone dry. A regular play spot for youngsters seeking a break from the afternoon heat, the decorative water feature went dry last week. City officials have been mum on the reason behind the fountain's shutdown. Calls and emails to City Hall this week were not returned.

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**LETTERS:**

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



## Kelly's Column

By Jim

The price of gasoline in Wauchula on Tuesday was \$2.649 a gallon for regular unleaded. It has come down some recently and looks like it will not reach \$3 a gallon as feared.

I poured out three inches of rainfall from our Wauchula gauge on Tuesday afternoon. Don't ask how many days it was for.

A 34-year-old Lakeland man and his girlfriend, 40, went kayaking after midnight Sunday on Scott Lake with no lifejackets. The kayak took on water and capsized. The young man drowned. Authorities said alcohol was involved, reported the Lakeland Ledger.

Brenda O'Quinn in a June 19 letter to the editor to the Ledger wrote, "I'm confused."

She cited conflicting reports from "They" about how many vitamin C pills to take, peppermint being good for the stomach, baking soda good for the stomach, carbonated drinks good for the stomach, stretching before exercise, riding a bicycle away from or toward traffic, plucking or not plucking eyebrows, weighing yourself once a week or once a day, drinking cold or room temperature water after exercise, removing or keeping earwax as is, and whether crossword puzzles and Sudoku help memory skills.

The list could go on and on what so-called experts of the day are recommending about health. We are constantly learning as we go through life.

Today's mail to "W. Kelly" (deceased since 1984) wants him to join the Sierra Club. Why not, for the sake of journalism and unbiased thinking.

Among other things the Sierra Club helped create the National Park Service in 1916, blocked proposed major dams in Yellowstone National Park in 1920, helped create Redwood National Park in 1968, encouraged the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970, helped Congress pass the Endangered Species Act in 1973 to protect rare plants and animals, promoted passage of the National Forest Management Act in 1976, campaigned for the Alaska Lands Act in 1980 adding 103 million acres of national parks, wildlife refuges and wilderness acres, wins drive to prevent exploration and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in 1991, its Beyond Coal Campaign in 2014 retired the nation's 178th coal-burning power plant, in 2013 supported the U.S. Department of the Interior protecting 11 million acres of the Western Arctic Reserve from oil and gas drilling, helped stop the Keystone XI Pipeline in 2015, and celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2017.

The Sierra Club has been rated one of the Top 15 most influential brands in Washington, D.C. Its goal is to protect the environment, wildlife and wildlands.

President Richard Nixon 47 years ago signed into law the Environmental Protection Act, noting "clean air, clean water and open spaces should once again be the birthright of every American."

The Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council are not happy with some of President Trump's policies and his appointment of Scott Pruitt to direct the EPA.

They are unhappy with pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement (effective November 2020), reducing research and funds for the green energy movement, promoting coal as an energy resource, reducing the budget of the EPA, saying Pruitt is cozy with oil, gas and mining industry executives, weakening proposed fuel economy standards for cars and trucks for 2022 through 2025, and opening federal lands for possible oil and gas exploration. The Sierra Club does not like open pit mining including phosphate mining.

Wanting clean air, clean water and a safe and nice environment are necessary and worthy goals or rights. In our nation's history there have been gross abuses and damage to them. Some would go too far in either direction. The devil is always in the details. Thank goodness for industry and environmental advocates like the Sierra Club.

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Hardee County's Hometown Coverage

will be closed on  
**Wednesday, July 4**  
in celebration of Independence Day

Because of this, ALL deadlines will be earlier:

**Political Ads – Friday, June 29, 2 p.m.**

**Classified Ads – Monday, July 2, noon**

**Display Ads – Monday, July 2, noon**

**Hardee Living – Wednesday, June 27, 5 p.m.**

**Schools – Wednesday, June 27, 5 p.m.**

**Sports – Wednesday, June 27, 5 p.m.**

**General News – Friday, June 29, 5 p.m.**

The newspaper will be printed and available for sale the afternoon of  
**Tuesday, July 3**

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## COOKOUT

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The cookout will take place in the park at 915 Chamberlain Blvd. in Wauchula. To get there from U.S. 17, head east on Will Duke Road, which is south of the Hardee County Centre shopping plaza. After you've crossed over Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, you'll circle through a residential area until you see the park on your left.

This cookout will be a community celebration. The Martin Luther King Jr. Committee

wants it to be an event that includes all graduates and promotes a spirit of equality.

Committee member Diane Smith said organizers want people "to come together ... as a county."

The Martin Luther King Jr. Committee meets once a month or more, and welcomes members of the community to their meetings. They encourage anyone to come and participate.

If you have questions about

the cookout or the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, you can contact any of the committee members: Michelle Brown, Sergio Castillo, Daryle Cook, Juan Coronado, Kimberly Coronado, Renae Jackson, Brenda Joyce Hines, LaQuinda Holley, Jamaal Johnson, Rose McDonald, Alfred Morris, Sherry Morris, Linda Roberson, Diane Smith and LaTicia Wilkinson.

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the district.

District administrators hail the success in part on increased and improved training methods for teachers.

"We have been teaching the teachers," said Todd Durden, deputy superintendent. "We are teaching the teachers to identify the state standards and to find new ways to pass that information on to students."

Another factor contributing to success, officials say, is higher rates of teacher retention and certification.

"We are retaining more qualified and highly effective certified teachers," said Kristin Rivas, associate director of elementary curriculum.

The School District purged more than a dozen educators from its teacher pool at the end of the 2017-18 academic year who had not received certification.

Added Shayman, "There is a reason the certification is required by the state."

## CITY

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surrounding the commissioner's place of residence.

Wauchula city commissioners must live within the Wauchula municipal limits.

The District 4 seat — if no qualified candidate steps forward — will be filled by appointment by the City Commission.

Commissioners in Wauchula are elected to four year terms.

Compensation is \$5,160 annually, according to City Clerk Smith.

Commissioners also receive coverage under the city's employee insurance plan, she said.

The City Commission race will be decided Aug. 28 during the primary election.

Residents interested in qualifying for the race must appear in person at the office of the city clerk, 126 S. Seventh Ave., during the qualification period.

Information packets are available from Smith in advance of the qualification period.

For information, call Smith at 773-3535.

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School Board members receive \$27,656 annually. The fee is \$1,106.

Traditionally in Hardee County, potential candidates all have used the petition method to avoid paying the filing fees. But on at least two occasions, a last-minute candidate has produced the cash and entered the election fray.

By Friday noon, the ballot will be set.

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 28.

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**Springs Coast Management Committee: Discussion will include the framework for management plans, approval of BMAP Nutrient Management Strategy & Management Actions and other water quality drivers.**

DATE/TIME: Wed., July 11, 2018; 1:30 p.m.

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

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: WaterMatters.org – Boards, Meetings & Event Calendar; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211.

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If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board/Committee with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Kelly.page@watermatters.org; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x 4605 (Ad Order EXE0626)

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## Corrections

At The Herald-Advocate, we want accuracy to be a given, not just our goal. If you believe we have printed an error in fact, please call to report it. We will review the information, and if we find it needs correction or clarification, we will do so here. To make a report, call Managing Editor Cynthia Krahl at 773-3255.

# SAVE THE DATE

## JUNE

- 21 – Storytime, HC Public Library/315 N. Sixth Ave., Wauchula/10 am
- 21 – Movie Time, "Lady & The Tramp"/HC Public Library/1 pm
- 22 – Dog Days of Spring/Bowling Green Childcare Center/9:30 am
- 22 – Class for Seniors/"Identity Theft Prevention"/Hardee Help Center/713 E Bay St, Wauchula/10 am
- 22 – Cooking with Danni, "Veggie Sushi Rolls"/HC Public Library/2 pm
- 23 – Class of 2018 Cookout/Magnolia Manor Park/Chamberlain Blvd., Wauchula/Noon
- 24 – Vacation Bible School Begins/First Baptist Church, Bowling Green/6 pm
- 25 – Craft Day, "Wind Chimes"/HC Public Library/2 pm
- 26 – K-5 Summer Programs/HC Public Library/10 am
- 26 – Movie Time "Jumanji"/HC Public Library/1 pm
- 27 – Stories @ the Depot/Bowling Green Train Depot/201 E. Main St., Bowling Green/10 am
- 27 – Music @ the Library, Dylan Johnson/HC Public Library/1 pm
- 28 – Storytime, HC Public Library/10 am
- 28 – Movie Time "Ferdinand"/HC Public Library/1 pm
- 28 – Sen. Denise Grimsley, Mobile Office Hours/Wauchula Train Depot/1:15 pm
- 29 – Cooking with Danni, "Mini Campfire S'mores"/HC Public Library/2 pm

## JULY

- 3 – K-5 Summer Programs/HC Public Library/10 am
  - 3 – Movie Time, "Despicable Me 3"/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/1 pm
  - 5 – Storytime, HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am
  - 5 – Movie Time, "Secret Life of Pets"/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/1 pm
  - 6 – Cooking with Danni, "Mini Pizza"/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/2 pm
  - 10 – K-5 Summer Programs/HC Public Library/10 am
  - 10 – Movie Time/"Captain Underpants"/HC Public Library/1 pm
  - 11 – Stories @ the Depot/Bowling Green Train Depot/10 am
  - 12 – Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am
  - 12 – Movie Time/"Smurfs the Lost Village"/HC Public Library/1 pm
  - 13 – Rock painting/HC Public Library/1 pm
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307 ninth graders and saw only 24 percent pass. By comparison, in 2016 — the first year the assessment was used — 20 percent of the 279 freshmen passed.

Not just are more students passing, but they are also earning higher grades.

In both 2016 and 2017, the average student score was 477 points. This year, students earned an average of 494 points.

"We are all pleased that everyone's hard work paid off," said Dr. Michele Polk, principal of Hardee High.

The solution to solving the problem of lagging student success, according to school officials, followed a multi-tiered approach.

Properly educating educators, Polk said, was one of many approaches.

Mathematics teachers were provided peer-to-peer feedback and training from outside consultants from the D2D Consulting Group. The year-long training allowed algebra (and geometry) instructors "to increase the rigor and expectation within those math courses," Polk said.

The school also restructured its approach to scheduling the course load for incoming freshmen.

Students receiving a rating of achievement level one —

the lowest tier — on their end-of-year eighth-grade math assessment were routed into a redesigned curriculum as freshmen.

Those lower-performing students now face immersion in algebra over two years — taking Algebra 1-A as freshmen and Algebra 1-B as sophomores — and providing more time to master the required mathematical principles.

The third prong of the school's response involved the implementation of a new program — Agile Minds.

Approved by the Hardee County School Board last summer, the Agile Minds curriculum was used to target incoming freshmen who scored at achievement levels two or three on their eighth-grade math assessment.

"It was money very well spent," Shayman said.

The results are striking. The state average for students passing Algebra 1 in ninth grade this spring is 46 percent.

Hardee ninth graders averaged 57 percent — 11 points higher.

DeSoto County High School had only 22 percent of its students pass — the second lowest results in the entire state — and neighboring Highlands County saw only 39 percent of ninth graders pass.

# You, Too, Could Be A Mentor To A Student

Take Stock in Children mentors and their 31 student-scholars who just graduated from high schools in Hardee, DeSoto and Highlands counties were honored recently at South Florida State College.

The graduates from Hardee Senior High School were Graciela Silvan-Macedo, Yisselle Mier, Nubia Gomez, Shauna Norwood, Alicia Ruiz, Alex Paulino, Jose Aleman and Gabriela Montoya.

Norwood also was recognized as a Take Stock Leadership 4 Life Fellowship winner, receiving a \$40,000 scholarship to college. She graduated from Hardee High in December 2017 and earned her Associate in Arts degree from SFSC this May.

Take Stock in Children is a statewide program that provides children with a mentor and a two-plus-two college scholarship, two years at a state or community college and two years at a state university in Florida. Take Stock staff also help the student obtain financial assistance for housing, transportation and other expenses.

In return, the student signs a contract to earn at least a grade of C in every class, graduate from high school with good attendance records, maintain good behavior in school, and have no involvement with law enforcement or drugs.

The SFSC Foundation serves as the lead agency for the program, which has graduated 438 students since its establishment in 1996.

"This ceremony is a tribute to the Take Stock mentors," said Jamie Bateman, who

heads up the SFSC Foundation. "You've dedicated your time, energy and love into making sure students are on the right path to what they have and will achieve."

"Our volunteer mentors are the heart of this program," said Irene Castanon, student services coordinator for Take Stock in Children. "They give the very best of themselves by sharing their experiences and knowledge. It is one of the reasons our students are successful, and we cannot thank them enough for their time, effort and dedication."

Bateman recounted the students' achievements. "The average grade-point average for the 31 graduates was 3.75," she said. "The highest student GPA was 4.85."

Bateman said, collectively, the students earned \$198,183 in college scholarships. They also gained 820 hours of college credit toward their undergraduate degrees by participating in SFSC's dual enrollment program.

Graduates each approached the stage to introduce themselves to the audience, mention their mentor's name, and note what college they would attend and what they will study.

"Truly, time has flown by," Castanon said. "Five years ago, we were signing up the

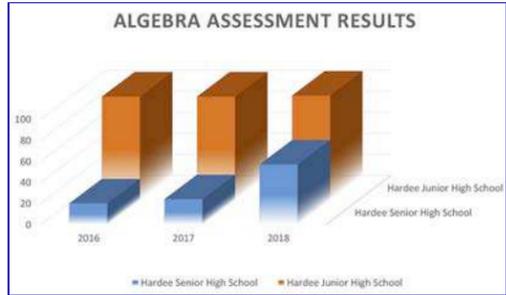


COURTESY PHOTO  
Hardee County Take Stock mentor Richard Daggett (left) with his mentee, Jose Aleman.

Class of 2018 and getting ready to provide them with mentors, a college success coach, and the start of many college readiness workshops.

"Now, they have all successfully completed our Take Stock in Children requirements and are ready to further their education," she continued. "It has been an honor to oversee this class and see them grow to become the young women and men they are

today." Take Stock mentors typically meet with their assigned students each week during the school year, offering encouragement and advice. A Take Stock college success coach provides support and guidance to the mentor and the mentee. To become a Take Stock mentor, contact Castanon at (863) 784-7343 or by emailing [Irene.Castanon@southflorida.edu](mailto:Irene.Castanon@southflorida.edu).



• One study found that noise in the office also correlated to increased stress hormone levels and a lower willingness to engage with others.

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## SINKING FEELING



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK  
West Main Street is sinking, again. Above, a Wauchula Police Department cruiser passes over a depression beneath the asphalt which has been spreading for weeks under West Main Street. This is not the first time a noticeable dip has been reported in the stretch of road between U.S. 17 and South Seventh Avenue. Last year, city of Wauchula work crews repaired a depression beneath the road caused by water leaking from underground storm-water pipes. The cause of the current depression remains unclear. Officials at City Hall did not immediately return a request for comment on Tuesday.

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**LUIS VASQUEZ JR.**

Luis Vasquez Jr., 85, of Hardee County, passed away on Saturday, June 16, 2018.

He was born Pharr, Texas, on Aug. 25, 1932. Luis had been a resident of Hardee County most of his life. He worked as a laborer in the citrus industry. He was a member of St. Michaels Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Luis and Damiana Vasquez.

He is survived by his son, Raul Vasquez, of Ona; daughters, Maria E. Limon, of Ona; Maria L. Limon, of Ona; brothers, Jose Vasquez, of Texas, and Lupe Vasquez, of Texas; sisters, Martina Oraz, of Bradenton, Christina Vasquez, of Texas, and Lele Dela Cruz, of Texas; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

A visitation was held Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at 10 a.m., in Robarts Garden Chapel. Funeral services will be at St. Michaels Catholic Church on Wednesday June 20, 2018, at 12 p.m. Interment will follow services at Wauchula Cemetery.

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

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**WILLIAM FRANCIS JOHNSON**

William Francis Johnson, 76, of Hardee County, passed away on Friday, June 15, 2018.

He was born in Staton Island, N.Y., on Feb. 11, 1942. William had been a resident of Hardee County for 10 years coming from New Jersey. He worked as a lineman for General Motor. He was a member of St. Michaels Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vincent and Helen Johnson; son, Darren Johnson; daughter, Dawn Johnson; and brother, Vincent Johnson.

He is survived by daughter, Desirae Johnson, of North Fort Myers; brothers, Albert Johnson, of Connecticut, Eric Johnson, and Robert Johnson; sister, Michelle Soucy, of New York; as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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**KENNETH R. WINGATE**

Kenneth R. Wingate, 74, of Winter Garden, was invited home by his Lord on Sunday, June 17, 2018, after a long-time battle with leukemia. He died peacefully in his home surrounded by all his beloved family.

