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Feds Capture Fleeing Murder Suspect

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

The man suspected of shooting and killing a teenage boy earlier this month was behind bars fewer than five days later.

Gabriel Arenas Ceja, 25, who gave authorities an address of 816 Pleasant Way, Bowling Green, was captured in Tift County, Ga., on Wednesday of last week by the U.S. Marshals Service, authorities said.

He had been on the lam since fleeing the Friday, July 13, shooting scene at the Azalea Apartments in his maroon 2007 Ford Fusion, firing his pistol into the air as he drove off, according to Bowling Green Police Department Capt. Brett Dowden.

Now he awaits extradition back to Florida.

Dowden said Ceja will be charged with second-degree homicide with a firearm, pos-

sition of a firearm by a convicted felon, aggravated assault with a firearm, and tampering with a witness.

The felony counts stem from the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Eddie Grant and the alleged threat to Eddie's girlfriend as the two teens stood on the front porch of Eddie's home at 820 Pleasant Way.

Dowden said BGPD Chief John Scheel received a call at about 11 a.m. on Wednesday of

last week notifying him that the fugitive had been located and arrested, and was sitting in the Tift County Jail.

"The feds did a great job in locating him quickly," Dowden said. "I can't reveal how he was found; they have the ability to do some pretty amazing things. We're grateful for their assistance."

Dowden said after receiving word of Ceja's capture, he and Scheel immediately mobilized,

driving up to Georgia to interview the suspect. The trip to the Tift County Jail, he said, took somewhere around five hours.

"We spoke with him," the captain said, adding, "We are confident, after reviewing the totality of the circumstances and witness statements, that we have a good case that supports the charges he is being charged with."

The shooting, which took

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Ceja

Lottery Winner Grabs Prize

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

A 63-year-old Wauchula man is the latest local winner of a Florida Lottery jackpot, the state announced late last week.

Aniceto Estrada Carrillo won the top prize in the Lucky Money drawing held on Tuesday night of last week, lottery officials said.

The prize was \$550,000.

As with all jackpot winners, Carrillo was given the choice of receiving his winnings in 25 annual payments or in a one-time cash payout.

Carrillo chose to collect all of his money at once, receiving a lump-sum payment totaling \$397,852, the Florida Lottery said.

Carrillo had purchased his winning ticket at the Wauchula Food Store at 501 N. Florida Ave. in Wauchula, officials said. The market will receive a bonus commission of \$1,000 for selling the jackpot ticket, they added.

Unlike previous Hardee County winners, Carrillo had not purchased a scratch-off game ticket but was playing the number-match game called Lucky Money.

Lucky Money jackpots start at \$500,000, with winning

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HOUSE FIRE



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

Fire swept through an unoccupied house on Hanchey Road at the intersection of Lisa Drive in Wauchula on Wednesday of last week. Hardee County Fire-Rescue received the initial call at 7:37 a.m. in what became an all-unit response. According to fire officials on scene, the structure was believed to be unoccupied. Records with the Hardee County Property Appraiser's Office list the owner as Roy Brown. The 10-acre parcel includes a two-bedroom home built in 1928, a shed and a pole barn. The Highlands Lake Volunteer Fire Department in Avon Park provided mutual-aid coverage for Hardee County while local crews worked the blaze. Hardee County Fire-Rescue did not respond to requests for information concerning the blaze as of press time Tuesday.

Crash Claims Woman

Jane Long, 62,
Of Zolfo Springs

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

A veteran county department head who resigned to pursue mission work was fatally injured in a traffic crash last week.

Though serving as personnel director for Hardee County for decades, Susan J. "Jane" Long was likely best known to local residents and area visitors as the director of the annual Pioneer Park Days festival.

And she became known among the people of Ecuador and other locales as the caring face and loving hands of the people who follow Jesus.

Long, 62, of Zolfo Springs, died early Friday as a result of a three-vehicle collision the day before on Steve Roberts Special at its intersection with Merle Langford Road in rural Zolfo Springs.

The wreck occurred on

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Peace River To Reach Flood Stage

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Peace River is expected to enter flood stage late tonight (Thursday) as torrential summer rains continue across the region.

The National Weather Service issued the flood warning on Tuesday afternoon.

"The main concern will be additional rainfall compounding ongoing river flooding issues," said Jill Newman, director of the Hardee County Emergency Operations Center. "If you live in an area that is prone to flooding from Peace River, pay close attention to the forecast and prepare."

Hardee County, as with the rest of Central Florida, has been experiencing higher than average rainfall levels.

Heavy rainfall potential through today (Thursday) prompted officials to issue heavy rain warnings beginning last Friday.

According to weather statements issued by Newman, portions of Hardee County were expected to see upward of three inches of rain by today.

"An active pattern continues with multiple rounds of

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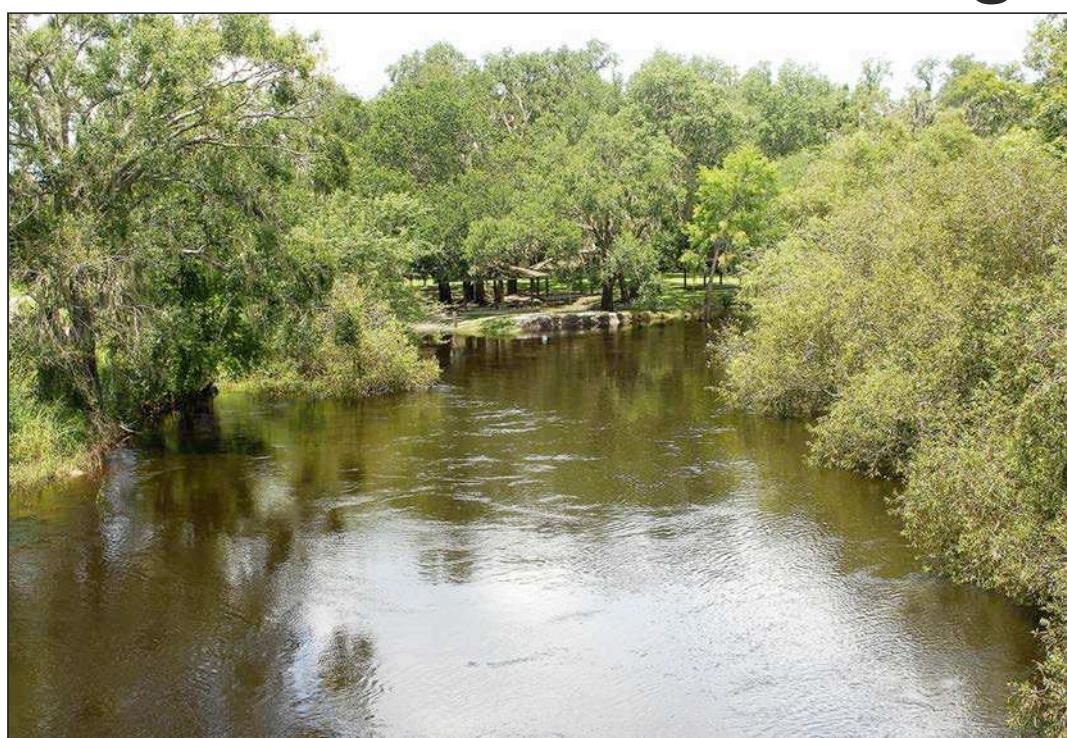


PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

Rising waters at Wauchula's Crews Riverside Park have already swallowed much of the boat ramp as the torrents continue to threaten the nearby park structures.

WEATHER			
DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
07/17	91	75	0.15
07/18	89	75	0.01
07/19	88	75	0.02
07/20	89	75	0.00
07/21	87	76	0.03
07/22	91	77	0.02
07/23	91	69	0.02

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**Kelly's Column**

By Jim

There has been plenty of rainy and warm weather lately as Hardee County passes the mid-point of another Florida summer.

Carter's Meats and Produce at 1040 U.S. 17 Southbound at Wauchula Plaza has been open since March 2017. The owners are Hardee County native Howard Pearson and his wife Kelly who reside in Sebring. They also have weekday lunch specials priced at \$4.50 or \$5.50 which includes the drink.

Entrees can include seafood salad, hamburgers, soup, chicken and dumplings, etc. It is good to support local businesses.

Our newspaper this week will begin having the column "Thinking Out Loud" written by former long-time weekly newspaper publisher S.L. Frisbie IV of Bartow. He is past president of Florida Press Association and a member of the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. S.L. has recently turned 77.

This month marks my 50th year working at The Herald-Advocate, with former experience with The Miami Herald, Gainesville Sun and the Ocala Star-Banner. It was a tough career choice between journalism, education and wildlife/forestry.

Fortunately I am able to be connected to those fields in some manner.

The price of regular unleaded gasoline this week in Hardee County was \$2.669 a gallon.

The amount of rainfall this year has been about 30 inches at Ona, seven inches above normal. There are flood warnings for Peace River.

The Tampa Bay Rays continue to field a spunky, hustling, hard-working Major League Baseball team at the Tropicana Dome in St. Petersburg, a 75-minute drive from Wauchula

Ashton Coker, 17, an Oviedo High School student and son/grandson of the Shackelford and Coker families, has won championships in wakeboarding, a sport in which you are pulled behind a boat.

His parents are Keith and Lucy (Shackelford) Coker who grew up in Hardee County. Ashton would love to earn a living by wakeboarding. His grandparents are Charles and Peggy Shackelford and Larry and Carol Coker, all of Wauchula.

Physician's assistant John Gill of Pioneer Medical Center spoke to the Wauchula Kiwanis Club Tuesday at the Java Cafe about healthcare. He is president of the National Association of Rural Health. Healthcare is a continually evolving practice, with many more changes to come, based on technology, economics, patient needs, government, and insurance.

It is somewhat amazing the Rays, a small market team with attendance and value near or at the bottom of MLB, play competitively with the MLB's wealthiest and most storied franchise, the New York Yankees.

The Yankees have won 27 World Series championships between 1923 and 2009. The Rays have yet to win one. The Yankees were established in 1901 in Baltimore and moved to New York City in 1903.

Some of the past Yankee stars are Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Don Larsen, Whitey Ford, Yogi Berra, Reggie Jackson, Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Mariano Rivera, Bill Dickey, Joe DiMaggio, Lefty Gomez, Goose Gossage, Rickey Henderson, Catfish Hunter, Toni Lazzari, Phil Rizzuto, Red Ruffing, Enos Slaughter, Dave Winfield, Home Run Baker, and Moose Skowron.

Yankee Hall of Fame managers have included Miller Huggins, Joe McCarthy, Casey Stengel and Joe Torre. Hall of Fame broadcasters have included Mel Allen, Red Barber, Jerry Coleman, Curt Gowdy, Russ Hodges, and Joe Garagiola.

Major League Baseball appears to be on the upswing, while the National Football League brand has been damaged this past year by the National Anthem (of all things, whether players must stand or some can sit or kneel to promote social agendas).

The anthem issue still has not been resolved. And a new professional football league will start up soon, with Steve Spurrier as head coach of the Orlando team. It used to be a given that all NFL players would stand up during the playing of the National Anthem. Sadly, not so anymore.

MURDER**Continued From A1**

place outdoors at dusk in the heavily populated apartment complex, was witnessed by 30-40 people, Dowden said at the time. Witnesses described the two, Ceja and Grant, as embroiled in a fistfight and alleged Ceja broke away and went to his vehicle to retrieve a gun.

Initial attempts to find the suspect were hampered by his use of an alias and his apparent lack of a permanent residence. He had been living under the name of Angel Ramirez, Dowden alleged.

"He had the capability to blend into the background and escape justice," the captain said of Ceja's trail of aliases and false social media accounts.

Meanwhile, officers worked non-stop to find the alleged shooter. "We did everything we could do to capture this guy; he has to answer for his actions," Dowden said.

"One of our officers located his mother, and that's when we obtained a correct identification," Dowden explained.

numbers being drawn every Tuesday and Friday night and the results broadcast on television.

Players pick four numbers from 1 to 47 and one Lucky Ball number from 1 to 17 to win.

Prizes are awarded for various matching combinations, from just the Lucky Ball number to two of four numbers up to the full jackpot cash prize.

Players claim their smaller winnings from each Tuesday and Friday draw, but if no one matched all four numbers plus the Lucky Ball number, the jackpot rolls over until it

reaches \$2 million.

Players can select their own numbers on a playslip for \$1 per play, or can opt for the lottery machine to randomly generate the numbers, an option called Quick Pick.

Carrillo chose to utilize Quick Pick on his playslip.

Odds of taking home the Lucky Money grand prize are one in just more than three million.

Carrillo collected his winnings at Florida Lottery headquarters in Tallahassee on Friday.

He could not be reached for comment.

LOTTERY**Continued From A1**

thunderstorms and heavy rainfall," Newman said. "Showers will move onshore from the Gulf (of Mexico) and continue to shift east and inland."

Heavy rains — not uncommon in the summer months — are rarer in the absence of tropical systems.

"It is important to note that this heavy rainfall potential is not associated with any tropical system or development," Newman said.

According to monitoring reports, the Peace River at the Zolfo Springs monitoring station registered at 12.2 feet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

According to projections, the river is expected to hit flood stage of 16 feet sometime late today and into the early morning hours on Friday.

The river is expected to crest at 16.8 feet in the late evening hours.

The flood waters are expected to recede to below flood stage — 16 feet — sometime Sunday.

This weekend's flood is expected to be on a far smaller scale than the raging torrents that washed across the region during Hurricane Irma last September.

Peace River rose to 23.85 feet in a matter of hours, flooding homes and recreational vehicles along the river. Flooding at Pioneer Park devastated the Hardee County Wildlife Refuge, forcing an emergency evacuation of drowning animals.

"By comparison, this is approximately seven feet less than Irma," Newman said.

CRASH**Continued From A1**

Thursday at 9:32 a.m., the Florida Highway Patrol said.

According to a report filed by crash investigator Tpr. J. Deravil, the smashup was caused by a vehicle running a Stop sign.

Deravil said Matthew Dale Crabtree, 28, of North Port, was driving a 2014 Ford E250 van north on Merle Langford Road when he failed to stop at the intersection with Steve Roberts Special.

A 2014 Dodge Ram pickup traveling eastbound on Steve Roberts Special and driven by Logan R. Nickerson, 30, of Sebring, struck the left side of the van, the trooper said.

Following impact, the van traveled off onto the north shoulder of Steve Roberts Special, hit a barbed-wire fence and overturned onto its roof.

The pickup truck began rotating in a counterclockwise direction and into the path of Long's oncoming 2008 Chevrolet Silverado, Deravil said. Long had been driving her truck westbound on Steve Roberts Special at the time.

The trooper said the front of Long's pickup collided with the right side of Nickerson's truck.

Both trucks came to a final rest on the roadway.

All drivers were wearing their seatbelts, the FHP reported.

Crabtree, Deravil said, was

charged with disregarding a Stop sign.

Both Crabtree and Nickerson sustained minor injuries in the crash, according to Deravil. Nickerson was transported to Florida Hospital Wauchula for treatment.

Long, however, was critically injured. She was flown by medical helicopter to Lakeland Regional Medical Center, where she later succumbed to her injuries.

She became the fifth fatality for Hardee County roadways so far this year.

Long was employed by Hardee County in October of 1987, beginning as a full-time accounting clerk in the Road & Bridge Department and advancing to personnel supervisor in April of 1993.

She served as director of the county's annual Pioneer Park Days event in Zolfo Springs for 22 years.

She retired on July 17, 2015.

Long leaves behind husband Reuben Long Jr., known as "Junior," daughter Julia Roberts and son Matthew Greubel along with their spouses and a number of other family members. She had six grandchildren.

Visitation and funeral services were Wednesday at the church she was a member of for 30 years, First Baptist Church of Bowling Green.

Moose Lodge Raising Funds For Burn Victim**By JENNIFER McCONKEY**
Herald-Advocate Intern

A barbecue dinner and raffle event is being hosted by the Wauchula Moose Lodge to raise money for Lester Elbertson and his family.

Elbertson was injured while burning a brush pile on July 1. He mistakenly used a highly flammable fuel instead of a slow-burning one, and suffered burns on his face, hands and arms, requiring hospitalization and skin grafts.

To help raise money for him, the Moose Lodge is selling tickets for barbecue chicken or pork plates. Each plate will come with two sides.

Tickets can be purchased for \$8 each by visiting the lodge. You can pick up your plate at the lodge this Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

During that time, the lodge will also be raffling off several items. Anyone who wants to donate items for the raffle can do so by bringing them to the lodge.

The Wauchula Moose Lodge is located at 117 King Road in Wauchula.

SAVE THE DATE**JULY**

26 — Storytime, HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am

26 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am

AUGUST

1 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am

2 — Storytime, HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am

2 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am

8 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am

8 — Back to School Free Food & Fun/Oak Grove Baptist Church/4350 W Main St, Wauchula/6 pm

9 — Storytime, HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am

9 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am

10 — Wildcat Tailgate Party/Main Street Wauchula Inc./6 pm

10 — Scout Club/Main Street Wauchula Inc./6 pm

15 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am

16 — Storytime, HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am

16 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am

16 — Hardee County Candidate Forum/Hilltop Elementary Auditorium/6 pm

17 — Class for Seniors/ "Medicare Basics"/Hardee Help Center/10 am

21 — Devotion & Lunch Hardee Help Center/Noon

22 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am

23 — Storytime, HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am

23 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am

25 — HC Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

29 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am

30 — Storytime, HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am

30 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am

SEPTEMBER

4 — Money Smart for Families/Hardee Help Center/6 pm

5 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am

6 — Storytime, HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am

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

3 Schools May Get Security Officers Instead Of SROs

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Three local elementary schools may open their doors without a school resource officer.

Bowling Green Elementary, Zolfo Springs Elementary and North Wauchula Elementary may lose protection from a full-time law enforcement officer stationed on the campuses as The School Board of Hardee County and the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners struggle to reach a funding deal for the lawmen.

As funding talks continue, school officials are moving forward with a plan to replace the SROs at the schools with school security officers.

The School Board, meeting in regular session last Thursday, approved an update to the job description manual that detailed requirements for a school resource officer.

"What we have done is have a Plan B," said Todd Durden, deputy superintendent.

The proposal prompted a rare outbreak of discussion from the dais as board members questioned the yet-to-be declared additional costs.

"I am concerned with the higher risk this will have our insurance go up," said Garry

McWhorter.

Chairman Paul Samuels and board member Thomas Trevino also asked for assurances that administration intended to utilize retired lawmen to fill the posts.

"We are going to use retired officers?" queried Trevino.

"I know for sure Mr. (Bob) Shayman has talked with three retired deputies," answered Durden.

Shayman, on vacation, was not in attendance.

Also absent were board members Mildred Smith and Teresa Crawford.

Durden said talks were expected to continue this week with the Hardee County Sheriff's Office to reach a compromise that would allow deputies to return to all local campuses.

Funding agreements are in place to continue to provide deputies at Hardee Senior High School, Hardee Junior High School and Hilltop Elementary.

The Wauchula Police Department is also planning to continue to provide an SRO at Wauchula Elementary School, and has budgeted to provide a second trained resource officer as a backup for the school.

Durden said officials are also working to continue to

discuss options" with the Bowling Green Police Department about heightened patrols at BGE.

"The Police Department is very close to the school," Durden said.

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act — a law approved in the wake of the Feb. 14 shooting rampage at a Parkland high school — requires all school districts in the Sunshine State to protect schools with an armed security force.

Sheriff Arnold Lanier estimates the annual cost, including equipment, to staff the three elementary schools with a deputy at \$300,000.