Ken was born June 14, 1944, in Zolfo Springs, to Reuben A. (Ray) and Jewel G. Wingate, who will welcome him into heaven.

He is survived by his wife, Bonny L. Wingate; daughters, Lisa (Russ) Ward and Sharon (Bill) Lowe; and grandchildren, Michael Wingate, Alex Ward and Kaitlin Ward. He was also survived by his sister, Loretta Parrish; and brother, Don (Carole) Wingate.

Ken and Bonny were married April 19, 1967, in Hallstead, Pennsylvania, and lived their life in Ocoee and Winter Garden. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in the home of Don and Carole Wingate surrounded by many who spoke of his kindness and generosity and how much he had changed their lives with his wisdom and example.

Ken served West Orange Church of Christ as a Deacon from January 1994 to September 1997; and as a Shepherd from September 1997 to December 2016 when his health forced him to step down. However, he continued to teach and influ-

ence others to the end of his days.

Ken did not know it at the time, but his great blunder around age 17 set up his life career. At the advice of an older cousin, he drove Dad's car into the creek at a point that was quite deep, sinking the car to the top of the roof. Dad made Ken spend the entire summer taking the 1956 Plymouth apart piece by piece, marking every piece, cleaning every piece and then putting the entire car back together in running order. That summer, the only way to talk with Ken was going into the barnyard while he worked. He did it and the car ran for years.

After leaving college, he and a friend opened his first auto repair shop in Wauchula, around 1964. He moved to Orlando, and worked at several jobs in the tire industry from 1968-74 (Goodyear, Uniroyal Tire, Pan American and Radial Tire Center).

In 1974, he opened Muffler Man & Wholesale Tire Company on West Colonial Drive in Pine Hills. That venture was so successful that he opened a garage in Longwood and Wingate Automotive Supply Company in Pine Hills. Over the years, Ken formed partnership with his brother, Don Wingate and they invested in other ventures with one being Run-A-Bout Auto Mart in Ocoee. It is good to know that the mistakes of youth can be the reward of adulthood.

In 1984, Ken also formed

a partnership with his parents, brother Don and sister Loretta Parrish in two companies: Lakendon, Inc. and Wingate Rentals. Through those, they bought and developed various commercial properties in Ocoee, Longwood, Port Orange, Wauchula and Orlando. Ken has been retired from his ventures for the past few years due to his health issues.

Outside of work and family, Ken loved fishing, travel, playing cards, shooting hoops and attending Magic games. But, his real interest was in study of the Bible which he did for hours on end.

The family is requesting that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hospice or to West Orange Church of Christ. Ken never wanted attention to be on him but always wanted it for others, so to honor him will be to honor that he loved.

Memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on June 22, 2018, at West Orange Church of Christ, 1450 Daniels Rd, Winter Garden, FL 34787 (phone 307-656-2770). This will be followed by a big celebration of his life in Odom Hall. Dinner will be provided so please come with your favorite Ken Story and a big appetite. He is paying for everything and wants all his friends and loved ones to rejoice with him one last time before we all meet again.

Arrangements were by cremation.

**ROBERT LEE 'BOB' GREEN**

Robert Lee "Bob" Green, 62, died Sunday, June 10, 2018, at Good Shepherd Hospice in Sebring.

He was born in Hiialeah, and was a resident of Fort Meade for many years, where he was one of the owners of B&E Automotive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman L. and Mildred Jones Green.

He is survived by his brothers, Jim Green (Susan), of Tallahassee, and Ron Green (Shawna), of Bartow; sisters, Sandra Brink (Ed), and Sue Parrish (Ernie), all of Fort Meade.

Memorial services were June 16, in the chapel of Hancock Funeral Home. The Rev. Joe Parrish and the Rev. Chuck Pemberton officiated. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: Good Shepherd Hospice, 105 Arneson Ave., Auburndale, FL 33823.

Arrangements by Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade.

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**Death Notice**

**LOIS EDNA TOMLINSON**

Lois Edna Tomlinson, 97, of Wauchula, died Tuesday, June 19, 2018, in Sebring. She was born Jan. 21, 1921, in Polk County, and was a lifelong resident of Hardee County. Services are pending at this time. Please contact Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home for further information or check their website, [www.PongerKaysGrady.com](http://www.PongerKaysGrady.com) for the complete obituary.

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**CARLOS GARAY**

Carlos Garay, 71, of Hardee County, passed away on Thursday, June 14, 2018.

He was born in San Antonio, Texas, on Dec. 9, 1946. Carlos had been a resident of Hardee County since 1950 coming from San Antonio, Texas. He worked as a truck-driver for McDonald Construction. He was a member of St. Michaels Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Maria Garay; a son, Michael Garay; and brothers, Louis Garay and Victor Garay.

He is survived by his daughter, Allison Garcia

(Tommy), of Bowling Green; brothers, Tito Garay (Josephina), of Avon Park, Joe Garay (Joannie), of Avon Park, Jimmy Salazar (Audrey), of Lake City, and Jessie Garay, of Rome, Ga.; sisters, Margarita Solano, of Zolfo Springs, Viola Arce (Ralph), of Bowling Green, Mary Wilson, of Lake City, and Jeannie Aguilar (Ernesto), of Zolfo Springs; grandchildren, Carlos Garcia, Jason Garcia, Logan Garcia, Kaitlyn Garcia, Aruana Trammel, Kayla Garay, Ryan Spears, Joshua Garay, and Stephen Garay; and great-grandchildren, Jaelyn Spears and Oden Negrete.

A memorial service was held at Faith Temple Church of God, on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at 11 a.m. Bishop Wendell Smith officiated. Expressions of comfort may be made at [robartsfh.com](http://robartsfh.com).

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**Notices**

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

CASE NO. 252016CA000471

MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION Plaintiff,

vs.

CARL R. DANIELS, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 6, 2018, and entered in Case No. 252016CA000471 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida, wherein CARL R. DANIEL; BRENDA DANIELS A/K/A BRENDA D. DANIELS and SUNCOAST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, the Defendants. Victoria L. Rogers, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Hardee County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Hardee County Courthouse, 417 W. Main Street, Second Floor Hallway, Outside Room 202, Wauchula, FL 33873 at 11:00 AM on 27 day of June, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

THE EAST 61 FEET OF THE WEST 122.7 FEET OF LOTS 8, 9 AND 10, IN BLOCK "C" OF MILLER AND CASON ADDITION TO CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, AS PER PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2-107, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME ACT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of the Fictitious Name Act, Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, as amended, intends to register with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, the fictitious name of P & S Trucking under which the undersigned is engaged or will engage in business at: 2716 Hampton Rd., in the City of Wauchula, Florida 33873.

That the party/parties interested in said business enterprise is/are as follows: W. Skipper Gause.

Dated at Wauchula, Hardee County, Florida 33873.

Person authorizing publication: Skipper Gause.

Dated: June 18, 2018

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME ACT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of the Fictitious Name Act, Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, as amended, intends to register with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, the fictitious name of The Tabula Rasa Farm under which the undersigned is engaged or will engage in business at: 3021 Center Hill Rd. in the City of Bowling Green, Florida 33834.

That the party/parties interested in said business enterprise is/are as follows: Abigail Markow, Stephen Muller.

Dated at Bowling Green, Hardee County, Florida 33834.

Person authorizing publication: Abigail Markow.

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**As Seen From This Side**

By Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips  
Wauchula

Sign on highway: "Bridge may freeze in cold weather." I would have thought only hot weather would freeze.

On cigarettes: "California has found cigarettes could cause cancer." Would they be safe in other states?

My doctor's office called. "It's past time for your annual physical." They called in May, but my appointment is now mid-August. Why were they so urgent? Need money? My insurance does not pay that well.

Florida has adopted Kentucky's road words "Pass" and "Don't Pass" where they already have yellow lines.

I see where the big store has claimed another Winn-Dixie. This one took just under five years. Robersdale, Ala., has had a Winn-Dixie 31 years. It closed the doors two weeks ago, 26 employees without jobs.

Bay Minette, Ala., lost its Winn-Dixie last year, and Fairhope lost its largest food store (Publix) last year also. The big store took less than five years there also.

That has been the story of Mom and Pop stores for many years. Now the larger ones are folding, but the clothing side of the big store will not sell my size clothes.

A few years ago (late 1990s) I could buy my clothes there, but K-Mart and Penny's lost their footing. Now they will not stock any sizes over 46 (some still have a few 48s), but life goes on for the big store as long as they can keep buying from the low wage producers of China.

Can Bi-Lo hang on to the Winn-Dixie in Wauchula? Save-A-Lot could not survive there, and Grocery Outlet will not try. Winn-Dixie is long gone from Pensacola's Blue Angels Parkway. Grocery Outlet still sells more meats than any big store, but they will not put in two stores.

The average mark-up is around six percent or was during my 27 years in the retail food stores. (Even all that I worked in have since filed bankruptcy. Winn-Dixie, Pantry Pride, National Tea, and Jitney Jungle).

Your grandchildren may have no choice.

I have not been to Orlando or Kissimmee since 2004. It just makes me sick to know how beautiful those two cities were until Walt Disney died.

They have grown without any apparent planning until Orlando has swallowed up the beauty that once was in the 1960s or even '70s. To me it is just vulgar, congested, trashy and without any thoughts of retaining the old charm these two cities once had.

No historical value exists. Every day they keep trying to destroy anything of beauty. I never plan to go back to see the destruction developers have caused.

I once loved to walk the beach south of St. Augustine with a white metal detector. There were thousands of dollars worth of gold washed up after a storm. Most of us never told the state of our findings. As long as a pawn broker gave a reasonable price, I could care less where he sold it.

We saw how the state treated the treasure hunters on the big

boats. I did not want any part of it. A couple of us did get a boat and try, but the beach paid off better. Still does I hear, but the old guys are being watched too closely.

At my age I would not like to tangle with a bunch of money-hungry politicians who would take our hard-earned treasure without lifting a finger to work for it.

One of my old friends, younger than me, is still sifting beach sand. Good luck.

Several years ago I lived in Tennessee, and I met an employee of L & N Railroad. His job, sitting in a tower building a train, switching cars in and out.

My wife and I made jewelry. One day I told him what I wanted to do. He made it okay with the R.R. police (it's illegal to trespass on R.R. property).

The request was to braid four strands of wire (2 outside copper, I each bronze and aluminum), then place it on the track (tied with a fishing line to prevent too many wheels over it). As the train started to move, the wire was placed on the track (using Scotch tape to hold it in place).

When one wheel ran over it, I would pull it out of the tracks, trim the ends and form a bracelet. This was great until AmTrack took over.

Several styles could be formed this way with different findings.



**FLOWER POWER**



COURTESY PHOTO

A Wauchula homeowner loves growing sunflowers. The couple noticed one flower was missing. It did not take long to discover the thief. This squirrel was in the fork of a large oak tree eating seeds from the flower. Gray cat squirrels are notorious opportunistic feeders and skilled at helping themselves at bird feeders.

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## Courthouse Report

**COUNTY COURT**  
**The following marriage license was issued recently in the Clerk of Courts Office:**  
 Kelly Lyn Knight, 39, Wauchula, and William Bolton Hernandez, 37, Wauchula.

**The following civil actions and small claims were disposed of recently by the county judge:**

Bank of America vs. Haley Parks, voluntary dismissal.  
 Capital One Bank vs. Dianna Benavides, default judgment for \$6,019.10.

Joe Vance vs. Antonio Perada and Cassandra Camarillo, voluntary dismissal.

Charles Knight III vs. Charles Knight II, voluntary dismissal.

Avion Palms Homeowner's Association vs. William Alvin Goodwin, voluntary dismissal.

Bank of America vs. Iraida P. Milian, voluntary dismissal.

**The following misdemeanor cases were disposed of recently in County Court:**  
 There was no misdemeanor court as it was trial week.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
**The following civil actions were filed recently in the office of the Circuit Court:**

NF LLC vs. AN, petition for injunctive relief.

J.P. Morgan Chase Bank vs. Jonathan Mark and Stephanie S. Parker, foreclosure.

Fabiola Perada vs. Florida Hospital Wauchula, medical malpractice (case closed same day).

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

Mario Lopez Sr. vs. Mario Lopez Jr., injunction for protection.

Nicole Rae Caley and Frank Alan Caley, dismissal of injunction for protection.

Jocelyn Saez and Vasem McKenith, injunction for protection.

Valerie Hernandez and Francisco Granadero Jr., dismissal of injunction for protection.

Priscilla Torres and the state Department of Revenue vs. Juan Daniel Gonzalez, child support modification.

Meko Wakeley and Martha Bowerbank, dismissal of injunction for protection.

Investment Retrievers vs. Jesus Juarez doing business as The Pros Auto Repair, final judgment for \$23,209.82.

Linn Whisman and Shellie L. Hunt, dismissal of injunction for protection.

Tiffany Ann Clanton and the DOR vs. Santos Contreras III, child support.

Federal National Mortgage Association vs. Wanda Faye King, dismissal of foreclosure.

**The following felony criminal cases were disposed of last week by the circuit judge:**  
 There was no felony court as it was trial week.

**The following real estate transactions of \$10,000 or more were filed recently in the Clerk of Courts Office:**

Freedom Reph to Pedro Gallegos Jr. and Pedro Gallegos Sr., \$80,000.

Lawrence A. Roberts Jr. to Doug and Sherrie Battey, \$11,000.

Diane D. Roberts to Jenny Repetosky Ullrich and John Joseph Repetosky, \$16,667.

David M. Downing and Karen D. Porter to Jenny Repetosky Ullrich and John Joseph Repetosky, \$33,334.

Roger M. Harrison II to James Harold Davis, \$137,000.

Hector Jr. and Priscilla Silva to Higher Development, \$38,000.

T&B Turf to George and Deborah Doane, \$38,000.

Ryan Balestreri, Melissa Owens, Cynthia Poling, Peggy Kirk Hall and Laura Ramsey to Devin J. Schaefer, \$22,500.

Skylar Rae Clark to Lazaro Valencia, \$110,000.

Cread Gene Crews to Cread Gene Crews and Jeffery Wayne Crews, \$24,000.

Alfonso Valdovinos to Mauro Paz Velasco and Gerardo Rojas-Paz, \$130,000.

James Stanley Webb to Jacqueline Delgado and Jorge Armando Perez Montiel, \$45,000.

QC DeSoto Grove Ventures to Horse Creek Cattle Co., \$164,500.

Central Mobile Homes to Michael David and Kelly Louise Purser, \$69,900.

## Crime Blotter

**Sheriff's deputies and city police officers investigated the following incidents and made the following arrests during the past week. All suspects are presumed innocent of the charges against them.**

### COUNTY

**June 17**, a theft was reported on the 1400 block of U.S. 17 North.

**June 17**, a fight occurred in the 3600 block of U.S. 17 South. **June 17**, a break-in was reported at a residence in the 1200 block of Mockingbird Road.

**June 17**, criminal mischief was reported on the 400 block of Lee Street.

**June 16**, Dallas Eugene Moses, 53, of 603 E. Bay St., Wauchula, was arrested on a probation violation charge by Dep. Mitchell Johnson.

**June 15**, Vicente Zamora, 24, of 613 Saunders St., Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Manuel Zuniga and charged with possession of synthetic marijuana, petit theft and possession of narcotic equipment.

**June 15**, Maria Esperanza Villegas, 48, of 3456 Palmetto St., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Jennifer Soria on a trespassing charge.

**June 15**, residential burglaries were reported in the 2200 block of Morgan Road and the 2000 block of Alamo Avenue.

**June 14**, Allison Allen-Hunter, 22, of 5064 Lily Church Road, Ona, was arrested and charged with battery by Dep. Ryan Abbott.

**June 14**, Steve Ellis Hodges, 24, of 5165 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Bowling Green, was arrested on a probation violation charge by Det. Lyle Hart.

**June 13**, Erika Rashida Lee, 40, of 676 Snell St., Wauchula, was jailed by Dep. Bryant Ovalles on an out-of-county warrant.

**June 13**, Timothy Gregg Mushrush, 53, of 2010 Alamo Ave., Wauchula, was arrested on charges of battery and resisting an officer without force by Dep. Cierra Johnson.

**June 13**, Keith Livon Brown, 38, of 4829 First St., Bowling Green, was jailed by Dep. Joseph Austin on a contempt of court charge.

**June 13**, criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Old Dixie Highway.

**June 12**, Sydney Lynn York, 21, of 3635 Riveria Cir., Bonita Springs, and Cassidy Rainer York, 19, of 20831 Tanglewood Lane, Estero, were both arrested by Dep. Christopher Bandy and each was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of narcotic equipment and possession of drugs without a prescription.