Estimates released by Tallahassee project the district to receive \$479,185 in Safe In Schools funding for the 2018-19 academic year as part of the appropriations package tied to the new Public Safety Act.

The projected allocation is sharply higher than the \$131,725 in security funding received for the current 2017-18 school year.

"What people don't realize is that why we received \$130,000 in previous years is that we spent considerably more than that," Trevino said.

The Safe In Schools funding is also intended to fund secu-

rity upgrades on campus to "harden" facilities with improved fencing, interior locking doors, and better electronic monitoring.

The School Board has tentatively budgeted more than \$50,000 of the Safe-In-Schools funding for hardening projects, but the number of required projects may rise.

Law enforcement and school administration are setting a frantic pace to complete campus security inspections in order to formalize a final report due in Tallahassee on Wednesday of next week.

The School Board has declared a closed-door executive session for Monday to discuss "school safety and security."

Still, Durden said school and law enforcement officials are making progress in coming to terms on a funding plan for officers.

The current offer from the sheriff, Durden said, has come in at \$200,000 for staffing of the three elementary schools with deputies.

"It's quite a bit lower than it was," Durden said.

The current offer does not include providing vehicles.

"The sheriff has offered us a way to purchase his surplus vehicles," the deputy superintendent said.

der, Moore said.

There, Wagner lost control and the motorcycle overturned, the sergeant said.

Wagner was ejected from the bike, which went on to collide with a Stop sign, according to the FHP report.

Moore said Wagner tumbled across West Virginia Street, and came to a rest in a nearby yard. He confirmed that Wagner was wearing a helmet.

Wagner was flown by medical helicopter to Sarasota Memorial Hospital with serious injuries, the report said.

The FHP has charged him with driving while license suspended, third or more offense; failing to have a driver's license motorcycle endorsement; and careless driving.

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office did not respond by press time to a request for the cause of the deputies' pursuit of Wagner.

Motorcycle Crash Injures Local Man

By CYNTHIA KRAHL

Of The Herald-Advocate

A Wauchula man was seriously injured Sunday while allegedly attempting to flee law enforcement officers in Arcadia, the Florida Highway Patrol said.

Justin Allen Wagner, 21, lost control of the motorcycle he was driving and crashed at 5:14 p.m., the FHP said.

The wreck occurred on North Arcadia Avenue at the intersection of West Virginia Street.

According to a report filed by FHP Sgt. J. Moore, Wagner was traveling southbound on North Arcadia Avenue at the time. The trooper's report stated Wagner was fleeing from DeSoto County Sheriff's Office deputies.

Wagner's 2003 Yamaha FZ1 motorbike crossed the pavement and ran off the roadway onto the eastside grass shoulder.

Extension Office Offers Pesticide Class

CEUs.

A registration fee of \$55 per person is charged to cover the cost of study manuals, core and private, and refreshments. To attend the class for only CEUs, the registration fee is \$5.

To attend the class to obtain CEUs or to take the test, call the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 773-2164 to pre-register prior to next Wednesday, Aug. 1.

The class will be held at the Extension Service Office, 507 Civic Center Dr.

Best Big Cities To Move To?

With July and August ranking among the most popular months to move to a new area, and about 80 percent of the U.S. population choosing life in urban areas, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2018's Best Big Cities To Live In.

To take the guesswork out of finding the right city for urban dwellers, WalletHub evaluated the 62 largest U.S. cities in terms of 56 key metrics. The data set ranges from quality of the public school system to job opportunities to median annual property taxes.

Best Big Cities To Live In

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.) Seattle, Wash. | 11.) Minneapolis, Minn. |
| 2.) Virginia Beach, Va. | 12.) Denver, Colo. |
| 3.) Austin, Texas | 13.) Las Vegas, Nev. |
| 4.) San Francisco, Calif. | 14.) Raleigh, N.C. |
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Best vs. Worst

• Virginia Beach, Va., has the highest homeownership rate, 63.18 percent, which is 2.1 times higher than in Miami, the city with the lowest at 30.53 percent.

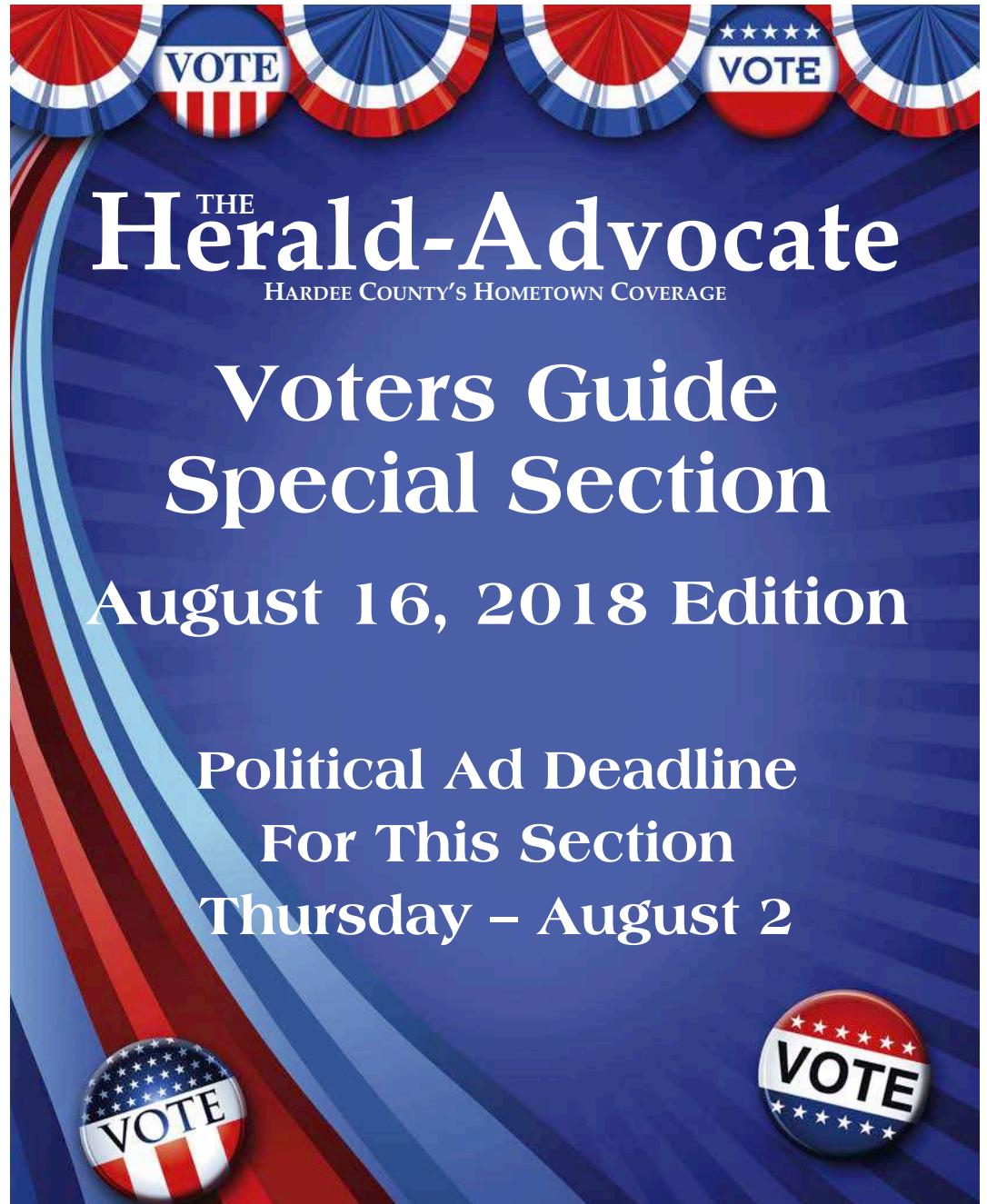
• Virginia Beach, Va., has the lowest share of residents living in poverty, 8.2 percent, which is 4.8 times lower than in Detroit, the city with the highest at 39.4 percent.

• San Francisco has the lowest median debt rate (per median earnings), 14.70 percent, which is 5.7 times lower than in Colorado Springs, Colo., the city with the highest at 83.32 percent.

• Wichita, Kansas, has the shortest average commute time, 18.2 minutes, which is 2.2 times shorter than in New York, the city with the longest at 40.3 minutes.

• Virginia Beach, Va., has the fewest violent crimes (per 1,000 residents), 1.55, which is 13.2 times less than in Detroit, the city with the most at 20.47.

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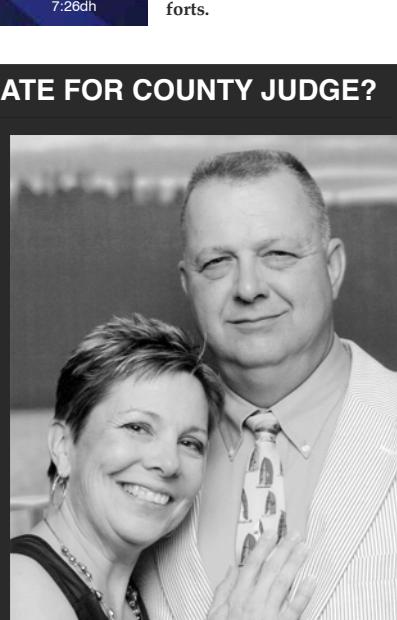
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Florida has 760 species of wildlife that exist nowhere else in the world.

Courthouse Report

COUNTY COURT

The following marriage licenses were issued recently in the Clerk of Courts Office:

Cruz Carranza DeRodriguez, 55, of Wauchula, and Raul Ibarra Mejia, 47, of Wauchula.

Ashley Nicole Milby, 28, of Arcadia, and John Christopher Nava, 31, of Zolfo Springs.

Magdalena Cambrey Alvarez, 21, of Wauchula, and Osiel Antonio Lazaro Aguirre, 26, of Wauchula.

Amber Lynn Kelly, 25, of Wauchula, and Dieuletan Louis Jeune Jr., 29, of Wauchula.