**June 12**, Sarah Anderson, 54, General Delivery/Homeless, was jailed by the Drug Task Force on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic equipment and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

**June 12**, a theft was reported in the 4000 block of Denver Avenue.

**June 12**, a fight broke out on the 1400 block of U.S. 17

North.

**June 11**, Maria Suarez, 48, of 3456 Palmetto St., Zolfo Springs, was arrested and charged with trespassing by Dep. Christopher Bandy.

**June 11**, thefts were reported in the 2900 block of Oak Hill Park and in the 3000 block of Edwards Peace Drive.

### WAUCHULA

**June 17**, Jesus Francisco Guerrero-Chavez, 18, of 1224 Steve Roberts Special, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Ofc. Emmanuel Vazquez on driving under the influence charges.

**June 17**, Jerry Jason Nichols, 20, of 442 Cypress St., Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Robert Spencer and charged with sale of marijuana and possession of narcotic equipment.

**June 16**, Thomas Alvarado, 23, of 4521 South Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested on a disorderly intoxication charge by Ofc. Emmanuel Vasquez and a resisting an officer without force charge by Sgt. Thomas Fort.

**June 15**, a burglary was reported at a home in the 400 block of South First Avenue.

**June 13**, a residential break-in was reported in the 400 block of South First Avenue.

**June 12**, Candice Danielle Dubose, 26, of 1040 Makowski Road, Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Thomas Fort on charges of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of narcotic equipment and violation of probation. She also was wanted on an out-of-county warrant.

**June 12**, a vehicle was reported stolen off the 600 block of East Bay Street.

**June 11**, a theft was reported in the 1100 block of East Main Street.

### BOWLING GREEN

**June 17**, Amye Marie Gause, 43, of 219 Cracker Lane, Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Breanna Locke and charged with battery.

**June 16**, Madison Rucker, 19, of 5017 Willow Ave., Bowling Green, was jailed on a simple assault charge by Ofc. Breanna Locke.

**June 14**, a fight was reported on the 5000 block of Willow Avenue.

**June 13**, Pedro Efrain Hernandez, 18, of 2960 Oak Hill Park, Wauchula, was arrested by Capt. Brett Dowden on an aggravated battery charge.

**June 13**, a theft was reported on the 5200 block of U.S. 17 North.

**June 12**, a theft was reported on the 4600 block of West Palm Drive.

**June 11**, a burglary was reported at a residence in the 500 block of Bertha Fulse Street.

## Notices

### NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME ACT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of the Fictitious Name Act, Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, as amended, intends to register with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, the fictitious name of J Bar K Ranch under which the undersigned is engaged or will engage in business at: 2113 St Rd. 62 in the City of Bowling Green, Florida 33834.

That the party/parties interested in said business enterprise is/are as follows: Frances I. Paris.

Dated at Wauchula, Hardee County, Florida 33873.

Person authorizing publication: Frances I. Paris.

Dated: June 13, 2018

## HARDEE COUNTY NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

A workshop will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. with the Hardee County School Board to discuss funding of School Resource Officers.

The workshop will be held in the County Commission Chambers, 412 W. Orange Street, Room 102, Wauchula, Florida.

For more information, please call the County Manager's Office at 863/773-9430.

Russell A. Melendy, Chairman

6:21c

## PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS COMMISSION MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

Due to the Town Hall Renovations Project the Town of Zolfo Springs will hold their monthly Commission Meeting at the Recreation Building located at Pioneer Park, 2828 Pioneer Blvd, Zolfo Springs, FL 33890. The monthly meeting for June will be held on June 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR THE FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL UTILITY AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ("RFQ") FOR UTILITY OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a meeting of the FGUA Evaluation Committee regarding the RFQ for Utility Operations, Maintenance and Customer Service. All interested persons are invited to attend. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida, Hendry County, Florida, Pasco County, Florida, Polk County, Florida, Lee County, Florida and Marion County, Florida.

**The FGUA's RFQ Evaluation Committee meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. local time on June 28, 2018 at Central Florida's Tourism and Sports Marketing, 2701 Myrtle Park Road, Auburndale, Florida 33823.**

The purpose of the FGUA's RFQ Evaluation Committee meeting is to evaluate proposals submitted to the FGUA in response to Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for Utility Operations, Maintenance and Customer Service. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least three (3) business days prior to the date of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482.

FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

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

The Florida Utility Debt Securitization Authority ("FUDSA") announces its Board Meeting to which all interested persons are invited. FUDSA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Sections 163.01 and 163.09, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Lee County, Florida; Collier County, Florida; and the Florida Governmental Utility Authority June 25, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lee County Attorney's Office, 2115 Second Street, 6th Floor, Conference Room 621, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners Will hold a public hearing on July 05, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter

In the County Commission Chambers, Room 102 Courthouse Annex, 412 West Orange Street, Wauchula, Florida 33873 to consider the adoption of the following Ordinance:

### ORDINANCE NO. 18-05

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SIX(6) CENT LOCAL OPTIONAL FUEL TAX UPON EVERY NET GALLON OF MOTOR FUEL AND DIESEL FUEL SOLD IN HARDEE COUNTY AND TAXED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 206.41, 206.87 AND SECTION 336.025 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING THAT THE IMPOSITION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019; PROVIDING DISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AS SET FORTH IN 336.025, FLORIDA STATUTES BETWEEN HARDEE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED THEREIN REPRESENTING A MAJORITY OF THE INCORPORATED AREA POPULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This is a disabled-accessible facility. Any disabled person needing to make special arrangements should contact the County Commissioners Office at least two (2) working days prior to the public hearing.

This Public Notice is published in compliance with Florida Statutes 125.66(2)(a) and 286.0105

Copies of this Ordinance are available for public inspection during regular office hours at 412 West Orange Street, Room 103, Wauchula, Florida 33873, telephone 863/773-9430

Interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Russell A. Melendy, Chairman

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## Flash Back

By Chris Richcreek

1. Who wrote and released "I Saw Linda Yesterday"?
2. Who released "Try a Little Tenderness" in 1966?
3. What group released "The Way You Do the Things You Do"?
4. Who released "Pieces of April"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "He couldn't swim the raging river, 'Cause the river was too wide, He couldn't reach Little White Dove, Waiting on the other side."

### ANSWERS

1. Dickey Lee, in 1963. Most of Lee's fame came in later years when he moved over to the country charts.
2. Otis Redding. The song

was written in 1932 and was first released by one of the Big Bands as a peppy dance tune.

3. The Temptations, in 1964. It was their first charting single, going to No. 1 on the CashBox R&B chart. The song was written by Smokey Robinson.
4. Three Dog Night, in 1972. It was written by Dave Loggins, cousin of Kenny Loggins.
5. "Running Bear," by Johnny Preston in 1959. The song tells of two Indian lovers who couldn't be together because their tribes were at war. They're determined to be together, and drown when they meet in the middle of the raging river that separates them.

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# Totally Worth The Price



## Directions

By Clay Smith  
Hardee County Native

It's the standard joke among fathers of the bride: "For your daughter's wedding you have two roles: First, when asked 'Who gives this woman to be married to this man,' you respond, 'Her mother and I.' Second, open your wallet and surrender all your cash and credit cards. In the run-up to my daughter Hannah's wedding, I heard a hundred variations of this joke.

I even joined in the joking. I told people God gave a man two kidneys so he could sell one on the black market to pay

for his daughter's wedding. If he had more than one daughter, there was always dialysis. I approached dads with 2-year-old girls and asked them how much they had saved for their daughter's wedding. It was my way of sharing the panic.

Weddings today can get out of hand. The old standard was a reception in the church social hall with wedding cake, mixed nuts, mints, and lime sherbet punch. According to a survey done by The Knot, the average wedding in the United States now runs around \$36,000. One

wedding venue we contacted told us they had not done a wedding in the last 10 years for less than \$50,000 (not including dresses, flowers, and lodging). While most of my life I've tried to be above average, this was one time I wanted to be below average – way below.

Gina and I were nervous about the money, I'll admit. We had set aside some funds, but nowhere near enough for even a basic wedding. We scrimped and saved, robbed Peter to pay Paul (which is not actually in the Bible). More than once we had the tough conversation: How much can we afford? When a friend told us "A wedding is like buying a new Mercedes and then driving it over a cliff," we had to ask ourselves, "Is this worth it?"

The weekend for Hannah's wedding finally came. In a word, it was 'amazing.' During the rehearsal dinner, there were wonderful speeches affirming her and her husband-to-be. When she made her speech about me and her mother, I cried. The wedding itself was like something out of Disney: the sky was robin's egg blue, a gentle breeze was blowing, the birds were singing (literally), and Hannah was beautiful in her wedding dress. Her groom cleaned up pretty good, too.

During the minister's prayer, I keep my eyes open (don't judge, I know you keep your eyes open, too) just drinking it all in. Psalm 118:24 kept running through my mind: "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" The reception was magical, with good food, family, friends, and dancing. When the night was over, I knew my daughter knew she was loved and treasured. It was a week-end of amazing grace.

The next day, as Gina and I bathed in the afterglow, God put two powerful thoughts in my soul. First, it was worth it.

All my anxiety about the cost of the wedding was totally useless. It was worth every penny to see her happy, joyful, and loved. She is my precious child; why wouldn't I want her to have a moment like this? I know enough of life to know there will be moments that drain her. There will be other times she must fight uphill battles. There will be days when life floods her. To provide her with a gift of a special time of love and joy – of course I want that for her. I decided I would not be one of those dads who complains in perpetuity about the cost of my daughter's wedding. Instead, I will claim the date as a graceful day of joy.

The second thought God put in my soul was the simple truth of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life."

God loves you. God treasures you. So God paid an absurd price for you. He gave his only son Jesus for you. Your sins, the ugliness of your life and past, are wiped away by the beauty of Jesus' perfect life, sacrifice, and resurrection. God never complains about the price he paid for you.

No wonder Paul and John refer to the collection of Jesus followers as "the bride of Christ." The Book of Revelation describes a scene where the bride of Christ comes down out of heaven as a bride adorned for her husband. The pivotal moment in the history of heaven is a wedding.

I don't know if this will happen exactly this way, but I can imagine in that moment, in the new heaven and the new earth, when Christ and his bride come together that our heavenly Father is keeping his eyes open on the beauty of the moment. And in that moment, our heavenly Father looks at us and says, "No regrets. You are totally worth the price."

## ATTENTION ALL LICENSED CONTRACTORS (MINORITY AND WOMEN CONTRACTORS) (BUILDERS, ELECTRICIANS, PLUMBERS, ROOFERS, ETC.)

Hardee County is seeking contractors to participate in our housing programs which include rehabilitation to single-family, owner-occupied homes for qualified low income residents of Hardee County. The homes must be located within the boundaries of Hardee County. Funded programs will include SHIP, CDBG, Disaster Funds and others.

To participate in our Housing Rehabilitation program, please contact the Hardee County Office of Community Development, 412 W. Orange St., Room 201, Wauchula, FL or call (863) 773-6349 and request a contractor package for consideration to be added onto the "contractors list". All licensed contractors are encouraged to participate. **Previous applicants need to contact our office for updates or reapplication.**

In order to participate in these programs, contractors must be State licensed and meet the requirements of the Hardee County Building Department.

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## Crop Update

June 18, 2018

**General:** According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 17, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in several locations to 4.8 inches in Sanford (Seminole County). The average mean temperature ranged from 76.9°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 84.8°F in Marathon (Monroe County).

**Citrus:** Warm weather occurred over the complete citrus region; the warmest maximum temperatures (2 degrees warmer than normal) took place in Avon Park (Highlands County), averaging 95°F over the period. Mt. Plymouth (Lake County) and Plant City (Hillsborough County) maximum temperatures both averaged 93°F for the week. Scattered rainfall fell over portions of the citrus region. Plant City (Hillsborough County) had 3.07 inches for the week. Arcadia (Desoto County) recorded 2.74 inches for the week. Most other areas had less than average rainfall. According to the June 14, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region was drought free.

Irrigation has been turned back on because of warmer temperatures and less rainfall. Owners are continuing with grove maintenance on a daily basis. Many are spraying as weather permits, both aerial and ground, and are fertilizing, herbiciding, and mowing. Field workers are reporting good fruit sets and good sizes on the new season's crop. Oranges are golf-ball size and larger. Grapefruit are about as large as tennis balls.

**Fruits and Vegetables:** Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, mango, okra, and watermelons. In preparation for the fall planting season, many vegetable growers continued to clean up and fallow fields or plant cover crops.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Regular rains in several counties, coupled with lingering surplus soil moisture, caused many pastures to remain flooded, making conditions difficult for cattle. However, in some southern counties, pasture quality was mostly good. Weed pressure was noted in Highlands County. Statewide, cattle condition improved.

**Field Crops:** Regular rains made cutting hay and harvesting wheat infeasible in the Panhandle. In Jackson County, early planted peanuts looked excellent, but later planted peanuts were only fair because of the prolonged wet conditions. Field corn was in good condition in Walton County. Crops were suffering in Okaloosa County from too much soil moisture and disease. Sugarcane was doing well.

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# Smith Speaks At Trance/Formers Education Awards Banquet

By JIM KELLY

Of The Herald-Advocate

Trance/Formers Inc. held its second annual Educational Awards Banquet Saturday, June 2, at the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Bowling Green. A luncheon followed the awards ceremony.

CEO/Founder N'Kosi Jones said the goal of Trance/Formers is "to help our children have a good future. This includes spiritual, educational, mental and physical."

"We look at the whole human being. A whole man (or woman) is better than part of a man."

Jones said as a youngster he strayed from the correct path, winding up with eight felonies and being granted clemency by Gov. Charlie Crist. He came back to Bowling Green in 2011 and works to guide children in the right ways of life.

"My father had a master's degree. My grandfather be-

lieved in education. Get the Lord on top of your education, and you can go anywhere you want to go. I am close to obtaining my master's degree. Hard work pays off."

The guest speaker was Diane Smith, Hardee County supervisor of elections.

"I would be nothing without the Lord. I am here to encourage someone. I love young people. God gave me the position of supervisor of elections. I thank the voters of Hardee County. I am the first woman and the first black person to have this job."

"I was a migrant child. I picked apples in New York and New Jersey, oranges in Florida, also cucumbers, peaches, cherries and plums. I worked in the rain and snow. I worked for my school clothes."

"Young people need to work and have responsibility. 'Help me Lord' is a prayer. Prayers do not have to be long. How many of you have prayed before a test? You need to study

and do your homework. I was not always a perfect student."

"Young people, make education your first priority. No one can take your education away. I have three daughters and six grandchildren. I was raised by a strict mother and grandmother. They taught me respect. Beauty will only get you so far. Respect and honor your elders. Have a good attitude. God made you who you are."

"When you turn 18, your parents are not responsible for you. Life is going to be hard. My Mom died when I was 19. Make it easy for yourself now. If you mess up, don't give up. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Your strength comes from the Lord. Do not continue to go down a wrong path. You can be doctors, lawyers, teachers, pilots."

"Mom and Dad, make your children get a job if they are not getting an education. If you linger too long, it is harder to come back on the right path."



PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY

From left are Hardee County Supervisor of Elections Diane Smith and Kyra Wilson, Hardee High School student/athlete and South Florida State College student. Kyra won the Diane Smith Award for Adaptability.



From left are Trance/Formers Inc. CEO/Founder N'Kosi Jones, Junior Daniels, Maya Carpenter, Michelle Brown, 2018 HHS graduate Nakeisha Lemaine, Stacey Daniels and Michelle Jones. Nakeisha won the Trance/Formers Award for Maintainability.



From left are Robert Jones, retired U.S. Navy and retired Hillsborough County school teacher, and 2018 HHS graduate Jakevis Brown, who won the Claude A. McIvery Award for Dependability. Not pictured are Kevarreis White, who won the Theron C. Jones Award for Versatility, and his presenter, Angelica Jones who works at the Microsoft headquarters in Seattle, Wash. Brown also won the Theron C. Jones Scholarship.



From left are Leonard McGill, Nakeisha Lemaine and Will McPherson. Leonard and Will are 1965 graduates of Lillian R. Brown High School and presented the Lillian R. Brown Class of 1965 Scholarship to Nakeisha.



From left are Michelle Jones, Joann McCray, Ana Delia Saldana Angel, and Renae Jackson. Ana Delia received the Johnnie P. Louis Scholarship.