Christy Lynne Tipton, 50, of Ona, James Edward McCafferty Sr., 30, of Fort Meade.

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

Self-Managed Properties vs. Robenson Caudio, final judgment for tenant eviction.

MSW Capital vs. Anita Goad, voluntary dismissal.

Stenstrom Road Senior Village Associates vs. Carlos and Alexis Esquivel, voluntary dismissal.

CIRCUIT COURT

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

Shayna Williams vs. Raymond Oscar Garcia, child support.

William McClenithan and Robin Lynn Chrisman, petition for divorce.

Victoria Laverne Deeson vs. David Wayne Murphy, child support.

Maria Cleto vs. American Traditions Insurance, complaint for contract indebtedness.

Jessica Ann Gonzalez and Jorge Gonzalez, petition for divorce.

Nationwide Advantage Mortgage Co. vs. Elton

Richey, Starr Richey and Carmen M. Whitehurst et al, foreclosure.

Ariana Michelle Trammell and Ty Lane Trammell, petition for divorce.

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

Javier Estrada and Florida Department of Revenue vs. Maria Estrada, final order on petition for child support modification.

Candido Huitron and Jessica Tamayo, petition for injunction for protection.

Candace S. O'Neal and Kevin M. Watson, amended order granting motion for civil contempt enforcement.

Linda P. Lee and David M. Lee, final judgment of divorce.

Lisa Schrader and Ralph Schrader, order on motion for civil contempt enforcement.

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

Karen L. Archie as personal representative of the estate of Robert L. Hambrick to Bret C. and Cheryl Albritton Pierstorff, for \$190,500.

Alejandro and Maribel Mondragon to Vicente Garcia, for \$44,000.

Ken V. and Davica L. Sukhwa to James Sidney Cook, for \$285,000.

Donald T. Davis and Donald T. Davis Family Limited Partnership to The Diehl Family Limited Partnership, for \$5,047,400.

Mildred C. Smith and Rachel C. Medley to Jesse S. Carter, for \$160,000.

Janet Hendry to Dane and Yvette Hendry, for \$60,000.

Rachel C. Medley to Jesse S. Carter, for \$70,000.

James Roy Hughes to Matthew Louis and Mary Ann Stiling, for \$17,800.

Crime Blotter

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

COUNTY

July 22, Jesus Jessie Tenorio, 41, of 403 Fourth St. E., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Det. Shane Ward and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, depriving a victim or witness of communication, and battery.

July 22, a fight occurred in the 100 block of Erler Road.

July 22, a theft was reported on the 3000 block of Edwards Peace Drive.

July 21, Lucindo Hernandez, 35, of 2936 Redbird Lane, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Det. Shane Ward and charged with battery.

July 21, Daniel Juarez, 31, of 161 E. Broward St., Bowling Green, was jailed on a grand theft auto charge by Dep. Bryant Ovalles.

July 21, Adrienne Alvarado, 29, of 415 Manatee St., Bowling Green, was taken into custody by Dep. Bryant Ovalles on a capias for failure to appear in court.

July 21, criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of U.S. 17 South.

July 21, a vehicle on the 1900 block of Mel Bryan Road was burglarized.

July 20, Tyler Benoit, 24, of 622 Memorial Dr., Sebring, was jailed by Dep. Kim Pfeiffer on a capias for failure to appear in court.

July 20, Betty Richardson, 44, of 401 S. 10th Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Beth Gainous on a probation violation charge.

July 19, Ashley Lana Noles, 33, of 1640 Fish Hatchery Road E., Lakeland, was booked into the jail by Sgt. Mary Money on a probation violation charge.

July 19, Daniel Juarez, 31, of 160 Poucher Road, Wauchula, was arrested by the Drug Task Force on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotics equipment, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of a controlled drug.

July 19, a break-in occurred at a residence on the 200 block of Park Drive.

July 18, Jessica Hurst, 38, of 2114 Bishop St., Arcadia, was arrested by Dep. Steve Ahrens and charged with withholding support from children.

July 18, Kasie Simone Hicks, 25, of 314 E. Palmetto St., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Steve Ahrens on a probation violation charge.

July 18, a theft occurred in the 2500 block of U.S. 17 South.

July 18, animal cruelty was reported on the 1400 block of U.S. 17 North.

July 18, Alajandro Brown, 21, of 4642 Freeman Ave., Bowling Green, was taken into custody by Dep. Steve Ahrens on two counts of violation of probation.

July 18, a burglary occurred at a residence in the 400 block of Finch Drive.

July 17, Kenneth Franklin High, 48, of 3012 S. Hwy. 17, Sebring, was jailed by Sgt. Danny O'Bryan on a contempt of court charge.

July 17, a break-in was reported at a residence on the 3700 block of College Hill Road.

July 17, a vehicle on the 500 block of South Road was burglarized.

July 17, Tyshun Kareem Daniels, 32, of 744 Chamberlain Blvd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Kim Pfeiffer and charged with three counts of probation violation.

July 17, a theft occurred in the 1700 block of North Florida Avenue.

July 17, dangerous shooting was reported in the 800 block of Chamberlain Boulevard.

July 16, a theft occurred in the 3100 block of Edwards Peace Drive.

WAUCHULA

July 22, James Franklin Ryder, 38, of 205 N. 10th Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. George Carlisle and charged with violation of probation and three counts of criminal mischief.

July 20, Travis John Downey, 39, of 1164 Downing Cir., Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Thomas Fort on charges of fleeing to elude police, driving while license suspended, possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotics equipment, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, improper exhibition of a weapon or firearm, and armed trespassing. Dep. Mitchell Johnson of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office added a charge of withholding support from children following Downey's booking in the county jail.

July 20, Morgan Lee Palon, 18, of 11250 S.W. Cedar Ave., Arcadia, was jailed by Det. Pablo Bermudez on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotics equipment, perjury in an official proceeding, and making a false call on 911.

July 20, Taylor Audrey Szuba, 20, of 6308 Gewant Blvd., Punta Gorda, was arrested by Sgt. Thomas Fort and charged with perjury in an official proceeding.

July 20, a vehicle was reported stolen off Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Bay Street.

July 19, Julian Venegas Montoya, 40, of 616 N. Ninth Ave., Wauchula, was arrested and charged with criminal mischief and armed trespassing by Ofc. Amy Drake.

July 19, two homes on the 600 block of East Bay Street were burglarized.

July 19, a theft was reported in the 700 block of East Townsend Street.

July 18, thefts were reported in the 100 block of South Seventh Avenue and in the 100 block of North First Avenue.

July 17, Rodrigo Delarosa-Rodriguez, 26, of 35100 SR 64 Camp 21 Road, Myakka City, was arrested by Ofc. Kaleigh Anderson on charges of having no valid driver's license, attaching a tag not assigned, possession of cocaine and possession of narcotics equipment.

July 17, a theft occurred in the 300 block of Southerland Street.

July 17, Lee Ann Elizabeth Clarke, 61, of 112 N. First Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Kaleigh Anderson and charged with two counts of battery.

July 17, a break-in was reported at a residence on the 500 block of 11th Avenue.

July 16, a vehicle on the 300 block of South 11th Avenue was burglarized.

BOWLING GREEN

July 19, Belinda Ann Balderas, 43, of 211 S. Eighth Ave., Wauchula, was taken into custody by Ofc. Estella Islas on a probation violation charge.

July 19, criminal mischief occurred on the 400 block of Sellers Street.

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Notices

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The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:

CERTIFICATE NO.:10
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Ed Pressler and H.P. Pressler, Jr.

Description of Property:
Parcel Identification Number 13-35-23-0000-0000

360 AC 1/16 OF 1/2 MINERAL RIGHTS ALL OF SECTION EXCEPT S1/2 OF SE1/4 & LESS THAT PART OF SW1/4 OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 LYING E OF RD & LESS S1/2 OF SW1/4 OF NE1/4 & LESS SW1/4 OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 & LESS SE1/4 OF SE1/4 OF NW1/4 & LESS E1/2 OF NE1/4 OF SW1/4 & LESS NW1/4 OF SE1/4 & LESS NW1/4 OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 & LESS THAT PART OF THE SW1/4 OF NE1/4 LYING WEST OF ROAD & LESS NW1/4 OF SW1/4 13 355 23E

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All of the property is in HARDEE County, Florida.
Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on August 8, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

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The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:

CERTIFICATE NO.: 1315
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: James A. Cunningham, Trustee

Description of Property:
Parcel ID Number: 27-34-27-0000-52500-0000

409 AC 1/32 MINERAL RIGHTS ALL W OF RD LESS SE1/4 - PART OF 9185 ACRE TRACT LESS PHOSPHATE OR228P790 27 34S 27E

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By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

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Hardee County, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
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Date: 07/23/2018
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Obituaries

In Memory



SUE WINTER RALEY

Sue Winter Raley, 86, of Wauchula, passed away Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at Resthaven of Hardee.

She was born on March 12, 1932, in Birmingham, Ala. Sue was a member of Eastern Star and worked for many years in their family business, Curry Raley Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Vera Roberts Winter; her brother, Clyde "Sonny" Winter; and son-in-law, Ronnie W. Gill.

Sue is survived by daughters, Renee Gill, of Burney,

Calif., Ralene Graham (and her husband H.E. "Binky" Jr.), of Wauchula; son, Lee Raley (and his wife Viviana), of California; grandchildren, Courtney and Mixon Trammell, Binky and Michelle Graham, Cheston and Chrissy Graham, and Alice Raley; great-grandchildren, Blake, Hunter, Cooper, Rosalind, Win, Emmett Graham, Bo and Riley Trammell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial service was at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 22, 2018, at Resthaven of Hardee with Pastor Chris Bishop officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked for donations to be made to Resthaven of Hardee.

Online condolences may be made at pongerkaysgrady.com

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In Loving Memory



SUSAN JANE LONG

Susan Jane Long, of Zolfo Springs, passed away on Friday, July 20, 2018, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center at the age of 62.