## Notices

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

CASE NO. 252018CA000099

WAUCHULA STATE BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS dated June 4, 2018, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Hardee County Courthouse, on the second floor hallway outside of Room 202, 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873, at 11:00 A.M. on June 27, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS, to wit:

LOT 45, PEACE RIVER HEIGHTS UNIT NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 43, PUBLIC RECORDS OF

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Dated this 4th day of June, 2018.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS, Clerk of Court

By: Connie Coker Deputy Clerk

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 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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# Hardee Native Col. Donell Mathews Is WWII Veteran

By FRITZ GILBERT

fritz@theretirementmanifesto.com

I first noticed him as I was boarding the plane in Paris. His hat caught my attention.

## World War II Veteran

It was a white cap, with bold yellow letters proclaiming his service during the Great War.

I watched as we went through the boarding process and struggled to make sense of the math. "This guy's gotta be at least 90, but he looks like he's in his early 70's. He was the most spry 90+ year-old I've ever seen in my life. I was intrigued.

"I've GOT to involve this guy in my *One Retirement Question Project*," I thought.

As it turns out, he DID get involved, and you'll love his recorded answer to the One Question later in this post. First, you need to hear his story. Trust me, you won't regret reading about this true American Patriot. I'll share his recorded answer to "The Question" shortly, but first you need to know a bit about this man and how we came to know each other.



COURTESY PHOTOS  
Col. (Ret.) Don Mathews lives in Melbourne.

I passed his seat as I worked my way down the aisle. I paused, and told him "Thanks for your service." Several others joined me in congratulating him, and he lit up like a schoolboy. He mentioned that he was turning 92 years old this summer, and we congratulated him again.

I thought about The Veteran during the first seven hours of the flight.

As we made our way across the North Atlantic, I kept my eye on him. At one point, he spent 10 minutes, knees on the seat, facing backward, talking to someone in the row behind him. His personality was contagious from five rows away. He had a certain "sparkle," and I knew I had to talk to this guy.

But ... "I'm on an airplane, and there are 60 folks in our section of the plane. They'd all see me if I walked up and struck up a conversation. Is this too awkward?"

Should I, or shouldn't I? I should. I did.



Don 'getting his Eagles pinned on' - 1968.

## The Introduction

I walked up the five Rows, knelt down in the aisle beside his seat, and asked: "Do you mind if I ask you a question?" "Of course not," he responded with a grin, "I'm not going anywhere."

I liked him immediately.

We ended up talking for more than 20 minutes, and he gave me the highlights of his career.

After we made our introductions, my new friend Don Mathews started telling stories.

## A Civil War Legacy

Don's grandfather John L. Mathews, served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He served as a Lieutenant of a Georgia regiment and was shot three times during the war. He survived.

After the war, he served in the Georgia State legislature and became a well-known figure in Georgia. He was an educated man and stressed the importance of education and "proper English," traits which have been respected by his family as a lasting legacy.

He had a Union bullet in his body from 1865 until his death years after the war. Even though I'm a "Yankee From Michigan," Don and I became friends.

## Don's War Stories

After telling me about his grandfather, Don livened up as he started telling stories about his 33 years in the service, covering World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. I sat in the aisle, mesmerized, as he told of his time in the military.

## In The Air With Enola Gay - Aug 6, 1945

Don took to heart the lessons from his grandfather



Enola Gay, B-29 Superfortress Bomber returning from Hiroshima Aug. 6, 1945.

and was rigorous with his education. He's very well spoken, and with a quick wit and obvious intelligence.

After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Air Corp at age 17. He went to tailgunner school and was trained as a tailgunner on the B29 (the same as the Enola Gay).

On August 6, 1945 history was made as the Enola Gay dropped the infamous bomb on Nagasaki. On the same date, Don was flying for four hours in a B29, finishing up his tailgunner schooling. He has the flight records to prove it, and he mailed them to me (along with a treasure trove of other documents and photos) after he returned home:

After Nagasaki, there was little need for tailgunners, so at the conclusion of his training, he re-enlisted as a squadron clerk.

At the urging of his First Sergeant (Melvin T. Lewis, "who, no doubt, had the most influence on my life"), he attended officer candidate school and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1946.

At 20 years old, he had already achieved the highest enlisted rank in the Army.

In 1950, he attended pilot school with the hopes of becoming a bomber pilot. "I washed out of pilot school, so I decided to become a navigator and began working as a navigator on the B26 bomber."



1988 Grim Reaper Reunion and 1952 in Korea.

## Dropping Bombs Over N Korea

As a navigator on the B26 bomber, Don flew many low altitude missions over North Korea. He recalls watching the "tracer rounds" coming up from the anti-aircraft guns and passing between the engines and the side of his plane. "Both the pilot and I kinda leaned into the middle of the plane on that run," he said with a grin.

Don flew with the 13 Bomber Squadron, more commonly known as "The Grim Reapers." He's had friends die in combat, and he's seen many a flight not return home.

He's working with Washington to attempt to locate his friend Gene Gould, who has been MIA since being shot down over North Korea on a flight piloted by Bob Newton on March 31, 1952. If you know anyone with some pull, do Don a favor and send a note on his behalf. It's the least we can do for Don, given all that he's done for this country.



The B-26 (eight 50-caliber guns in the nose).

## Working In The Pentagon

In 1955, Don was assigned to the Pentagon and navigated many flights with dignitaries around the world. He earned his Masters Degree in International Affairs from George Washington University in 1967 and served on the staff of the U.S. Air Force. In the '60s, Don served as navigator on many transport flights into Vietnam.

On Sept 1, 1977, Don retired as a Colonel with the U.S. Air Force, having logged over 4,500 flight hours, many during wartime.

## 40 Years Of Retirement

After a 33 year career in the military, Don hasn't slowed down since his retirement in 1977. He went to work at Kroger (across the street from his retirement home in Florida) from 1979 - 1985, then worked for Kimberly-Clark for over nine years. Remember that when you hear his recording below...

Don still plays golf 3 times a week, and obviously (since I met him on a flight from Paris) continues to travel internationally. He's always been energetic and doesn't appear to be slowing down any time soon. A horse lover since childhood, he's spent a lot of time riding horses in the Western USA.

## A Veteran Receives His Honor

In 2011, Don was invited to the Pentagon by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force to witness his cousin, Judith Fedder, getting pinned with her third star.

In 2014, he was an honored guest on a World War II Honor Flight from Florida and toured the various war memorials in Washington, D.C.



Touring the Korean War Memorial - 2014.

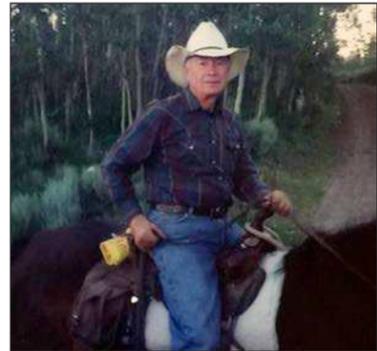
## The One Retirement Question

As you may recall from my original post in this One Retirement Question Project, I've been asking folks who have had successful retirements to answer one question:

I can think of no one I am more honored to have answer that question than the Patriot and my new friend, Don Mathews. He participates today as Victim #5, and you can hear his response aboard a plane from Paris below:

Don clearly lived his advice, from wrangling

horses into his 70's, to working for the first 14 years of his retirement, to continuing to play golf 3X a week at Age 91. We could all learn from Don's wisdom, and I intend to apply his advice in my own retirement.



Wyoming cow wrangler.

## Conclusion

It's not often that you get a chance to talk to a real American Patriot. The Greatest Generation deserve our respect, and my intent with this post is to do exactly that for my new friend, Don Mathews. Take the time to reach out to people, and stop to listen when they respond. Folks who have lived well into their 80's and 90's have a lot to teach younger generations, and we have a lot to learn from them.

If you're lucky, some of those interactions may lead to friendships. It's happened with Don and me, and we've shared numerous emails since our encounter on that plane. I've come to know a bit about a World War II veteran, and I'm honored to have made his acquaintance. Today, through the wonders of the internet, you've all been able to experience just a bit of what makes Don so special.

And to think, it all started with a hat.

<http://www.theretirementmanifesto.com>

Welcome to *The Retirement Manifesto*, a canvas for "Helping People Achieve A Great Retirement!"

My wife and I are on a journey toward early retirement in 2018 at the age of 55 and are sharing the lessons we're learning along the way. We recently sold our primary home and moved into a cabin in the North Georgia Mountains as part of our downsizing strategy for retirement.

Fritz Gilbert is a 55-year-old corporate commodity trading hamster by day, an aspiring philosopher by night, and a lifelong financial "hobbyist" working who is retiring in June 2018. He has had the same great wife for 30 years and a wonderful 23-year-old daughter who I walked down the aisle at her wedding in July 2017. He says he has learned a bit along the way and hopes others can benefit from some of his experiences.



Don sent me a huge packet of his war memories after we met.

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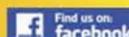
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## New SFSC Class Will Fill Need For More Dispatchers

A new Public Safety Communication program will be offered in the fall as part of the Criminal Justice Academy at South Florida State College.

The program will prepare students for a career as a public safety telecommunicator, who are the first responders in emergency situations.

The role of a dispatcher is vital to a community, and SFSC's program will train students for civilian employment as a dispatcher for police, fire, and emergency medical and rescue services.

They will operate telephones, radios and computer terminals to respond to emergency and non-emergency requests for assistance.

"At SFSC, we listen to the community and heard that there was a need for more dis-

patchers throughout the region," said Curtis Ivy, director of the Criminal Justice Academy at SFSC.

"To meet that need, we analyzed the programs we have in place and the capabilities of our experienced faculty, so we applied and received certification from the state of Florida to present the Public Safety Communication program," he continued.

"Similar to our lineman, elementary education and mechatronics programs, we believe that this program will fill a void in the tri-county area," Ivy concluded.

Throughout the intensive program, students will spend more than 200 hours learning about ethics and the role of the public safety telecommunicator; standard operating proce-

dures; the dispatcher's relationship to field personnel; an overview of emergency agencies; communications equipment and functions; proper and correct telephone and dispatching procedures and techniques; federal, state and local communication rules; emergency situations and operating procedures; and human relations skills.

Courses are taught by certified personnel and meet the educational requirements for the Florida Department of Health's 911 Emergency Dispatcher Certification.

For more information about the Public Safety Communication program, contact Michael Austin, coordinator of SFSC's criminal justice program, at (863) 784-7282 or at michael.austin@southflorida.edu.



Central Communications, the daily work environment of a dispatcher. COURTESY PHOTO

## CONSTRUCTION DELAYS



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER McCONKEY

Traffic on State Road 66 slowed to one lane last week as construction continued at an industrial site within the town of Zolfo Springs. Suburban Propane is constructing a facility at the industrial park situated on the highway between Farrell and Garza roads. The Town Commission held public hearings in November 2015, approving Suburban Propane's request for a Conditional Use permit to hold propane on the site. The facility's purpose is to store propane for distribution to the local area. The site is not open to the public. Suburban Propane was previously located next to Jahna Concrete, which is now at the corner of SR 66 and U.S. 17, but had to relocate for the Florida Department of Transportation's highway expansion/relocation project. Permits from FDOT for the driveway off of SR 66 were delayed, but that is the work which was completed last week. Both lanes of SR 66 were flowing early this week.

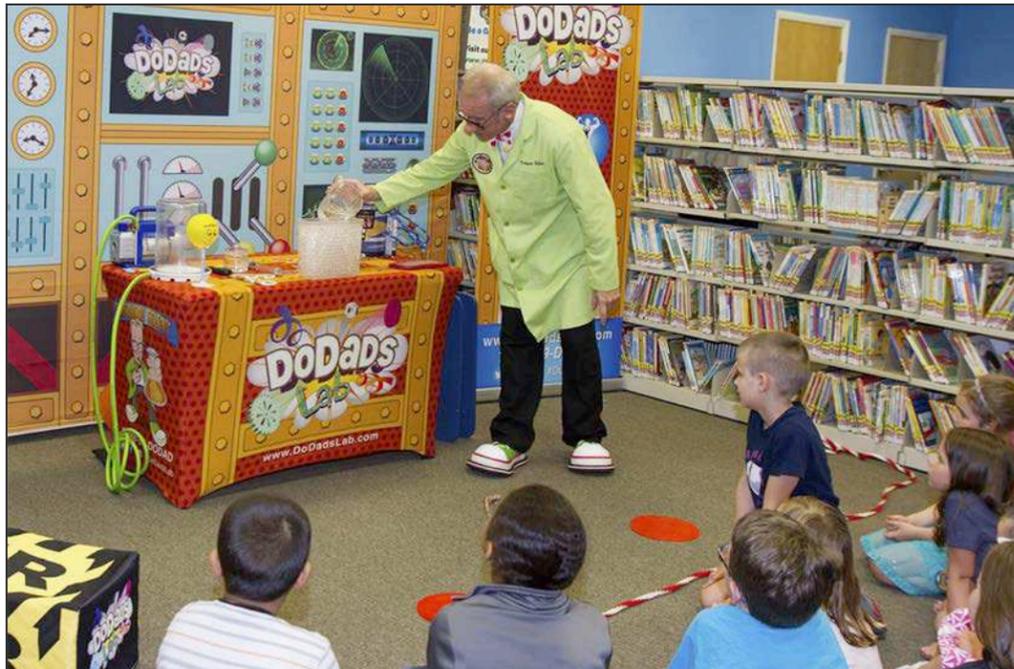


## LAB LAUGHS



COURTESY PHOTOS

Professor DoDad's Lab made a stop at the Hardee County Public Library on June 7, amazing kids and parents alike with interesting and fun science facts. The professor used superheroes to help explain and experiment with optical illusions, sound, light and currents. The top photo shows some audience participation with Madelyn Albritton, the daughter of Jeffery and Meagan Albritton, and Bryson Drake, the son of David and Nicole Drake, illustrating one of the professor's points. The bottom photo seeks to find out if water is invisible or not. The public library continues with many programs for children and for adults. Consult the weekly Save The Date calendar on A2.



## Meth Dealer Gets 3 Years

By CYNTHIA KRAHL  
Of The Herald-Advocate

A man who was caught selling narcotics from the back of a stolen motorcycle now is traveling to prison.

Robert James Johnston, 36, of Bowling Green, has been handed a split sentence in Hardee Circuit Court on four of the 16 charges originally lodged against him.

Johnston, whose address at the time was 4816 Church Ave., was arrested in June of 2015 when a deputy who was serving civil papers at a mobile home park spotted a parked motorcycle with wires hanging from its broken ignition switch.

A check on the bike's tag revealed the license plate was stolen. The Vehicle Identification Number on the motorcycle also came back as stolen.

A search of the residence Johnston had entered produced a black bag he had been carrying, Sheriff Arnold Lanier said at the time.

The bag held methamphetamines, prescription pain killers and other pills, and narcotics equipment, Lanier said.

The meth weighed in at four grams, the opiate oxycodone at six grams — an amount which triggers a trafficking charge — alprazolam coming in at 1.25 grams, and a half-gram of the opiate tramadol.



Johnston

Johnston was arrested and booked into the Hardee County Jail.

Now, three years later, Johnston has been sentenced to three years in Florida State Prison followed by five years of drug-offender probation.

Circuit Judge Marcus J. Ezelle granted Johnston credit for the three months and five days he already had served in the Hardee County Jail before posting bond.

In addition to the split sentence, Ezelle imposed fines and fees totaling \$5,570.

Johnston was adjudicated guilty of grand theft auto, sale of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a church, sale of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a park, and sale of methamphetamine.

Additional charges against him were not prosecuted as part of a plea agreement avoiding trial.

## Church News

Maranatha Baptist Church will hold its annual Neighborhood Bible Time Youth Crusade beginning this Sunday and running through next Thursday, June 28. The event is 6:30 to 9 p.m. nightly.

Young people entering grades 1 through 12 are invited to participate. There is no charge to enroll. Two separate groups will have age-appropriate games and competitions, singing, and Bible and mystery stories. There will be awards and

prizes, and plenty of food and fun.

Maranatha Baptist Church is located at 2465 Oxendine Road, off Steve Roberts Special about four miles east of Zolfo Springs. Transportation will be provided for some areas via the church bus. Call Pastor Charlie Scott at (863) 832-7829 for further information.

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

# Court Upholds Commerce Park Expansion Plan

By MICHAEL KELLY  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Nearly four years after a legal challenge was filed, the chief judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit has upheld the rezoning decision of the Hardee County Commission to expand the Commerce Park.

Judge Donald Jacobsen denied the request from plaintiff John Terrell to void the commission's 4-1 vote to rezone four parcels totaling 104 acres to expand the Hardee County Commerce Park, located off State Road 62.

Terrell claimed the board's decision failed to properly disclose ex-parte communications, the rezoning request failed to meet the essential requirements of law and the Board of County Commissioners and applicant Hardee County Industrial Development Authority failed to introduce competent and substantial evidence supporting the findings.