Jane was born in Evansville, Ind., on Nov. 27, 1955. She had been a Hardee County resident for 38 years, coming from Lake Wales.

Jane had been employed as the Human Resources Director for Hardee County. She was a 30 year member of the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, serving in various capacities, including Sunday school teacher, nursery director, and on committees. She also participated in several mission trips to share the gospel.

Jane is survived by her

husband, Reuben Long Jr., of Zolfo Springs; daughter, Julie Roberts (Paul), of Zolfo Springs; son, Matthew Greubel (Charissa), of Wauchula; brothers, Steve Greubel (Jennifer), of Winter Haven, and Larry Greubel (Jamie), of Wauchula; sisters, Lynn Shumard (Steve), of Wauchula, Karen Wheeler (James), of Holiday, Texas, and Sherrie Greubel, of Ashville, North Carolina; and six grandchildren, Seth and Makayla Mullins, Arlyn Greubel, Ava, Nolan, and Amelia Roberts.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green. The funeral service was at 12 p.m. (noon) with Pastor Scott Tharp and Pastor Jay Cook officiating. Interment was at Bowling Green Cemetery.

Expressions of comfort may be made at robartsfh.com.

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In Memory

KENNETH EUGENE "GENE" CONERLY

Kenneth Eugene "Gene" Conerly, 79, of Sebring, formerly of Wauchula, passed away Sunday, July 22, 2018, in Sebring.

He was born on June 8, 1939, in Akron, Ohio. Kenneth was a member of the Florida Cattleman's Association and attended New Zion Baptist Church. He also proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Clara Roth Conerly.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Carolyn Stephens Conerly, of Sebring; son, Ken Conerly and his wife, Simone, of Deltona; daughters, Joy Waters and her husband, Rob, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Amber Rickert and her husband, Adam, of Sarasota; brother, Jimmy Conerly and his wife, Susan, of Cape Carteret, N.C.; and grandchildren, Kenneth and his wife Sarah, Morgan, Griffin, Thomas, Taylor, Katherine, and Lilah.

Burial will be private in New Zion Baptist Cemetery in Ona. A public service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, at New Zion Baptist Church in Ona with Pastor Stephen Darley officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to New Zion Baptist Church Cemetery Maintenance Fund, 202 Sidney Roberts Road, Ona, FL 33865.

Online condolences may be made at pongerkaysgrady.com

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JOSEPH 'JOE' DWIGHT SANDERS

Joseph "Joe" Dwight Sanders, 74, of Wimauma, died Monday, July 16, 2018, at Tampa General Hospital.

Born in Elba, Ala., on Aug. 26, 1943, he came to Balm, Fla., from Alabama in 1960. He worked as a citrus crew leader for 35 years with stints at Gardiner/Maran Groves and Clark Groves. He was a member of Alafia Baptist Church in Lithia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and nine brothers and sisters.

He is survived by sons, Terry (Emma) Sanders, of Wimauma, and Gary (Tammy) Sanders, of Fort Meade; daughters, Lynn Sanders, of Gibsonton, Carmen (Steve) Bedenbaugh, of Riverview, and Billie Joe (Kenneth) Johnson, of Elba, Ala.; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; brother, James Sanders, of Troy, Ala.; and sister, Judy Marler, of Arcadia.

Visitation was July 20 at Hopewell Funeral Home, Plant City. Funeral services were July 21 at Alafia Baptist Church, Lithia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial can be made to Alafia Baptist Church.

Arrangements were by Hopewell Funeral Home, Plant City.

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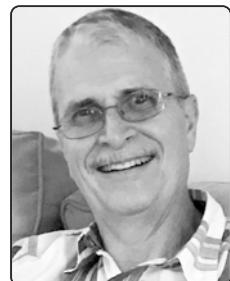
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In Memory



SAMUEL DAVIS 'DAVE' HALL

Samuel Davis "Dave" Hall, 64, passed away on Thursday, July 19, 2018, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 21, 1954, in Plant City, to the late Wilson and Earline Hall.

He graduated from Hardee County High School and South Florida Community College. Dave worked more than 40 years in the phosphate industry as a machinist and an industrial mechanic. He retired from Mid-State Industrial Maintenance on June 1, 2018.

He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially in the Florida Panhandle or in the mountains of Murphy, N.C.

He loved spending time with his family and reading books about "old" Florida. He had an unforgettable sense of humor and was a loving husband, father, and brother.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Beverly Hall; daughter, Kelli Lozano and son-in-law, Osias; son, Brent Hall and daughter-in-law, Amy; sister, Alice Rivera and brother-in-law, Joe; sister, Jeni (Lora) Adamson and brother-in-law, Jim; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilson and Earline Hall; and brother, Angus Hall.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 27, 2018, at 11 a.m., at Shepherd Road Presbyterian Church, 1217 Shepherd Road, Lakeland, FL 33811. A reception will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations may go to Shepherd Road Presbyterian Church's building fund, 1217 Shepherd Road, Lakeland, FL 33811 or to one's favorite charity.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.heathfuneralchapel.com.

Heath Funeral Chapel

Lakeland

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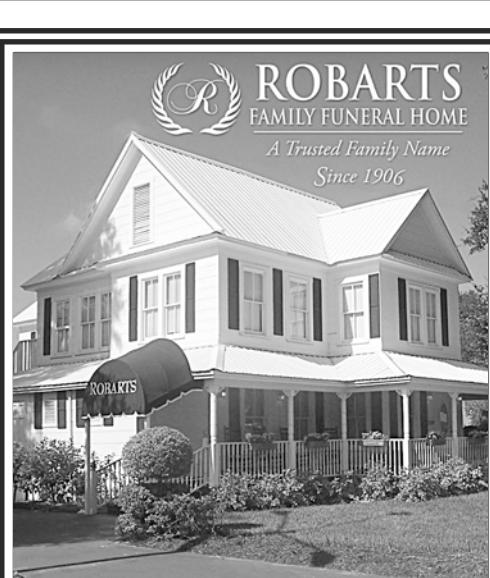
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GRILLED SOUTHWESTERN PASTA SALAD

Here's a hearty summer salad made with grilled steak, fresh vegetables and multi-grain pasta, with just the right amount of cumin, fresh cilantro and lime juice.

8 ounces multigrain or whole-wheat penne

8 ounces lean boneless sirloin steak

1/2 teaspoon each ground cumin, salt and pepper

3 medium poblano chile peppers, halved and seeded

1 ear fresh corn, husked

1 medium sweet onion, sliced

1/2-inch thick Nonstick spray

2 large ripe tomatoes

1 tablespoon olive oil

1/4 cup lime juice

1/2 cup chopped cilantro

1. Cook pasta in a large pot of lightly salted water as package directs. Drain; rinse under cold water and drain again.

Transfer to a large serving

bowl.

2. Heat outdoor grill. Rub steak with 1/4 teaspoon each of the cumin, salt and pepper. Coat steak, peppers, corn and onion with nonstick spray.

3. Grill steak 4 to 6 minutes, turning once, for medium-rare. Remove to cutting board; let stand 5 minutes. Grill peppers, corn and onion 8 to 10 minutes, turning as needed until lightly charred and tender.

4. Cut peppers and onion into bite-size pieces and cut corn off cob; add to bowl with pasta. Slice steak thinly against the grain and add to bowl.

5. Add remaining cumin, salt and pepper and remaining ingredients to bowl; toss to mix and coat. Serves 4.

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Crop Update

July 23, 2018

General: According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 22, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Dry Tortugas (Monroe County) to 6.3 inches in Chiefland (Levy County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.8°F in Crescent City (Putnam County) to 88.2°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus: Generally warm conditions were found across the citrus producing region during the last week. Afternoons were mostly in the high 80s to the low 90s. Weekend temperatures were slightly warmer with many citrus producing counties reaching the mid 90s. The warmest temperature recorded was in Avon Park (Highlands County) at 97 degrees. Intermittent showers on several days were enough to produce more-than-average rainfall for the period. Several rain stations in the northern citrus producing area received over three inches for the week; many stations in western and central areas had at least two inches of rainfall. According to the July 19, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region remained drought free.

Field workers continued with spray programs on days with permissible weather. Caretakers applied summer oils and treated for greening. Also observed was fertilizing, mowing, and giving care to resets. Irrigation was less regular in areas where it rained several days during the week. The fruit and trees looked good so far, and growers were optimistic about the upcoming crop.

Fruits and Vegetables: Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, mango, and okra.

Livestock and Pastures: In the northern half of the state, frequent rains continued to prevent low-lying areas from drying, making it difficult for producers to tend to their fields. Southern counties had hit-or-miss rain which left some pastures in excellent condition while others were flooded. Cattle condition declined slightly from the previous week.

HARDEE COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES

Alpha & Omega Freedom Ministries

113 N 7th Ave Wauchula, FL 33873

Tele: 863-773-5717

Requirements: Identification, Social Security card

When: Wednesday ONLY | 10 am – 12 noon

Bowling Green Church of God

121 W. Broward Bowling Green, FL 33834

Tele: 863-375-2231

Requirements: Identification

When: 3rd Saturday of the month | 8 am – noon

Cutting Edge Food Ministry

3059 Elm Street Zolfo Springs, FL 33890

Tele: 863-773-2484

Requirements: Identification

When: Tuesday & Friday

10 am – noon & 1 – 3 pm

First United Methodist Church of Wauchula

207 N. 7th Ave Wauchula, FL 33873

Tele: 863-773-4267

Requirements: ID & Physical address (Light Bill, Lease etc.)

When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month

1:00 – 3:00 pm (first come, first serve)

Other Program:

Bagged Lunch - M, W, F

8 am – 12 pm for pre-school age kids & adults.

Wednesday Night Free Community Dinner:

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Hardee Help Center

713 E. Bay Street, Wauchula, FL 33873

Tele: 863-773-0034

Requirements: Application with proof of hardship

Programs: Emergency & Homelessness Assistance

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St. Michael's Catholic Church Food Pantry

408 Heard Bridge Rd, Wauchula, FL 33873

Tele: 863-773-4089

Requirements: Identification or Light Bill

When: Every Saturday 6:00 – 8:00 am

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SFSC Graduates Radiologic Technologists

South Florida State College honored 11 of its graduates in a traditional pinning ceremony last week.

Held on the college's Highlands Campus in Avon Park, the event recognized those graduates who have earned their Associate in Science degrees in radiography.

Five of the graduates are Hardee County residents, including Cynthia Granados, Melissa Hernandez, Raquel "Rocki" Martinez, Jacob "Jake" Mayer and Araceli Navarro.

Guest speaker at the ceremony was

Sabrina Keckler, supervisor of the Imaging Department at Florida Hospital Heartland Division. She offered words of advice to the graduates as they prepared to launch their careers.

Alicia Black of Highlands County, class president, thanked the families and friends in attendance for their support, encouragement and love that saw her and her classmates through the two-year program.

Junior Gray, director of the radiology program, reminded the graduates to "keep demonstrating compassion and

professionalism to gain respect from your patients, superiors and colleagues."

Upon completing SFSC's two-year AS degree in radiography, graduates can work as certified radiologic technologists by passing the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national examination.

Radiologic technologists work in hospitals and clinics performing diagnostic imaging examinations, such as X-rays.

For information about SFSC's radiography program, contact Gray at 784-7347 or gray@southflorida.edu.



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Graduates of the radiologic technologies program at South Florida State College are (front row, from left) Melissa Hernandez, Cynthia Granados and Araceli Navarro, all of Hardee County, and Heather Johnson; (middle row) Alicia Black, Rosela LaPointe, Hardee Countian Rocki Martinez and Nicole Iosue; (back row) Edna Viljean, Hardee Countian Jake Mayer and Marina Torres.

Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- Dominique Bouhours, a Frenchman who lived in the 17th century, was a priest, an essayist and a grammarian. The love of language may have been closest to his heart, though; it's been reported that the final words he uttered on his deathbed were, "I am about to — or I am going to — die; either expression is used."

- Those who study such things say that sea slugs have 25,000 teeth.

- The town of Waco, Texas, has an entire museum dedicated to the popular soda Dr Pepper. Even more surprising is the fact that it gets more than a hundred visitors a day, on average.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, as per Chapter 116.21, Florida Statutes, the following monies will be paid to the Hardee County Clerk of Courts Fine & Forfeiture fund, unless claim is made on or before September 1, 2018, and same shall be declared forfeited to Hardee County Clerk of Courts.

MID FLORIDA TITLE PROFESSIONALS LLC	\$ 51.00
JESSIE GRIFFIN	\$ 14.75
MARY K HARRIS	\$ 15.00
JOHN M LAKE	\$ 15.00
STEPHANIE JUAREZ	\$ 15.00
PAUL J KNARR	\$ 30.00
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HEATHER E CRAIG ESQUIRE	\$ 50.00
DUSTIN N ADCOCK	\$ 15.00
KAYLA A SMITH	\$ 15.00
JOHN ANTHONY MEDRANO	\$ 250.00
JUAN RODRIGUEZ	\$ 250.00

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Kitchen Diva

By Angela Shelf Medearis



Don't Skimp on Shrimp

Shrimp is one of my favorite fresh, fast ingredients, and it's also a healthy menu choice. Shrimp are a great source of high-quality protein and are rich in health-enhancing nutrients. Shrimp are also low in fat and calories. Research shows, and dietitians concur, that the high percentage of "good fats" in shrimp reduce the impact of the cholesterol that it contains. Maybe that's why shrimp is one of America's favorite seafoods! When and how you will prepare the shrimp should determine whether you buy it fresh or frozen. Frozen shrimp offer the longest shelf life, as they can be kept for several weeks, whereas fresh shrimp will keep only a day or two.

Fresh shrimp should have firm bodies that are still attached to their shells. They should be free of black spots on their shell, since this indicates that the flesh has begun to break down. In addition, the shells should not appear yellow or gritty, as this may indicate that sodium bisulfite or another chemical has been used to bleach the shells.

Smell is a good indicator of freshness — good quality shrimp have a slightly saltwater smell. Since a slightly "off"

smell cannot be detected through plastic, if you have the option, purchase displayed shrimp as opposed to those that are prepackaged. Once the fishmonger wraps and hands you the shrimp that you have selected, smell them through the paper wrapping and return them if they do not smell right. After purchasing shrimp or other seafood, make sure to refrigerate it as soon as possible. If the shrimp is going to accompany you during a day full of errands, keep a cooler in the car so it stays cold and does not spoil.

The temperature of most refrigerators is slightly warmer than ideal for storing seafood. To ensure maximum freshness and quality, it is important to use special storage methods to create the optimal temperature for holding the shrimp. One of the easiest ways to do this is to place the shrimp, which has been well-wrapped, in a baking dish filled with ice. The baking dish and shrimp should then be placed on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator, which is its coolest area. Replenish ice one or two times per day. Shrimp can be refrigerated for up to two days, although it should be purchased as close to being served as possible.

You can extend the shelf life of shrimp by freezing it. Wrap it well in plastic and place it in the coldest part of the freezer, where it will keep for about one month.

To defrost shrimp, place it in a bowl of cold water or in the refrigerator. Do not thaw the shrimp at room temperature or in a microwave since this can lead to a loss of moisture and nutrients.

Shrimp can be cooked either shell-on or unshelled, depending on how you'll be using them. There are various methods to remove the shell. One way is to first pinch off the head and the legs, and then, holding the tail, peel the shell off from the body. If shelling frozen shrimp, do not defrost them completely as they will be easier to shell when they are still slightly frozen.

Some people prefer to remove the shrimp's intestines before cooking or eating. To do so, make a shallow incision along the back of the shrimp and pull out the dark vein that runs throughout by rinsing under cold water.

This recipe for Spicy Sweet Chili Shrimp in Lettuce Cups is a perfect dish for a hot summer day!

SPICY SWEET CHILI SHRIMP IN LETTUCE CUPS

1/4 cup Asian sweet chili sauce
1/4 cup mayonnaise
2 large cloves garlic, minced
2 green onions, green parts and white parts, sliced, roots discarded
2 tablespoons cilantro, minced, plus more for sprinkling

1 tablespoon lemon juice, plus more for sprinkling
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
16 jumbo shrimp (or 1 1/2 to 2 pounds medium shrimp), peeled and deveined
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon Old Bay Seasoning
4 butter lettuce or iceberg lettuce cups

1. In a large bowl, mix together the chili sauce, mayonnaise, garlic, green onions, cilantro, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Place the mixture in the refrigerator to chill.

2. Season the shrimp with the 1 tablespoon of the olive oil and the Old Bay Seasoning; mix well.

3. Heat the remaining tablespoon of olive oil in a cast-iron or non-stick skillet. Cook shrimp for 2 minutes per side. When the shrimp are almost cooked, add in the chili sauce mixture; stir to combine.

4. Sprinkle with the cilantro and lemon juice, and serve in the lettuce cups. Serves 4.
Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children's author, culinary historian and the author of seven cookbooks. Her new cookbook is "The Kitchen Diva's Diabetic Cookbook." Her website is www.diva-pro.com. To see how-to videos, recipes and much, much more, Like Angela Shelf Medearis, The Kitchen Diva! on Facebook. Recipes may not be reprinted without permission from Angela Shelf Medearis.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The HARDEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

will hold a

PUBLIC HEARING on

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018

6:05 P.M. or as soon thereafter

in the County Commissioners' Board Room
Room 102, 1st floor Courthouse Annex
412 West Orange St., Wauchula, FL

TO HEAR THE APPLICATION, RECEIVE A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING/ZONING BOARD AND TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT FOR

Agenda No. 18-10

Torrey Oaks Golf Course Inc. and William R. Lambert Jr. and Marie Z. Lambert as property owners and the Authorized Representative William H. Harvey, Torrey Investments LLC request approval of a Special Exception with Site Development Plan to develop Torrey Trails RV with associated improvements on parcels zoned C-2 and F-R in the Highway Mixed Use and Residential Mixed Use Future Land Use categories

On or about northwest corner of Bostick Rd and U.S. Hwy. 17 North, Hardee County

015.00+/-acres	16 33 25 0000 03110 0000
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The legal descriptions were taken from the boundary survey provided in the application:

PARCEL 1: S 731.90 ft of W1/2 of NW1/4 of SW1/4 lying W of Highway (U.S. 17 or S.R. No. 35), Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 25 East, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at SW corner of NW1/4 of SW1/4 of S16, T33S, R25E; thence N 00deg32min54sec W along section line 731.90 ft; thence N 89deg30min31sec E, 108.79 ft to W r/o/w line of highway; thence S 12deg14min36sec E along highway r/o/w, 750.85 ft; thence S 89deg53min14sec W along S bdry of NW1/4 of SW1/4, 1262.91 ft to Point of Beginning AND

From SW corner of S16, T33S, R25E, go 270 ft N 00deg23min54sec W, along section line to POB; thence N 00deg23min54sec W, 1050.80 ft to NW corner of SW1/4 of SW1/4; thence S 62.91 ft to W r/o/w of highway; thence S 12deg14min36sec E along highway r/o/w 1350.96 ft to S bdry of SW1/4 of SW1/4 and section line; thence S 89deg53min18sec W along section line 455.22 ft to point 85 ft E of SW corner of S16; thence N 17deg50min50sec W 283.47 ft to POB.