Jacobsen found the rezoning "was shown to be consistent with the county's Comprehensive Plan based on competent, substantial evidence," and denied Terrell's

petition.

He also ruled Commissioner Rick Knight, who was BOCC chairman at the time, properly disclosed communications he had with then-schools superintendent David Durastanti and School Board member Thomas Trevino prior to the meeting.

The rezoning changed a total of four parcels from F-R (Farm Residential) and R-3 (Multiple Family Housing) to C/IBC (Commercial/Industrial Business Center).

The C/IBC zoning is unique to the IDA in Hardee County. Its existing 129-acre Commerce Park, which is the northern border of the planned expansion, was the only other parcel with that zoning classification.

Opponents of the zoning change did not think the end uses would be compatible with the surrounding area, which includes homes and Hilltop Elementary and Hardee Junior High School to the east.

Any potentially dangerous uses in the park will require additional review and permitting from the Planning & Zoning Board and the County

Commission before getting approval.

Under the C/IBC zoning, only manufacturing, wholesale sales, equipment rentals/sales, a county building, fire station, sheriff station, post office or a private club can be built on the property without any additional approval.

Plans are to divide the property into 20 lots ranging in size from four to 11 acres.

The IDA purchased the property in 2008 from Dewey and Judith Terrell for \$1.5 million to expand the original 129-acre park once it was built out.

Bill Lambert, executive director of the IDA, said there is only one uncommitted lot of the original 22-parcel park.

He plans on waiting for the 30-day appeal window to close before beginning expansion work, which will start with extending the road onto the new site toward the end of this year or early 2019.

Lambert said he was glad the issue was hopefully finally resolved, and he is ready to move forward with developing the rest of the park.

# Gas Prices Continue To Decline

Motorists are getting some welcome relief from high prices at the pump.

The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded was \$2.90 on Sunday, declining seven cents since the Memorial Day weekend. The Florida average was \$2.76.

"Pump prices should sink even lower this week, after wholesale gasoline prices took a dive," said Mark Jenkins of AAA/The Auto Club Group. "There is now firm downward pressure on the oil market, as it appears increasingly likely that OPEC will agree to ease production cuts. As a result, gas prices are poised

for another 5- to 10-cent drop."

Gas prices in Florida declined five cents during the past week. The price for a gallon of regular gasoline averaged \$2.76 on Sunday. Since peaking at \$2.92 on Memorial Day weekend, gas has dropped a total of 16 cents.

The most expensive gas-price averages in the state are in Miami at \$2.89, West Palm Beach-Boca Raton at \$2.88, and Crestview-Fort Walton Beach at \$2.86.

The least expensive are in Punta Gorda at \$2.65, Orlando at \$2.66, and Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater at \$2.66.

## Kovels Antiques & Collecting

By Terry & Kim Kovel

### SHELL-SHAPED WATCH HOLDER

Shell-shaped decorative objects were very popular during the 19th century. There were trinket boxes covered in tiny shells, counter bells made with several mother-of-pearl shells put together into a container, or nautilus shells used as part of cleverly shaped lamps that held a special light bulb. Some large conch shells were kept whole as decorations, often with the addition of a cameo carved into part of the shell. Glassmakers adapted the shell shape to their medium, and during the late 1800s, many "shells" were made of colored glass that was decorated with enamel paint or held in elaborate metal frames.

A shell-shaped cranberry glass watch holder with enameled decorations was auctioned recently. The almost egg-shaped glass was held in a gilt metal frame with leaves, flowers and a bird finial. The unusual piece, probably American, sold for \$708 at a Conestoga auction in Pennsylvania. It was lined with padded fabric to protect the watch. A pocket watch kept in a holder on a table near the bed served as a bedroom clock.

**Q: My mother gave me a small box, 6 1/2 by 3 3/4 by 1 1/4 inches, with five small dolls inside. Each doll is 3 1/2 inches tall. It says on the top of the box "Best Maid Quintuplets," "No. 63077" and "Made in Japan." Is this of any value?**

A: The Dionne quintuplets, Yvonne, Annette, Cecile, Emilie and Marie, were born in Canada on May 28, 1934. They were the first quintuplets to survive infancy. When they were four months old, they became wards of the Canadian government and were put under the guardianship of Dr. Dafoe, the doctor who delivered them. The girls lived in the Dafoe nursery, where they became a major tourist attraction. They returned to live with their family in 1943. Thousands of special dolls and souvenirs were made picturing the quintts at different ages. Annette and Cecile are still alive. The value of your dolls is about

\$20.

### CURRENT PRICES

Calendar, 1941, Bensing Bros. and Denney, pin-up girl, bathing beauty, brunette in black swimsuit, cardboard litho, Earl Moran, 10 x 5 inches, \$15.

Serving dish, dachshund dog shape, 2 hot dog trays with "mustard and relish" condiment sections, 1950s, 7 x 10 inches, set of 3, \$60.

Eye exam chart, wooden plaque, two-sided, black metal frame, E.B. Meyrowitz Surgical Instruments Co., 1935, 8 x 6 inches, \$375.

Patio chair, flying saucer-shaped, rattan sphere on iron frame, flared legs, vinyl seat cushions, Ritts Tropitan, c. 1945, 30 x 28 inches, pair, \$1,350.

**TIP:** Decorators say you should think in threes. Accessories on a table look best when grouped in odd numbers.

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This unusual watch holder, 11 inches high, sold for over \$700. It had minor wear and unusual color.

## Notices

### INVITATION TO BID FOR BUILDING DEMOLITION SERVICES

Proposals for the demolition of a structure located at 4709 N. Central Ave., Bowling Green, FL will be received by the City of Bowling Green at the Office of the City Clerk, 104 E. Main St., Bowling Green, Florida 33834, until Monday, July 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Any proposals received after the designated closing time will be returned unopened.

Five (5) copies of the proposal shall be submitted in sealed envelopes/packages addressed to Carmen Silva, City Clerk, City of Bowling Green, FL, and marked BUILDING DEMOLITION SERVICES. Information for use in preparing proposals may be obtained from the City of Bowling Green Website at <http://bowlinggreennfl.org/> or from the City Clerk's Office, telephone (863) 375-2255.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive any technicalities or irregularities therein. The City further reserves the right to award the contract to the bidder whose bid is considered responsive and most advantageous to the City, all factors being considered. Proposers may not withdraw their proposal for a period of thirty (30) days from the date set for the opening thereof.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be TWO joint meetings of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and the PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD To consider a Mining Major Special Exception application, a Master Mining and Reclamation Plan application and an Initial Mining Unit Application filed by Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC. for the Proposed Ona Mine

Amendments to the existing Fort Green Southern Reserves Mine and the Fort Green and Payne Creek Mine Extension will also be considered

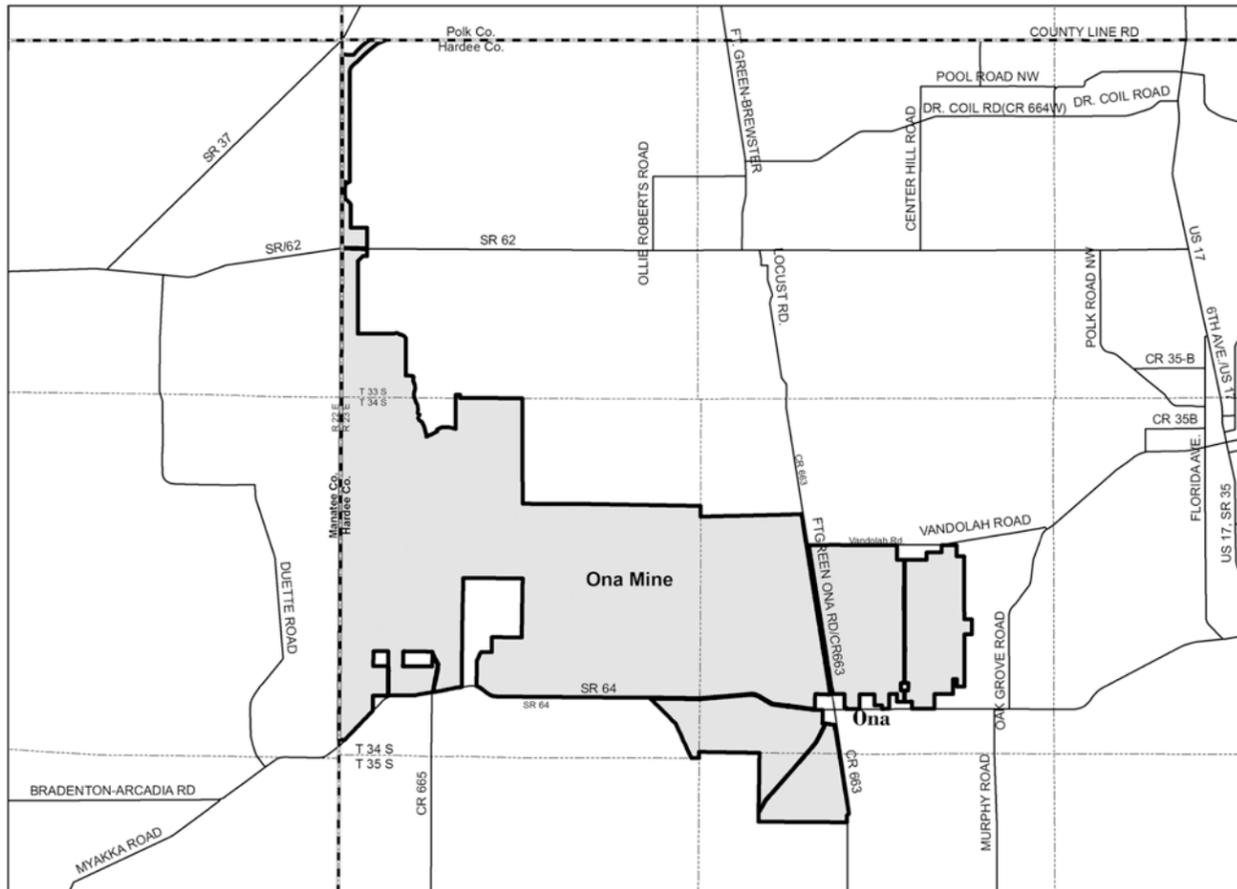
**Monday, July 9, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. and Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 3:00 P.M**

or as soon thereafter at the Hardee County Board of County Commission Chambers, Room 102, Courthouse Annex, 412 West Orange Street, Wauchula, Florida

Copies of the documents relating to these reports are available for public inspection during regular office hours at office of the Hardee County Mining Coordinator, 220 South Ninth Avenue, Wauchula, Florida, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. All interested persons shall have the right to be heard. In rendering its decision the Board shall rely solely on testimony that is relevant and material. Although minutes of the Public Hearing will be recorded, anyone wishing to appeal any decision made at the public hearings will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made by a court reporter.

This is a Disabled-Accessible facility. Any disabled person needing to make special arrangements should contact the County Manager's Office at least two (2) working days prior to the public hearing.

Russell Melendy, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners



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

CASE NO. 252018DR000225

Flora Gaspar Alonso, Petitioner,

and

Arnoldo Ruiz Martinez, Respondent,

### NOTICE OF ACTION

Petition to determine paternity

To: Arnoldo Ruiz Martinez, 224 Morales Rd., Wauchula FL 33873.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for paternity has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses if any to it on Flora Gaspar Alonso, whose address is 1594 Old Bradenton Rd., Wauchula, FL 33873 on or before July 31, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Hardee Co. Clerk of Court P.O. Drawer 1749 Wauchula, FL 33873 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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

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

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

Dated: June 8, 2018

Victoria L. Rogers, Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: J. Wingo, Deputy Clerk

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**Peavy's Ponderings**  
By Jonell Peavy

Sugar Possum of the late Truman Thomas

Since school has been out I have kept the great-grands quite a bit. I try to limit their time in front of the TV by giving them other things to do. When they do watch TV they like to watch the animal shows and the learning shows.

They love cartoons, but the cartoons they show nowadays are nothing like the cartoons our children used to watch on Saturday mornings.

I can remember when my children were small and coming to my mother-in-law's for lunch and when I walked through the front door hearing laughter coming from the living room.

She kept the children for us while my husband and I were at work. I don't know who enjoyed the cartoons more, the kids or my father-in-law. He would watch them even when the kids weren't there.

There is such a big difference between the cartoons of today and the ones our kids watched as they were growing up. There was Bugs Bunny and Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck and Porky Pig, and the Road Runner. There was Tweety Bird trying to out-smart Sylvester the cat.

We didn't have to monitor them when they were watching those cartoons, but the cartoons they show today in my opinion are not appropriate for children to watch.

The movies they have on TV expose children to foul language and violence, so you need to make sure the movies you watch are family-friendly.

I don't watch much TV, but when the kids are here and watch a movie I make sure it is one that the kids and I can enjoy without worrying about what they are being exposed to.

I guess I'm just being a typical parent and grandparent. I worry about all children and what they are exposed to on a daily basis when they are away from their homes.

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

**SFSC Graduates 22 Law Enforcement Officers**

Twenty graduates of South Florida State College's Basic Law Enforcement Academy and two graduates of the Crossover Academy were recognized last Thursday at a ceremony on the Highlands Campus.

Hardee County's graduates were Adrian Bruno-Perez, John P. Martinez and Pablo Mier.

Keynote speaker Dep. Jacob Riley of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office told the new officers, "When you get hired and raise your right hand to take that oath many have

taken before you, take it with pride. Remember, the badge says who hired you. Your nameplate says who raised you. Make sure in all you do, you never disgrace either of them."

And, he advised, "If you find yourself down or stressed, just remember these Bible passages, Matthew 5:9 and Psalms 82:3-4."

To the families of the graduates, Riley said, "Long 12-hour shifts, holidays, missed birthdays and the occasional hurricane can bring stress on us as a whole. Love, support

and understanding when we are not at home make this career just a little less stressful. Know that they are doing this to make a difference in your community, so that you and your children can have a better and safe life."

SFSC's Basic Law Enforcement occupational certificate program trains students to become law enforcement officers in Florida. By successfully completing the program, graduates are eligible to take the state certification examination to become certified law enforcement officers.

The Correction to Law Enforcement Crossover occupational certificate program trains currently employed corrections officers to become law enforcement officers in Florida. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to take the state certification examination to become certified law enforcement officers.

For more information about either of these programs, visit [southflorida.edu](http://southflorida.edu) or call SFSC's Criminal Justice Academy at (863) 784-7285.



Shown at the ceremony last week are (front, from left) Austin Velasquez, Darlene Young, Pablo Mier, Austin Springer, Luke Schmidt, Marcos Santiago, Michael G. Cauley, Christopher Baty, Joaquin Mustapha, Dylan Staub and Jason Cohen; (back) Adrian Bruno-Perez, Alex Hipple, Christopher Berish, Lee R. Westman, Emily Beck, Jose A. Garcia, John P. Martinez, Manuel Resendiz, Tyler Avery, Steven Gilliard and William M. Jones.

**Notices**

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

CASE NO.: 25-2017-CA-000247

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A, Plaintiff,

vs.

PAUL SALINAS; LETICIA PALACIOS; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above Defendant, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment.

Final Judgment was awarded on June 4, 2018 in Civil Case No. 25-2017-CA-000247, of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida, wherein, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A is the Plaintiff, and PAUL SALINAS; LETICIA PALACIOS; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; UNKNOWN TENANT I N/K/A ISIAH PALACIOS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Victoria L. Rogers will sell to the highest bidder for cash outside Room 202 at 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873 on June 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6 AND 7, BLOCK 37, OF THE ORIGINAL SURVEY TO THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN, FLORIDA, AS PER PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 21, 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 June 5, 2018.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS, Clerk of the Court

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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**ATTENTION:**  
**Hardee County Disposal Customers:**  
Due to the  
**FOURTH OF JULY**  
holiday on  
**Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
there will be no service on this day.  
Garbage collection will resume on the next scheduled pick up day.

**REMINDER TO ALL CUSTOMERS:**  
All garbage should be out by 7am each morning, as route pick-up times are subject to change due to holidays, weather and other circumstances.  
ALL CUSTOMERS please be advised that if you have CANS LARGER THAN 32 GALLONS, ALL WASTE MUST BE CONTAINED IN GARBAGE BAGS as our helpers can not lift these larger size cans. THANK YOU in advance for your cooperation and consideration for the safety of our employees.  
Monday-Friday • 8:00am-5:00pm

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

CASE NO.: 252017CA000441

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., Plaintiff(s),

vs.