PARCEL 2: Commence At NE corner of NE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 17, Township 33 South, Range 25 East, and run thence S 89deg30min12sec W 14.37 ft to W r/o/w of U.S. Highway 17 to POB; thence S 89deg30min12sec W, 1050.80 ft to NW corner of SW1/4 of SW1/4; thence S 62.91 ft to W r/o/w of highway; thence S 12deg14min36sec E along highway r/o/w for 529.99 ft to E section line of S 17; thence N 12deg14min36sec W along W Highway U.S. 17 r/o/w for 70.01 ft to POB, S17, T33S, R25E, Hardee County, Florida

PARCEL 3: Begin at SW corner of SE1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 17, Township 33 South, Range 25 East, run thence n 00de00min40sec W 353.86 ft; thence S 89deg30min12sec W 597.35 ft to POB, Hardee County, Florida.

PARCEL 4: Commence at SE corner of Section 17; thence N 00deg23min54sec W 270 ft to POB; thence N 00deg23min54sec W 1782.00 ft; thence S 89deg30min12sec W 126.21 ft to E section line; thence N 89deg30min12sec E to S16 for 108.79 ft to W Highway U.S. 17 r/o/w; thence N 12deg14min36sec W along W Highway U.S. 17 r/o/w for 529.99 ft to E section line of S 17; thence N 12deg14min36sec W along W Highway U.S. 17 r/o/w for 70.01 ft to POB, S17, T33S, R25E, Hardee County Florida--Parcel I.D. No. 17 33 25 0000 09060 0000.

PARCEL 5: Lot P, Block 1 of Torrey Oaks Villas Subdivision as recorded in Plat Bar 73, page 1, Public Records of Hardee County, Florida, said Lot P being a preserved open space, and drainage easement area in SE corner of said subdivision.

PARCEL 6: Begin at SE corner of Section 17, Township 33 South, Range 25 East; thence S 89deg26min55sec W along section line 470 ft; thence N 00deg23min54sec W 235 ft; thence N 89deg26min55sec E 220 ft; thence N 00deg23min54sec W 35 ft; thence N 89deg26min55sec E 250 ft to POB and E1/2 of NW1/4 of SE1/4 and SW1/4 of NW1/4 of SE1/4 and W1/2 of SW1/4 of SE1/4 LESS S 275 ft and E 50 ft of S 275 ft of W1/2 of SW1/4 of SE1/4 and LESS 14.35 acres description being part of Torrey Oaks Subdivision (459P32) and W1/4 of NE1/4 of SE1/4 and commence at SW corner of SE1/4 of NE1/4; thence run N 89deg30min12sec E 597.35 ft to POB; thence N 00deg03min08sec W 569.77 ft to point on S r/o/w line of Old Dixie Highway; thence S 84deg38min08sec E along r/o/w 275.49 ft; thence S 12deg24min30sec E 553.54 ft; thence S 89deg30min12sec W 392.72 ft to POB S17, T33S, R25E, Hardee County Florida--Parcel I.D. No. 17 33 25 0000 09060 0000.

All containing 136.375 acres plus or minus

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. 9th Ave., Wauchula, Florida.

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

All interested persons shall have the right to be heard.

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

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

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On This Day:

- In 1775 US Continental Congress creates United States Post Office (U.S.P.O.) in Philadelphia under Benjamin Franklin
- In 1788 New York becomes 11th state to ratify US constitution
- In 1835 1st sugar cane plantation started in Hawaii
- In 1865 Patrick Francis Healy is 1st African American awarded PhD (from University of Leuven, Belgium)
- In 1896 Vitascope Hall, 1st permanent for-profit movie theatre, opens in New Orleans
- In 1903 1st automobile trip across the United States (San Francisco to New York) completed by Horatio Nelson Jackson and Sewall K. Crocker
- In 1908 United States Attorney General Charles Joseph Bonaparte issues an order to immediately staff the Office of the Chief Examiner (later renamed the Federal Bureau of Investigation)
- In 1917 J. Edgar Hoover gets job in US Department of Justice
- In 1926 National Bar Association incorporates
- In 1983 Light flashes seen on Jupiter moon Io

Letter To The Editor

Florida Lakes Support A Multitude Of Birds

Dear Editor:

Several years ago I had the opportunity to rent a second floor apartment in a condominium. It was located in Winter Haven beside Lake Winsteret. Most every lake in Florida supports a wonderful bird population.

Once settled in, I often enjoyed sitting outside on the screened-in balcony porch where I had "a bird's-eye-view" of the lake below. Large oak trees gave some shade to the water's edge, and thick grass covered the banks.

During afternoons spent on the porch, although not intentional I began to notice the many varieties of birds in and around the lake.

I thought, "This lake can't be the only lake in Florida which has so many kinds of birds." I wondered how many other people are taking notice of the abundance of "our feathered friends" at lakes in their own areas?

I began a journal about all the birds I identified at that one lake and logged 30 kinds of birds! I was astounded about all the different birds that visited the lake.

The largest flock was the American white pelican, and there is no other word to describe the flock than magnificent with their crystal white feathers that created sparkling reflections on the water.

Bright orange beaks were long with pouches that can expand to hold up to three gallons of water when the pelicans dive for fish.

Wing spreads of American white pelicans can reach up to eight feet across, and these birds travel in flocks. They are very early to nest and as early as February will be leading their young from lake to lake across this state.

Pelicans have black feathers on the underside of their wings to cast shadows and flap over fish to confuse them and make them an easy catch. The flock works together to stir up fish and then dive with open beaks to fill their pouches.

As days went by I decided to use my camcorder to record many of the birds, and by using my Encyclopedia Of Florida Birds I could identify the birds on shore and in the lake.

To name some of the 30 birds which I saw ... sea gulls, brown pelicans, anhingas (called snake birds) which swim under water and then come out with wings spread to dry feathers, little blue and great blue herons, great egrets, snowy egrets, cattle egrets, white ibis, wood storks, wood ducks, hawks, sandhill cranes,

sandpipers, osprey, sparrows, blue jays, black birds, flycatchers, and the list goes on.

The most exciting bird I was able to view for nearly 30 minutes was an eagle perched on a high branch of a dead tree. It was absolutely beautiful and magnificent.

Don't mistake an osprey for an eagle. The osprey is a common Florida bird but has a white underbelly unlike the eagle which has a dark underbelly and white head and tail.

The wood stork is an interesting bird and easy to identify. It is white with black feathers underneath its wings, and its head is black with a long black beak. It has an unusual way to catch fish at the shoreline by sticking one long wing over the water to cause fish to scatter and be caught. Every wood stork uses the same method. The large white storks "which deliver babies" are in Europe.

There are two kinds of Florida water birds, either in the water to catch fish or the kind which walk the shoreline to catch fish. Those with long legs walk in the water at the shoreline, wading in shallow water to eat vegetation and small fish.

The very tall sandhill cranes stay at the water's edge and have the loudest, most annoying honk. There are usually two of them as they pair for life.

If you see more than two, they have their young with them for nearly two years. They are aggressive birds, and one day I saw them chase a woman walking her dog. I'm not sure who ran the fastest ... the woman or her dog!

I will conclude by saying I captured the most exciting sight with my VCR recorder of a great blue heron catching a very large fish too large to swallow, I thought.

I did wonder if I would have to run downstairs and perform CPR on the bird. I watched with anticipation as the heron put the fish on the grass and made sure it was dead.

Then it returned the fish to the water to get it wet again. The fish was turned around several times so the bird swallowed it head first. It was so large that I was sure the heron would choke.

The last of my filming showed the heron with a very large neck and with a meal that would probably last him a week. It was a very good day, a great experience, and a wonderful video.

Carol Cowing
Winter Haven

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The property will be sold at a public auction on the 8th day of August, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., unless the back taxes are paid. To make payment or for questions concerning real property taxes, contact the Hardee County Tax Collector's Office at (863) 773-9144 (PO Box 445, Wauchula, FL 33873). To receive further information regarding the Tax Deed Sale, contact the Hardee County Clerk of the Courts, immediately, at (863) 773-4174 (P.O. Drawer 1749, Wauchula, Florida, 33873).

The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:

CERTIFICATE NO.: 1307
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: James A. Cunningham, Trustee

Description of Property:
Parcel Identification Number 10-34-27-0000-57500-0000

560 AC 1/32 MINERAL RIGHTS
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By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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The property will be sold at a public auction on the 15th day of August, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., unless the back taxes are paid. To make payment or for questions concerning real property taxes, contact the Hardee County Tax Collector's Office at (863) 773-9144 (PO Box 445, Wauchula, FL 33873). To receive further information regarding the Tax Deed Sale, contact the Hardee County Clerk of the Courts, immediately, at (863) 773-4174 (P.O. Drawer 1749, Wauchula, Florida, 33873).

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YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: James A. Cunningham, Trustee

Description of Property:
Parcel Identification Number 15-34-27-0000-53270-0000

640 AC 1/32 MINERAL RIGHTS
ALL OF SECTION 15 34S 27E
PARK OF 9185 ACRE TRACT OR
228 P 790 LESS PHOSPHATE

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By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Office of Hardee County Emergency Management has scheduled a Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) meeting on July 26, 2018 at 1:30 p.m., located at the Hardee Emergency Operations Center, 404 West Orange Street, Wauchula, FL 33873. The purpose of a local mitigation strategy is to reduce the human, environmental, and economic costs of disasters. Mitigation is any action taken to permanently reduce or eliminate long-term risks to people and their property from the effects of disasters.

The goal of the LMS meeting will be to discuss, update, rank, and prioritize the LMS projects.

Please come participate in this informative and important public meeting.

For more information, please call the Emergency Management Office at 863-773-6373.

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Hardee Citrus Growers Optimistic About Relief

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Relief may be coming for local citrus growers ravaged by Hurricane Irma.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture began accepting applications last week for its Wildlife & Hurricane Indemnity Program.

Officials from the USDA Farm Service Agency crisscrossed the Heartland region earlier this month to announce details of the emergency assistance program.

Hardee County was not selected for an onsite seminar. The closest forum — at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center in Sebring — drew more than 800 attendees.