CARRIE H. FINE A/K/A CARRIE HELEN FINA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARRIE H. FINE A/K/A CARRIE HELEN FINA; Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on June 4, 2018, in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the second floor hallway outside of Room 202 of the Hardee County Courthouse, 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, Florida 33873 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 27 day of June, 2018 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to wit:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN WEST 127 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 135 FEET; THENCE WEST 69 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 135 FEET; THENCE EAST 69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN WEST 196 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 135 FEET; THENCE WEST 80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 135 FEET; THENCE EAST 80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2006 MANUFACTURED HOME, I.D. NO. WHC014914GA, TITLE NO. 95622513, RP DECAL NO. 12659938  
C O M M O N L Y KNOWN AS 1011 STEVE ROBERTS SPECIAL, ZOLFO SPRINGS, FL 33890

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

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# Hardee Natives Kale, Sue Albritton Proud of Grandson

By JIM KELLY  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Brooks Wilson, 22, is 6-3 and 210 pounds. The Atlanta Braves selected him in the seventh round of the 2018 Major League Baseball Draft and project him as a relief pitcher, perhaps playing at the Major League level by 2020.

He is the grandson of two Hardee County natives, Kale Albritton and his wife Sue Pepper Albritton. His parents are Mike and Tracy Wilson. All live in Lakeland. Brooks' sister Zoe made all-state in fast-pitch softball and soccer. The siblings went to high school at Lakeland Christian.

Tracy has been a vice president of the Marriott Corporation (International Timesharing) for the past 20 years, working for the company for 33 years.

"Sue and I saw most of his games at Stetson these past four years, including away games. I have followed him since he showed a lot of promise at age 9 or 10. The first three years at Stetson he was a starting pitcher and did not bat. His senior year he was the designated hitter and the closing relief pitcher. As a closer he saved 20 games out of 20 opportunities," said Kale.

Wilson in 2018 had a 2.13 ERA, 68 strikeouts and 16

walks in 55 innings. He batted .307 with three homeruns and 33 RBIs.

Brooks won the John Olerud Award as the best two-way player (hitting and pitching) in Division I College Baseball.

His record for the Hatters this year was 6-0. Five different baseball polls had him first team All-American. His signing bonus with the Atlanta Braves was \$219,100.

He is now in the Rookie League for three months in Danville, Va. The Braves made him get a shave and cut off his long hair.

In 2018 Stetson finished with a 47-13 record and advanced the farthest in Stetson history, winning the regional with a 3-0 record. Other regional teams were Oklahoma State, Hartford College and University of South Florida. The regional was hosted by Stetson in Deland. Wilson was the regional tournament Most Valuable Player.

The Hatters lost both games to host North Carolina in the super regionals as the Tar Heels advanced to the College World Series.

In the second game at North Carolina the Hatters trailed 7-5 and loaded the bases with two out. Wilson hit the ball about 400 feet to the center field wall for the final out, with

the wind blowing slightly in. The drive would have been a homerun if hit 15 yards to either side, said Kale. "But, that's baseball."

His "strikeout pitch" is a splitter. He also throws a slider to go with a curve and fastball which can reach 93-94 mph, said Kale.

As a senior at Lakeland Christian in 2014 he batted .493 and as a pitcher led Polk County with 104 strikeouts with a 1.02 ERA, reported Roy Fuoco of the Lakeland Ledger on June 6. He helped lead the Vikings to three straight district titles. He also played basketball at LCS and was the team's leading scorer.

Kale, 76, played baseball and basketball at Hardee High School. He is retired after 35 years in real estate and as an auctioneer. His son Keith runs the investment firm Allen & Company in Lakeland. The company manages over \$2 billion in assets, in three offices.

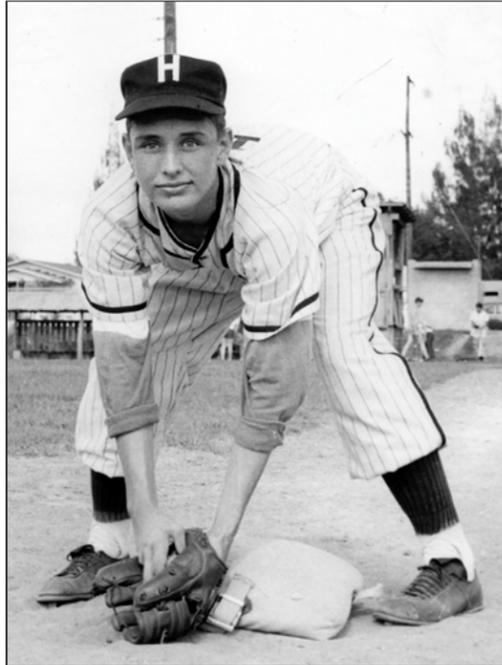
In 1959 the HHS Wildcats won the Southwest Florida Conference at home against Dade City Pasco, 6-4. Pat Counts hit a homerun in the fifth inning to tie the game 3-3. Tied at 3 in the top of the ninth inning the Pirate pitcher intentionally walked Dewey Terrell to bring up third baseman Kale Albritton.

Wildcat head coach Dunning Terrell, known for never using bad language, told Kale while Dewey was being walked, "You know, if they walked someone to get to me, I'd be pissed off." Kale hit a three-run homer over the left field fence.

The winning pitcher was Charles Abbott in relief for Wendell Roberts. Lance Lanier pitched the ninth inning, allowing one run.

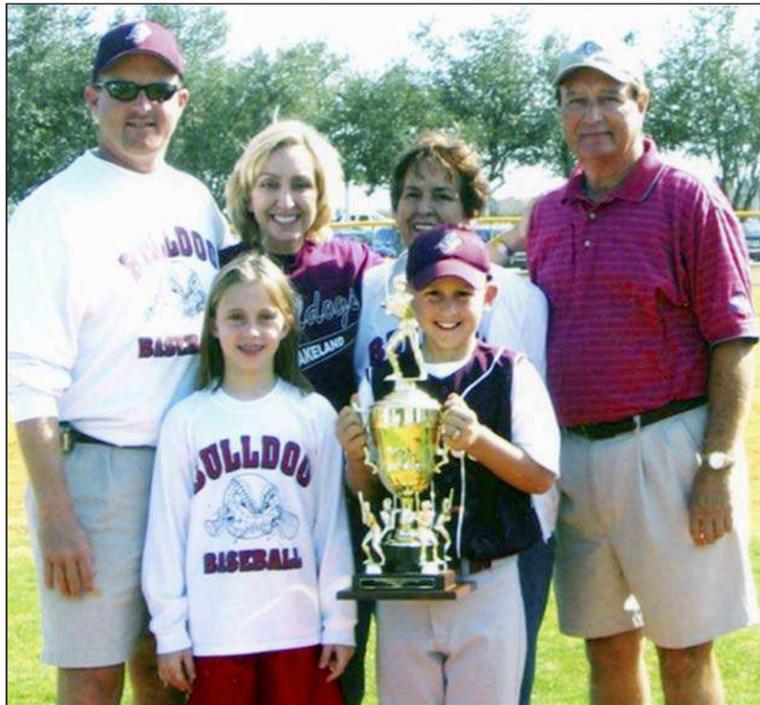
The 1959 Wildcats included Marvin Metheny, Butch Cotney, Earl Crawley, Jimmy Lowe, Pat Counts, Larry Hiers, Jim Anderson, Kale Albritton, Frankie Albritton, Wendell Cotton, Alonzo Whitehead, Colin Cooper, and pitchers Charles Abbott, Wendell Roberts, Dewey Terrell and Lance Lanier. Dunning Terrell, a noted basketball coach, became head coach of the baseball team for 1959, succeeding Chick Pollock.

Named to the All Southwest Florida Conference team were catcher Crawley, shortstop Counts, pitcher Terrell, and outfielders Frankie Albritton and Wendell Cotton.



Hardee Wildcat Kale Albritton in 1960.

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Albritton Family picture taken in 2004. From left in front row are Zoe and Brooks. In back row are parents Mike and Tracy and grandparents Sue and Kale.

# Brooks Wilson Wins John Olerud Award

LUBBOCK, Texas – Brooks Wilson had the chance to take his game to the next level after his junior season when the Texas Rangers drafted him in the 24th round of the 2017 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

Instead, Wilson decided to take his game to another level in a different way. Passing on playing at the professional level for one more year, Wilson returned to Stetson for his senior season. But in doing so, there was a plan to make him into as effective a hitter as he had been a pitcher.

That plan resulted in Wilson becoming not only one of the Hatters' top hitters but also one of the top closers in college baseball. His 20 saves marks only the 25th time in NCAA history a pitcher has recorded 20 saves in a season, and his efforts helped lead Stetson to the first Super Regional in program history. It also made Wilson a first-team All-American and a seventh-round selection in the 2018 draft by the Atlanta Braves.

That dedication and effort epitomize what it means to be a two-way player, and it's why Wilson is the 2018 winner of the John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year Award, presented by the College Baseball Foundation.

"Between his six victories and 20 saves, Brooks Wilson affected the outcome of almost half of Stetson's games, and that's just his impact on the mound," said George Watson, chairman of the John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year Award selection committee.

"But beyond the statistics, when Brooks decided to come back for his senior year and committed himself to being a well-rounded player, that exemplifies the dedication we look for in a John Olerud Award winner. We are honored to have Brooks represent this award and look forward to what the future holds for him."

The award is named for the former Washington State University standout who achieved success both as a first baseman and left-handed pitcher during the late 1980s and who was inducted into the National College Baseball Hall of Fame in 2007. The award will be presented by the College Baseball Foundation later this year.

"It is a huge honor to be named the 2018 John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year," Wilson said. "I want to thank the College Baseball Foundation for choosing me for this award. There are a tremendous number of college players across the country who compete

as every day players and pitchers each year, with their only focus on helping their team win in any way possible.

"I had a lot of fun this year playing both ways, but I am most proud that I was able to help my team enjoy the best season in our program's long history."

A two-time captain for the Hatters, Wilson had a solid junior season to establish himself as one of the nation's leading pitchers going into 2018. But he stepped up his game as a senior and brought his team along with him.

He recorded just 16 at-bats as a junior but showed his offensive skills this year by hitting .299 in 53 games, racking up three home runs and 35 RBI. It was on the mound, however, where he had his biggest impact in helping lead Stetson to the ASUN championship and its first time to host an NCAA regional at Melching Field at Conrad Park.

Wilson finished his senior campaign with a 6-0 record and 2.08 ERA to go with the 20 saves. In 32 appearances, he struck out 69 batters and walked just 19 while giving up 40 hits in 56.1 innings. Teams hit a minuscule .193 off of Wilson.

In addition to the John Olerud Award, Wilson was also named first-team All-America by Perfect Game, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, D1Baseball.com, Collegiate Baseball Newspaper and Baseball America, and was named the Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year and first-team All-ASUN. Wilson was also selected as the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Deland Regional.

Wilson also was named a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award, which honors student-athletes in four areas – community, classroom, character and competition, and for the NCBWA's Stopper of the Year Award. Both of those awards will be announced this week in Omaha.

For more information on the Olerud Award of the College Baseball Foundation, visit [www.collegebaseballhall.org](http://www.collegebaseballhall.org).

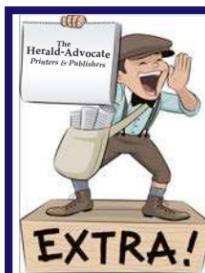
**Past winners:**

- 2017: Brendan McKay - Louisville
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- 2015: Brendan McKay - Louisville
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Brooks Wilson

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# HARDEE LIVING

## BANNER DAY!



**COURTESY PHOTO**  
James Brewer of Wauchula traveled back to his hometown of Double Springs, Ala., for Memorial Day to view a banner honoring his wartime military service. Placed on a pole in front of the Winston County Court House, the banner depicts Brewer during his years in the U.S. Army. Brewer served in the 82nd Air Borne Division from 1952 to 1954, during the Korean War. Families of veterans can purchase the banners, and the town hangs them up every May and November, in honor of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

## HELP CELEBRATE NO. 106



**COURTESY PHOTO**  
Dr. Elver Hodges of Wauchula will be celebrating his 106th birthday on July 29, from 2-4 p.m. at First Untied Methodist Church fellowship hall in Wauchula. Family and friends are hoping the community will help honor him and put the date on their calendars, said daughter Margaret Hodges Blanco. His actual birthday is Aug. 2, but the party is set for July 29.

## Heartland Youth Fellowship Meeting Set For June 29

Maranatha Baptist Church of Hardee County will host the monthly meeting of the Heartland Youth Fellowship on Friday, June 29.

The program will run from 7 to 9 p.m., and is free.

All area youth entering grades 7 through 12 are invited to attend.

There will be lots of fun, food and fellowship followed by a challenging Bible message delivered by a young Bible-college student evangelist.

Heartland Youth Fellowship is a group of several independent Baptist churches located in Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands and Okeechobee counties. Meetings are held monthly, typically on the last Friday, and are held at different partic-

ipating churches' campuses.

The fellowship's mission is to provide Christ-honoring fellowship and fun along with sound Bible preaching and a means of outreach to their unchurched friends.

Maranatha Baptist Church is located at 2465 Oxendine Road, off Steve Roberts Special about four miles east of Zolfo Springs. Transportation will be provided for some areas via the church bus.

Call Pastor Charlie Scott at (863) 832-7829 regarding transportation or further information.

## Gardner Baptist Church Hosts Seminar On Forgiveness

Judith Doctor, MSW, RN, will present a seminar entitled "What Biblical Forgiveness Is and Is Not" on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Gardner Baptist Church.

The seminar describes the biblical process of forgiving from the heart, emphasizing that forgiveness does not mean reconciliation.

Numerous studies prove the healing power of forgiveness, Doctor says. Identifying, naming and then forgiving your offenders leads to better relationships, healing of painful memories and a lighter load on the immune system, she notes.

Doctor recently published a how-to book on forgiveness, "I Forgive You: How Heart-Based Forgiveness Sets You Free." It provides an understanding of how the blood of Jesus enables Christians to forgive even their worst offenders.

Doctor says maintaining a record of wrongs and carrying grudges take a toll on physical health, emotional and mental



**Doctor**

well-being, and relationships with others.

But, she adds, forgiving from the heart frees you from the past so you can move forward in life.

A Christian mentor and speaker who resides in Arcadia, Doctor has helped many people in the United States and Europe. She can be heard on her live Radio Horeb program in Europe and is the author of two books and a blog.

Gardner Baptist Church is at 8660 U.S. 17 S.

## Nominations Sought For Ag Woman Of The Year

Nominations for the 2018 "Woman of the Year in Agriculture" award are now being accepted by Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam.

The award recognizes women in all areas of the industry who have made outstanding contributions to Florida agriculture.

The deadline for submitting nominations is July 31.

Nominations may be made electronically by accessing the application located on the Woman of the Year in Agriculture page at [freshfromflorida.com](http://freshfromflorida.com).

ida.com.

Nominations may also be sent via mail or fax to Director of External Affairs Clay Hollis. Send completed nomination forms by mail to the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Plaza Level 10, The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800; or by fax to (850) 617-7744.

More information about the "Woman of the Year in Agriculture" award and past award winners can be found at the above-referenced website.

## Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper  
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green! I hope everyone had a nice Father's Day as Sherman did.

We met his son and wife and her dad in Sebring for supper. The only problem was you could not make reservations unless you had a big party and we only had five. There was an hour's wait, and the sun was extremely hot and there was no room in the lobby. It was better sitting in the AC.

Our church always gives a small gift to the fathers. This year our Oldest Father was James Williamson. His wife, Mabel, did not attend as she was sick but his daughter was with him.

Our church had been without a bulletin since the pastor left but finally Shaun Casey stepped up to the plate and we had a bulletin last Sunday for the first time. It was just as good as before and was great to have it. Shaun can do anything on a computer.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mike Miller. His brother, Ernest, attends our church with his wife. Ernest was very upset and said

his brother was too young to make that final journey.

Death comes when you do not expect it and everyone should know they will meet their maker someday. I saw what I considered a miracle last week. The mail lady rang the doorbell to ask me if I knew who owned the cows in the pasture in front of our home. I did, but did not know the telephone number and Sherman was mowing the Methodist Cemetery. A calf had just been born and evidently could not stand. The buzzards had already circled and were on the ground. The mama cow would chase them away but more would come.

Sherman called Colon and he got there just as I pulled into the driveway. I backed up and he climbed the fence, picked up that baby calf, she stood for a few minutes and then she and her mama started off in the pasture! Colon said he hoped they were heading for the shade trees. It was miraculous to me as the buzzards had gotten close enough to try and peck the little calf. I yelled at them and blew the horn, but they were not too afraid of me!

Happy birthday wishes to my good friend, Mary Wilson. The paper date is the same as her birthday! Her daughter was and is a good friend, but I also enjoy talking with Mary. June 18 was my younger brother's birthday but he made his final journey when he was 62. He would have turned 79 if he had not passed. As I have mentioned before, you always remember your loved ones on their special day.

There were a lot of sick mentioned at church last Wednesday night: Chuck Best had open heart surgery, Jack Eason did good with surgery but was getting a pacemaker on Thursday, Edith Bassett is back in the hospital after a new stent was put in her heart, Denise Erekson is not doing good and has a brain tumor now but did beat all the other

cancer she fought for some time, Jessica Gill Ruiz had more ankle surgery, and my great-grandson, Gavin, had surgery. Please pray for all these and others you may know about and we do not.

Everyone was glad to see Connie Coker at church last Sunday with her granddaughter, Addie. Addie says she loves Tennessee! Also, Jessica's daughter was with Connie. She is staying with her grandmother, Joyce Coker, while Jessica recovers from surgery. Connie said the girls would have a play day!

Congratulations to the high school swim teams. There was a photo of the ones who attended swim camp, and I believe they are serious about winning medals this coming year. One of the girls, Abby Duke, attends our church.

There was a good photo of the Eason family celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary at a local restaurant. I would never have recognized Johnny if I had met him on the street! A little older than when I last saw him and a big beard! I decided Jeff favors his mama and Johnny his dad, but they are all good friends. When we first moved to Wauchula in 1964 we lived next door to the Eason family and, of course, the boys were young then!

There will be a meeting on June 28 at Hardee Lakes Park from 5:30 to 7 for people to ask questions about the forthcoming Ona Mine Permit. This is called a community meeting, but they also said they were going to advertise in the paper. If you have questions, now is the time to ask.

There are plenty of ear trees growing in the ditch on Hendry Road. If anyone should want one, just dig it up, or that is my opinion! I would not think the county would care. You just have to look out for the yellow flies. They love to attack Rascal when we walk.

Please pray for each other and our nation.

## Local Residents Graduate From Gulf Coast U

Florida Gulf Coast University recently graduated two students who are residents of Hardee County.

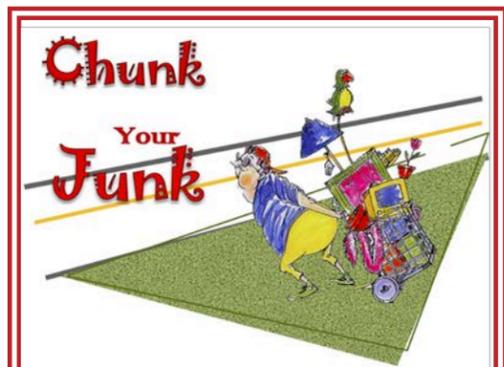
Ruth Erekson of Bowling Green earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Arts & Sciences.

Mishella Lukawski of Ona earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the Lutgert College of Business.

Florida Gulf Coast University is located in Fort Myers and is part of the 12-campus state university system.

It is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools to award 56 different types of bachelor's, 25 different master's and three types of doctoral degrees, and 11 varying certificates.

For more information, call the university at (888) 889-1095 or visit its website at [fgcu.edu](http://fgcu.edu).



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# Super Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Good enough
  - 9 Biblical talking beast
  - 12 Chimed
  - 16 Game show VIPs
  - 19 — acid (vitamin C)
  - 20 At any place
  - 22 Grain morsel
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 25 Joanne of "Abie's Irish Rose"
  - 26 Hide-hair connection
  - 27 Tooth in a machine
  - 28 Professional wrestler Flair
  - 29 Oater
  - 31 Furtive action
  - 35 Movie-archiving gp.
  - 37 River in a Best Picture title
  - 39 Shah's land
  - 40 Riddle, part 2
  - 44 Tropical rodent
  - 47 Former Russ. state
  - 48 Folk rocker DiFranco
  - 49 Exterior
  - 50 Bremen loc.
  - 51 Intuit
  - 53 Camera for a pro
  - 55 Tongs, e.g.
  - 58 Riddle, part 3
  - 62 Reference book's "Look here, too"
  - 63 — profit (lucratively)
  - 64 "Can — true?"
  - 65 Leaning Tower's city
  - 69 Play for time
  - 70 Gym tops
  - 72 Vents vocally
  - 73 Atoll part
  - 74 Sit next to
  - 76 Stage design
  - 77 Grows molar, e.g.
  - 79 Riddle, part 4
  - 82 Hold down
  - 86 Rural rest stop
  - 87 Exotic berry in fruit juices
  - 88 Writer Deighton
  - 89 Giant in foil
  - 90 See 3-Down
  - 92 Nov. lead-in
  - 94 Very focused
  - 96 End of the riddle
  - 101 Tennis legend Björn
  - 102 Election analyst Silver
  - 103 Gods, to Livy
  - 104 Use one's lungs
  - 108 Under control
  - 110 Soft & —
  - 112 Classical introduction?
  - 114 Au — (roast beef option)
  - 115 San Francisco's — Valley
  - 116 Riddle's answer
  - 122 Taxing gp.
  - 123 Playwright McNally
  - 124 Submarine
  - 125 Cougar, e.g.
  - 126 Mgr.'s helper
  - 127 Salon colorer
  - 128 Admiration taken too far
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Expendable chessmen
  - 2 Take — at (attempt)
  - 3 With 90-Across, frighten away
  - 4 Drunk
  - 5 Jackie's hubby #2
  - 6 Small ammo
  - 7 Brittle-shelled Chinese fruit
  - 8 Back talk?
  - 9 Grain bristle
  - 10 Actor Omar
  - 11 Shipping rig
  - 12 Match official
  - 13 Declaration
  - 14 Water nymph
  - 15 Mardi —
  - 16 Not extreme
  - 17 Indy 500 entrant, e.g.
  - 18 Eye-catchers
  - 21 S'pose
  - 24 "Bejabbers!"
  - 30 Keep busy
  - 32 Clerk on "The Simpsons"
  - 33 Drop
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  - 36 "The Day of the Jackal" novelist Frederick
  - 38 Orville and Wilbur of aviation
  - 41 Main port of Norway
  - 42 Give an alert
  - 43 Luxurious
  - 44 Tennis legend Andre
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  - 46 Long trial
  - 52 Broody music genre
  - 54 Intermediary
  - 56 BBQ piece
  - 57 Flexible card
  - 59 Fit as a fiddle
  - 60 Vicious
  - 61 Clever
  - 65 Bikeway, say
  - 66 Fill one's lungs
  - 67 Tyler of rock
  - 68 Green light
  - 70 End up
  - 71 Rudolph's facial feature
  - 72 Joins again
  - 74 "Selma" director DuVernay
  - 75 — Mir Bist Du Schön"
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  - 78 "Evita" star Paige
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  - 80 "Back to the Future" bully
  - 81 Bit of power
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  - 85 Difficult
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  - 105 — Called to Say I Love You"
  - 106 Writer Godden or actress Willis
  - 109 Analytic work
  - 109 Comics' Kett
  - 111 Rip apart
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Before you adventurous Arians charge right into those new projects, take a little time to learn where you'll be going so you can avoid getting lost before you get there.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your time is devoted to career demands through much of the week. But Venus, who rules your sign, might be planning how (and with whom) you'll spend your weekend.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Don't be put off by the surprising turn in the way your project is developing. You've invested enough time in it to know how to make all the necessary adjustments.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The work week goes smoothly for the most part. But a weekend visit to a place in your past could hold surprises for your future, especially where romance is involved.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A sudden attack of shyness for the usually loquacious Lion could be a sign that deep down you're not sure enough about what (or whom) you had planned to talk up in public.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Deal with that job-related problem on-site — that is, at the workplace. Avoid taking it home, where it can spoil those important personal plans you've made.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to let those favorable comments about your business dealings be known to those in a position to be helpful. Don't hide your light; let it shine.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Avoid added pressure to finish a project on deadline by steering clear of distractions. To put it somewhat poetically: Time for fun — when your tasks are done.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You might be uneasy about an offer from a longtime colleague. But before you reject it, study it. You might be surprised at what it actually contains.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Deal firmly with a difficult family matter. It's your strength they need right now. You can show your emotions when the situation begins to ease up.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A recent dispute with some co-workers might not have been completely resolved. But other colleagues will be only too happy to offer support of your actions.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Let go of that Piscean pride long enough to allow someone to help you with a surprising development. That could make it easier for you to adjust to the change.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your willingness to open up to possibilities is why people like you are often among our most popular political leaders.

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Differences: 1. Arm is higher. 2. Line is moved. 3. Bowling ball hole is moved. 4. Collar is different. 5. Button is added. 6. Man is thinner.

### GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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### Go Figure!

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Answers: 1. 6, 2. 12, 3. 18, 4. 12, 5. 12, 6. 12, 7. 12, 8. 12, 9. 12, 10. 12, 11. 12, 12. 12, 13. 12, 14. 12, 15. 12, 16. 12, 17. 12, 18. 12, 19. 12, 20. 12, 21. 12, 22. 12, 23. 12, 24. 12, 25. 12, 26. 12, 27. 12, 28. 12, 29. 12, 30. 12, 31. 12, 32. 12, 33. 12, 34. 12, 35. 12, 36. 12, 37. 12, 38. 12, 39. 12, 40. 12, 41. 12, 42. 12, 43. 12, 44. 12, 45. 12, 46. 12, 47. 12, 48. 12, 49. 12, 50. 12, 51. 12, 52. 12, 53. 12, 54. 12, 55. 12, 56. 12, 57. 12, 58. 12, 59. 12, 60. 12, 61. 12, 62. 12, 63. 12, 64. 12, 65. 12, 66. 12, 67. 12, 68. 12, 69. 12, 70. 12, 71. 12, 72. 12, 73. 12, 74. 12, 75. 12, 76. 12, 77. 12, 78. 12, 79. 12, 80. 12, 81. 12, 82. 12, 83. 12, 84. 12, 85. 12, 86. 12, 87. 12, 88. 12, 89. 12, 90. 12, 91. 12, 92. 12, 93. 12, 94. 12, 95. 12, 96. 12, 97. 12, 98. 12, 99. 12, 100. 12, 101. 12, 102. 12, 103. 12, 104. 12, 105. 12, 106. 12, 107. 12, 108. 12, 109. 12, 110. 12, 111. 12, 112. 12, 113. 12, 114. 12, 115. 12, 116. 12, 117. 12, 118. 12, 119. 12, 120. 12, 121. 12, 122. 12, 123. 12, 124. 12, 125. 12, 126. 12, 127. 12, 128. 12

### 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: Y equals E

HGX I YXFKXY YCU ATN AYC Y  
OGUUKNXGQY TNLRYI GMKLNKXGVNU  
AYCY MNEXV QCIXF QN HGRY G  
MGUQ OELR.

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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.

WJZ WD SMZ VZOS LNDSO  
WD SMZ LWCO QPKZ SW KZ  
NJ SMZ DWIK WD P LWWC,  
DPNSMDAH MWAQZBZZGZI.  
— ZHNXPVZSM QPCT OSPJSWJ

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### WORD PHRASES

CONSECUTIVE TWO-

### Super Crossword

Answers: 1. 6, 2. 12, 3. 18, 4. 12, 5. 12, 6. 12, 7. 12, 8. 12, 9. 12, 10. 12, 11. 12, 12. 12, 13. 12, 14. 12, 15. 12, 16. 12, 17. 12, 18. 12, 19. 12, 20. 12, 21. 12, 22. 12, 23. 12, 24. 12, 25. 12, 26. 12, 27. 12, 28. 12, 29. 12, 30. 12, 31. 12, 32. 12, 33. 12, 34. 12, 35. 12, 36. 12, 37. 12, 38. 12, 39. 12, 40. 12, 41. 12, 42. 12, 43. 12, 44. 12, 45. 12, 46. 12, 47. 12, 48. 12, 49. 12, 50. 12, 51. 12, 52. 12, 53. 12, 54. 12, 55. 12, 56. 12, 57. 12, 58. 12, 59. 12, 60. 12, 61. 12, 62. 12, 63. 12, 64. 12, 65. 12, 66. 12, 67. 12, 68. 12, 69. 12, 70. 12, 71. 12, 72. 12, 73. 12, 74. 12, 75. 12, 76. 12, 77. 12, 78. 12, 79. 12, 80. 12, 81. 12, 82. 12, 83. 12, 84. 12, 85. 12, 86. 12, 87. 12, 88. 12, 89. 12, 90. 12, 91. 12, 92. 12, 93. 12, 94. 12, 95. 12, 96. 12, 97. 12, 98. 12, 99. 12, 100. 12, 101. 12, 102. 12, 103. 12, 104. 12, 105. 12, 106. 12, 107. 12, 108. 12, 109. 12, 110. 12, 111. 12, 112. 12, 113. 12, 114. 12, 115. 12, 116. 12, 117. 12, 118. 12, 119. 12, 120. 12, 121. 12, 122. 12, 123. 12, 124. 12, 125. 12, 126. 12, 127. 12, 128. 12

### Cryptoquip

Many engineers who were passionate hockey aficionados were found trying to make a fast puck.

Answer: Elizabeth Cady Stanton — faithful housekeeper, in the form of a good, of the gods came to me

## Solunar Forecast

<p><b>6/21/2018</b> Sun Data Rise: 6:32 AM Set: 8:25 PM</p> <p><b>Day Length</b> 13 hrs. 53 mins.</p> <p><b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 2:41 PM Set: 2:13 AM Overhead: 8:49 PM Underfoot: 8:26 AM</p> <p><b>Moon Phase</b> 63% Waxing Gibbous</p> <p><b>Major Times</b> 8:26 AM - 10:26 AM 8:49 PM - 10:49 PM</p> <p><b>Minor Times</b> 2:13 AM - 3:13 AM 2:41 PM - 3:41 PM</p> <p><b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p><b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4</p>	<p><b>6/16/2018</b> Sun Data Rise: 6:31 AM Set: 8:24 PM</p> <p><b>Day Length</b> 13 hrs. 53 mins.</p> <p><b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 9:31 AM Set: 11:23 PM Overhead: 4:30 PM Underfoot: 3:59 AM</p> <p><b>Moon Phase</b> 12% Waxing Crescent</p> <p><b>Major Times</b> 3:59 AM - 5:59 AM 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM</p> <p><b>Minor Times</b> 9:31 AM - 10:31 AM 11:23 PM - 12:23 AM</p> <p><b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p><b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4</p>	<p><b>6/18/2018</b> Sun Data Rise: 6:31 AM Set: 8:24 PM</p> <p><b>Day Length</b> 13 hrs. 53 mins.</p> <p><b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 11:42 AM Set: 12:11 AM Overhead: 6:22 PM Underfoot: 5:56 AM</p> <p><b>Moon Phase</b> 30% Waxing Crescent</p> <p><b>Major Times</b> 5:56 AM - 7:56 AM 6:22 PM - 8:22 PM</p> <p><b>Minor Times</b> 12:11 AM - 1:11 AM 11:42 AM - 12:42 PM</p> <p><b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p><b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4</p>	<p><b>6/20/2018</b> Sun Data Rise: 6:32 AM Set: 8:25 PM</p> <p><b>Day Length</b> 13 hrs. 53 mins.</p> <p><b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 1:44 PM Set: 1:36 AM Overhead: 8:02 PM Underfoot: 7:38 AM</p> <p><b>Moon Phase</b> 50% First Quarter</p> <p><b>Major Times</b> 7:38 AM - 9:38 AM 8:02 PM - 10:02 PM</p> <p><b>Minor Times</b> 1:36 AM - 2:36 AM 1:44 PM - 2:44 PM</p> <p><b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p><b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4</p>
<p><b>6/15/2018</b> Sun Data Rise: 6:31 AM Set: 8:23 PM</p> <p><b>Day Length</b> 13 hrs. 52 mins.</p> <p><b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 8:25 AM Set: 10:27 PM Overhead: 3:28 PM Underfoot: 2:57 AM</p> <p><b>Moon Phase</b> 5% Waxing Crescent</p> <p><b>Major Times</b> 2:57 AM - 4:57 AM 3:28 PM - 5:28 PM</p> <p><b>Minor Times</b> 8:25 AM - 9:25 AM 10:27 PM - 11:27 PM</p> <p><b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Better</p> <p><b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4</p>	<p><b>6/17/2018</b> Sun Data Rise: 6:31 AM Set: 8:24 PM</p> <p><b>Day Length</b> 13 hrs. 53 mins.</p> <p><b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 10:37 AM Set: --:-- Overhead: 5:28 PM Underfoot: 4:59 AM</p> <p><b>Moon Phase</b> 20% Waxing Crescent</p> <p><b>Major Times</b> 4:59 AM - 6:59 AM 5:28 PM - 7:28 PM</p> <p><b>Minor Times</b> --:--:-- 10:37 AM - 11:37 AM</p> <p><b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p><b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4</p>	<p><b>6/19/2018</b> Sun Data Rise: 6:31 AM Set: 8:24 PM</p> <p><b>Day Length</b> 13 hrs. 53 mins.</p> <p><b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 12:44 PM Set: 12:55 AM Overhead: 7:14 PM Underfoot: 6:48 AM</p> <p><b>Moon Phase</b> 41% Waxing Crescent</p> <p><b>Major Times</b> 6:48 AM - 8:48 AM 7:14 PM - 9:14 PM</p> <p><b>Minor Times</b> 12:55 AM - 1:55 AM 12:44 PM - 1:44 PM</p> <p><b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p><b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4</p>	<p><b>6/21/2018</b> Sun Data Rise: 6:32 AM Set: 8:25 PM</p> <p><b>Day Length</b> 13 hrs. 53 mins.</p> <p><b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 2:41 PM Set: 2:13 AM Overhead: 8:49 PM Underfoot: 8:26 AM</p> <p><b>Moon Phase</b> 63% Waxing Gibbous</p> <p><b>Major Times</b> 8:26 AM - 10:26 AM 8:49 PM - 10:49 PM</p> <p><b>Minor Times</b> 2:13 AM - 3:13 AM 2:41 PM - 3:41 PM</p> <p><b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p><b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4</p>

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# Summer Is Best Time To Take Hunter-Safety Class

"Hunting teaches patience while fostering one of the closest relationships we can have with the natural world around us," said University of Florida rising sophomore Hanna Hodges. "Hunting also contributes to conservation."

Hodges loves hunting for deer and turkeys with her family and boyfriend, and enjoys introducing new people to hunting and taking youth on their first hunting trips. However, that hasn't always been the case for Hodges.

As a young girl growing up in a family that enjoys the outdoors, Hodges spent many weekends fishing, boating, kayaking and hiking. But, she admits she was intimidated by some of the elements of hunting.

Hodges credits her father and the hunter-safety class she took at age 10 for giving her the knowledge and confidence to safely develop what became her greatest passion.

"My dad first introduced me to target shooting and hunting; he was a great coach," she said. "He actually introduced my mom and brothers, too, and now hunting is a family affair."

Growing up in a hunting family and attending hunter-safety camp had such an effect on Hodges that she is now majoring in wildlife ecology and conservation, and hopes one day to work in a field that blends hunting and conservation.

If you haven't completed the state's hunter-safety course requirement, now's a good time to sign up. Many of these classes, offered statewide, fill up fast.

People born after May 31, 1975, must complete the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission's class before they can buy the type of

hunting license that allows them to legally hunt alone.

If you're a youngster and already into hunting, I suggest you go ahead and take the class before you turn 16. And,

lic school requirements for taking an online course and a physical education course.

Registrations for these instructor-led courses are limited. Those who are interested



**Outta The Woods**  
By Tony Young  
Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission

you can purchase your very first hunting license that's good until your 17th birthday.

Even if you were born before June 1, 1975, and are exempt from having to take the class, it's still a good idea because you'll learn so much. The FWC encourages beginning hunters to do so.

And even the most experienced hunters will learn something new, too, which will help them become even better hunters or mentors.

You can register for a hunter-safety class by going to [MyFWC.com/HunterSafety](http://MyFWC.com/HunterSafety) or by contacting your nearest FWC regional office.

### Virtual School

Florida also offers a virtual school outdoor education course. This course, which combines hunting and boating safety, is free and open to Florida residents ages 12 to 18. Participants will develop outdoor skills and learn about the benefits of physical activity while using proper safety procedures for outdoor activities.

By meeting all the requirements of the Outdoor Education course, students will receive their Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card and be eligible to obtain a Florida Hunter Safety Certificate. They'll also earn half a credit for high school, and meet pub-

can find out more at the website listed above.

### Skills Day

A popular option for completing the hunter-safety training is to take online training and a skills day. The online course is designed to help new hunters of all ages learn how to be safe and responsible hunters.

Before you begin the online training, you'll need to register to attend a skills day.

Skills days are led by a corps of volunteer hunter-safety instructors who give you the opportunity to demonstrate the skills you learned in the online course. Skills day takes about five hours to complete, and includes time on a shooting range.

During skills days, you get hands-on training and must demonstrate proper firearm and tree-stand safety.

In the last hour of the skills day, you'll be given a standardized test of multiple-choice questions. You need to score 80 percent or higher to successfully complete the course.

### The Last Steps

After you pass the test for either course, you'll be given a temporary hunter-safety card. You'll receive a permanent card in the mail about four to six weeks after the class.

Once the hunter-safety requirement is met, you can purchase your first Florida hunting license and be ready for opening day.

Just a couple of things for parents to remember: The course is designed for ages 12 to 16. If your child is younger than 18, you must fill out our parental release form and present it to the instructor at all courses. Also, if your child is younger than 16, you are required to accompany your child to all classes.

Register to take a class today, 'cause the 2018-19 hunting season will be here before we know it. Remember, safe hunting is no accident!

## Notices

### INVITATION TO BID

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Sealed BIDS will be received by the **Board of County Commissioners, Hardee County**, hereinafter referred to as "County", at:

Purchasing Office  
205 Hanchey Road  
Wauchula, Florida 33873

until **2:00pm local time, Wednesday, July 25, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened by the County Purchasing Director or designee and read aloud. Any BIDS received after the time specified will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the Public Works Conference Room, 205 Hanchey Rd, Wauchula, Florida 33873.

The BIDS shall be based on **SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY AT 309 GEORGIA STREET, WAUCHULA**. Bid documents may be obtained from the Hardee County Purchasing Office, 205 Hanchey Road, Wauchula, Florida 33873, or by faxing a request to (863)773-0322.

BIDS must be sealed and the outside of the envelope **MUST** be marked: **"SEALED BID - SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY."** Any envelope received after the time specified will be refused and will be returned unopened to the originator.

**Hardee County** reserves the right to reject any or all bid(s), waive informalities and/or irregularities, and may postpone the award of the bid for a period of time which shall not extend beyond thirty (30) calendar days.  
Russell A. Melendy, Chairman

6:21c

**Do You Suspect A Child Is Being Hurt?**  
CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE  
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**MEETING NOTICE**  
The Insurance Committee will meet Tuesday, July 03, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 412 W. Orange Street, Room 102, Wauchula, Florida.  
For more information, please call the Hardee County Human Resource Department at 863-773-2161.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The HARDEE COUNTY  
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD  
meeting as the local planning agency will hold a  
**PUBLIC HEARING** on  
**THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018**  
**6:00 P.M.** or as soon thereafter  
in the County Commissioners' Board Room  
Room 102, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Courthouse Annex  
412 West Orange St., Wauchula, FL

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

### Agenda No. 18-09

**Tommy Hartley and Julia R. Hartley** request approval of a Temporary Special Use Permit to temporarily locate a second dwelling in the form of a single family manufactured home dwelling to provide care for the property owner/grandfather by the granddaughter in the A-1 (Agriculture) zoning district and in the Agriculture Future Land Use Category

On or abt the end of Shaw Rd., being North of SR64 E, East of Maude Rd.  
22.58+/- acres 30 33 27 0000 02450 0000  
E1/2 of NW1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 30, Township 33 South, Range 27 East, Hardee County, Florida

Roger Conley, Chairman

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

This Public Notice is published in accordance with the Hardee County Unified Land Development Code.

Prior to the **P/Z Public Hearing**, documents relating to the request are available for public inspection during weekdays between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Planning and Development Department, 110 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wauchula, Florida.

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

All interested persons shall have the right to be heard.

In rendering its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, the Planning/Zoning Board shall rely solely on testimony that is relevant and material

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

6:21c

## NOTICE TO HARDEE COUNTY HOMEOWNERS & POTENTIAL HOMEOWNERS

Hardee County announces the availability of \$350,000 under the **State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program** of the FL Housing Finance Corp. to provide for the County's 2018/2019 Local Housing Assistance Plan. The Plan focuses on repairs to single-family, owner-occupied dwellings (no mobile homes), and financial assistance to first time home buyers for homes located anywhere within the boundaries of Hardee County (incorporated and unincorporated). 20% of the allocation must service special needs individuals with priorities for developmental disabilities, such as adults requiring independent living services that have a disabling condition, young adults formerly in foster care, a domestic violence survivor, and those receiving disability benefits.

### HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Housing Rehab program aids with repairs of single-family, owner-occupied dwellings, giving preference to special needs individuals, the elderly and/or physically impaired households whose income is in the low-income range. Mobile homes are excluded. **This is not a remodeling program.** The Program provides for home modifications and technological enhancements or devices to assist special needs individuals maintain homeownership, to make a house accessible to physically disabled occupants, and for the repair of problems such as, but not limited to leaking or sagging roofs, rotted siding, bad plumbing/electrical wiring, heating, doors, etc.

### FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Funds are also allocated to First Time Homebuyers, to aid with closing costs and down payment, whose income is in the low to moderate income range. This assistance is for the purchase of an existing home or towards new construction.

### APPLICATIONS FOR THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Applications are available online at [hardeecounty.net](http://hardeecounty.net) OR Hardee County Community Development, 412 W. Orange St., Rm. 201, Wauchula, and will be accepted beginning July 23, 2018-June 30, 2019 or until funds are exhausted. For questions, please call Community Development at 863-773-6349.

**NOTE: APPLICATIONS ON FILE WILL HAVE PRIORITY OVER NEW APPLICATIONS. PRIORITY WILL CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN TO ELDERLY AND/OR PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED APPLICANTS, TO INCLUDE THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, THAT MEET THE INCOME GUIDELINES OF THE PROGRAM.**

6:21c

# — THE CLASSIFIEDS —

## ABOUT ... Classifieds

**DEADLINE** .....Tuesday noon  
**RATES** .....Minimum of \$5.00 for up to 10 words. Each additional word is 25¢. Ads in all capitals are 35¢ per word. Headlines are \$2 a line. Blind ad box numbers are \$5 extra.

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- |                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
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| <b>Automobile</b>       | <b>Personal</b>            |
| <b>Boats</b>            | <b>Pets</b>                |
| <b>Furniture</b>        | <b>Plants/Produce</b>      |
| <b>Guns</b>             | <b>Real Estate</b>         |
| <b>Help Wanted</b>      | <b>Recreational</b>        |
| <b>Houses</b>           | <b>Rentals</b>             |
| <b>Livestock</b>        | <b>Rentals, Commercial</b> |
| <b>Lost &amp; Found</b> | <b>Services</b>            |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>    | <b>Wanted</b>              |
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## Agriculture

**DIESEL INJECTION REPAIR** - Pumps, turbos and injectors. Removal and installation available. 863-381-0538. 2:8-1:17p

## Help Wanted

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**FRONT END RECEPTIONIST** part to full time front desk, answer phone, file, busy office, lots of paper work. Fax Resume to 863-773-6193. 6:21,28c

## Help Wanted

**SOUTH FLORIDA STATE College STAFF ASSISTANT II, HARDEE CAMPUS (PT)** Typical work schedule: Monday - Thursday, 4-9:30 p.m. Application deadline: 7/22/18. For requirements and to apply visit <http://sfsc.interviewexchange.com>. 863-784-7132. EA/EO/VETERAN'S PREF. 6:21-7:19c

**MECHANICAL ASSEMBLY** Mon-Fri 8:30am to 5:00pm. Must have experience and use hand tools and small power tools. Workmanship and quality work very important. Must have high school diploma or equivalent and have a valid driver's license. Speak, read and write in English. Some phone technical support. Call Diane 863-767-0155 for appointment 6:21-7:19p

**LOOKING FOR CERTIFIED CNA & CPR INSTRUCTORS.** Need by August 1st. 863-529-9783. 6:14-7:12p

## Help Wanted

**GENERAL OFFICE & CLERICAL** worker, 40 hrs week, \$8.50 hr., customer service is a priority, and this position is the first point of contact for visitors. Call Pioneer Creek RV Resort to set up an interview, 863-375-4343. 6:14-7:19c

**HIRING TRUCK DRIVERS,** CDL Class A, laborers 18 or older. M-F, 8-5, mill production manager, mechanic skills required. 863-735-1361, Florida Fence Post Company, 5251 SR64, Ona. 6:71c

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## Lost/Found

**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

**FREE ONE \$10 PACKAGE** of home and garden growing product. Pick up at Hills Auto World in Bowling Green or Zolfo Springs at 3647 Main Street in Zolfo Springs. No strings attached. 6:21p

## Motorcycles

**2012 YAMMAHA V-STAR 1300,** 25,000 miles, \$5,500. Call 863-832-0073. 6:21p

## Notices

**EXTREMELY RARE OPPORTUNITY** Buy a 25% ownership of highly secret formula to a home and garden product for \$50,000.00 with prompt returns within days. Request details by calling me at 863-445-1638. You will be greatly and most pleasantly surprised! 6:21p

**PERSONAL PROPERTY** of Graylin Smith, Linda Ennis, Marvel Garcia will be sold by warehouseman's lien. Said sale will be at B&J Mini-Storage, 210 N. 3rd Ave., Wauchula, Florida at 10 am, July 10, 2018. 6:14,21p

**PERSONAL PROPERTY** of Ed Schwartz, Raquel Reyna, Marlane McDonald, Evette Cisneros, Esmeralda Hernandez will be sold by warehouseman's lien. Said sale will be at B&J Self-Storage, 667 S. 5th Ave., Wauchula, Florida at 11 am, July 10, 2018. 6:14,21p

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**PERSONAL PROPERTY OF** Diane Radandt, Justin Newsome, Annie Torres, Roberta Martinez, Junior Kilpatrick, Marlene McDonald will be sold by warehouseman's lien. Said sale will be at Bowling Green Storage, 2030 N. Hwy. 17, Bowling Green, Florida at 9 am, July 10, 2018. 6:14,21p

## Pets

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

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

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**ATTENTION!** State Statutes 489-119 Section 5 Paragraph B and Hardee County Ordinance 87-09 Section 10 Paragraph D require all ads for any construction-related service to carry the contractor's licence number. tfc-dh

## Yard Sales

**MOVING SALE Saturday 8-?** 1563 Dena Circle, Wauchula. 6:21p

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**RODEO QUEEN**



COURTESY PHOTO

Aubrey Stark, daughter of Jace and Dawn Stark of Ona, was crowned Miss Florida High School Rodeo Queen on Saturday, June 9, at the Florida High School Rodeo Association State Finals in Okeechobee. The Rodeo Queen competition took place Thursday, June 7. Contestants were judged in seven categories: interview, appearance, modeling, speech, impromptu question, horsemanship, and knowledge of the FHSRA rule book. The contestants also participated in the Grand Entry ceremonies all three nights of the State Finals and sold tickets for the Senior Class Fundraiser. Upon being crowned, Aubrey and her horse, Tomato, presented the American flag for the "Star-Spangled Banner." She then led the winners of each event around the arena. Aubrey will now go on to compete at the National High School Rodeo Association Finals in Rock Springs, Wyo., July 13-21. She will be competing in the same seven categories against queens of the other 50 states and provinces of Australia, Canada and Mexico.

**BUILDING FRENZY**



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

Hardee County schools are abuzz with activity as crews frantically work to complete several building projects before students return to classrooms in August. One of the largest projects is occurring in the north end of the county, where contractors have begun a \$100,000 replacement of the cafeteria roof at Bowling Green Elementary. According to Facilities Director Rob Krahl, summer rains last week delayed the initial delivery of needed supplies. The sun was back shining on Friday as crews used a crane to lift pallets of construction material to workers waiting on the roof.

**BIG BASS!**



COURTESY PHOTOS

Experienced anglers Adrian Echols (left) and Syl Sims (right) recently caught the state's first two Hall of Fame largemouth bass on Lake Istokpoga. Echols' catch weighed 13 pounds, 14 ounces, and Sims' weighed 13 pounds, 4 ounces. Lake Istokpoga is five miles northeast of Lake Placid in Highlands County and boasts quality fishing for panfish, largemouth bass and many other game-fish species. Since the state TrophyCatch program was launched in 2012, there have been 430 program-approved largemouth bass weighing 8 pounds or heavier caught on the lake. TrophyCatch Hall of Fame anglers receive Bass Pro Shops gift cards, Spiderwire merchandise, a custom fiberglass replica mount by New Wave Taxidermy, an Enigma fishing rod, and a plaque commemorating their catch. The state program rewards the catch, documentation and release of largemouth bass weighing 8 pounds or heavier in Florida. In order to be eligible for prizes, anglers are required to submit photos or videos of their catch to TrophyCatch.com.

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