The federal aid program al-

lows growers who receive 75 percent of their adjusted gross income from agriculture to be eligible for up to \$900,000 from the Wildlife & Hurricane Indemnity Program, while those below the 75 percent benchmark face a \$125,000 cap.

Crop insurance coverage also factors into the W.H.I.P. payments.

Higher coverage can generate higher payments, according to Florida Citrus Mutual Executive Vice President Mike Sparks, who has advised members to quickly set up appointments for the relief.

"We understand there is a lot of complexity to W.H.I.P. and accompanying paperwork," Sparks wrote to mem-

bers. "But we believe this is a fair program that will provide the necessary funding to get growers back on their feet in addition to building a foundation for the industry to expand in the coming decade."

The program, however, is not open only for Sunshine State growers. Recovery efforts from hurricanes in Texas and Puerto Rico and from wildfires in California are also eligible.

The relief package is part of a \$2.36 billion agriculture package approved by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Donald Trump in February.

Officials in Tallahassee have estimated \$761 million in Florida citrus losses from Hurricane Irma.

Agriculture officials in Tallahassee are continuing to develop a plan to administer \$340 million in block grant

funding they are slated to receive from the federal government with an earmark from citrus growers.

While plans on how to administer the funds have yet to be formally approved, the current proposal from the Florida Division of Emergency Management would create an eligibility threshold of an insured citrus grower's financial recovery cannot exceed 85 percent of estimated losses. The cap is 65 percent of their losses for uninsured growers.

Plans call for the state block grant to be used to replace damaged or destroyed trees, cover future economic losses and help pay the cost of crop insurance.

One major condition: to be eligible for state funding is a grower must first apply for W.H.I.P.

The relief effort comes as

the state's citrus industry faces one of its worst production years on record. According to the final crop report by the USDA, growers produced 34.7 percent fewer oranges and half the number of grapefruits than a year ago.

Hurricane Irma was only one contributing factor.

Growers continue a decade-long fight against citrus greening disease.

Overall production is at its lowest since the 1941-42 growing season.

The USDA's final report provides some rays of hope, as Florida growers outpaced California in overall production, even if only barely.

California produced 44 million boxes. Florida produced 44.95 million boxes, a fifth of the production rate 20 years ago.

In Hardee County, growers remain optimistic on the fu-

ture of the local industry. "I think we are in pretty good shape," said Kenny Sanders, a local grower and member of Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association.

Sanders is predicting an upward turn in local production — barring any catastrophic storm.

"We have as good of a crop as we had last year before the hurricane," Sanders said. "I am kind of excited. We had a good crop before the hurricane blew it off."

Prior to Hurricane Irma, Florida citrus was forecast to have an upshift in production.

Sanders said growers are making efforts to focus on grove care to strengthen output.

"I am real optimistic," Sanders said. "Everybody is taking care of the groves and looks like there is a good crop."

Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I read with interest the recent column where a reader put aluminum pie plates on surfaces, like the stove, where cats weren't allowed. That sounds like a good solution to stopping cats from jumping onto the countertops.

Our cats, when they were young, would jump 5 feet straight up to the tops of kitchen cabinets. Needless to say, this was annoying and more than a little concerning. My wife got some plastic rug runners that had knubby things on the bottom to keep the runners from moving on a carpet. She cut pieces and laid them on top of the cabinets with the knubby side up. It took only a few times for the cats to realize the cabinet tops were not comfortable.

The knubby things could not hurt the cats, but they certainly didn't feel good.

—Bob R., via email

DEAR BOB: Thank you for the suggestion! Readers, if you

try this solution, be sure to use rug runners with nylon or softer plastic nubs. Essentially, discouraging cats from jumping onto surfaces where you don't want them requires you to put something on those surfaces that they don't like, but which won't hurt them. An unfamiliar texture will keep them from hanging around on those surfaces.

High-pitched noises can send them away, such as the rattle of an aluminum pie plate. Some cat owners keep a "shaker can" handy — a small can with a lid, like a potato chip can, filled with pennies or other objects that make a jangling, high-pitched noise when shaken. Keep in mind that these are all forms of negative reinforcement, so try to limit their use to stopping very specific behaviors that might endanger your cat.

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

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- National Coffee Milkshake Day
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- National Chili Dog Day

Notices

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

CASE NO. 25-2017-CA-000280

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Plaintiff,

vs.

Margaret A. Barringer a/k/a Margaret Barringer; Unknown Spouse of Margaret A. Barringer; Hardee County, Florida; Erin I. Fitzpatrick; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendants).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-000280 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Margaret A. Barringer a/k/a Margaret Barringer are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Victoria L. Rogers, will sell to the highest and best bid-

der for cash HARDEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 417 W. MAIN STREET, 2nd FLOOR HALLWAY OUTSIDE OF ROOM 202, WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, 33873 AT 11:00 A.M. on August 8, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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VICTORIA L. ROGERS,
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- 23 Valuable desert plants?
- 25 Graf of tennis
- 26 "Leave it in"
- 27 PC-to-PC hookup
- 28 Shuttle org.
- 30 Chalk out
- 31 Pine cousin
- 32 Test of one's holiness?
- 37 Most gross
- 41 Twistable cookie
- 42 Legal title
- 43 Dollar or euro divs.
- 44 Really bad-mouth a physician?
- 47 Good (at)
- 49 Tool in a wood shop
- 50 Walk — (tiny parts)
- 51 Iowa's tree
- 53 Slim, slithery fishes
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- 88 Mom's skill, for short
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- 90 Far Eastern mercenary
- 93 Oil-anointing rite in old Russia?
- 98 Chillax
- 100 Without, in Paris
- 102 Bank holding
- 103 Ballet garb
- 104 Draw out feta or Brie?
- 107 "Uh-uh," rural-style
- 108 Elisabeth of "Molly"
- 109 Boxing wallop
- 110 Kit — bar
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- 115 Ones giving GIs orders
- 117 "That bee just ingested poisoned plant fluid!"?
- 123 Warming current
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- 125 Cornell's city
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- 127 May's gem
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Season Tickets On Sale For SFSC Shows

Subscription ticket packages are now available for both the Artist Series and Matinee Series for the 2018-19 performance season, South Florida State College has announced.

Season-ticket packages offer big discounts on admission, and seats are available in the best sections in the house before the general public sales.

"The Artist Series is a bargain and the theater is so close to home," said Ann Pollard, a long-time Artist Series subscriber. "We don't have to drive to the coast and stay in a hotel when we want to see a show. We never have to wait in line for our tickets, and we never miss a sold-out show."

"Plus, we get invited to VIP receptions and events," she added. "Subscribers," she contin-

ued, "can save more than \$100 by buying a series package."

The 10-show Artist Series includes: John Tesh, Christmas Wonderland Spectacular, Eva, The Doo Wop Project, Jon Secada, Florida Orchestra, Wayne Newton, "The Sound of Music," "Legally Blonde," and Sandy Patti.

All Artist Series performances begin at 7 p.m. in the Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts.

Subscription packages are \$385 for gold circle tickets; \$338 for silver section seating; and \$298 for bronze seats. "With a bronze package, you can see a show for less than \$30, and that is the best deal in Florida," remarked Garren.

The 10-show Matinee Series, which begins in January, includes: Let's Hang On, a Frankie Valli tribute; Simon and Garfunkel Revisited; Dueling Pianos; Phil Dirt and The

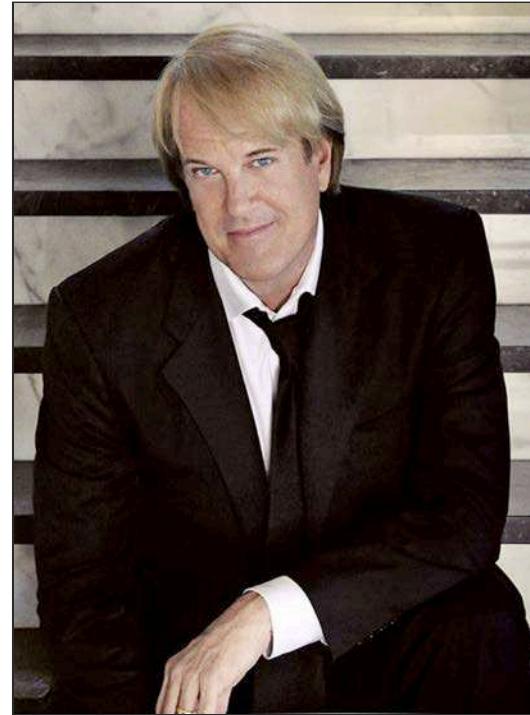
Dozers; Divas 3; Alter Eagles, an Eagles tribute; Nashville Legacy with Jason Coleman; "My Mother's Italian, My Father is Jewish and I'm in Therapy;" Violinist Doug Cameron and Family; and the University of Florida Concert Choir.

All Matinee Series performances begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts.

Subscription packages are \$192 for gold circle seats, \$168

for silver section seating, and \$141 for bronze seats.

Subscriptions are available online at sfscarts.org, by calling the SFSC box office at (863) 784-7178 or by visiting the box office on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The box office is located at the Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts on the SFSC Highlands Campus at 600 W. College Dr. in Avon Park.



Six-time Emmy-winning composer will perform in "John Tesh Big Band" during the Artist Series.

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- Dog Days of Summer
- National Blueberry Month
- National Anti-Boredom Month
- Unlucky Month for Weddings
- National Cell Phone Courtesy Month
- National Hot Dog Month
- National Ice Cream Month



"The Sound of Music" will likely be one of the most popular performances during the 2018-19 Artist Series at South Florida State College.

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Letters To The Editor

The Herald-Advocate welcomes letters to the editor on matters of public interest. Letters should be brief, and must be written in good taste and include the writer's full name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

Letters must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday to be considered for that week's edition. Submissions should be typed or legibly written. Send letters to: Letters to the Editor, The Herald-Advocate, P.O. Box 338, Wauchula, FL 33873. Fax to (863) 773-0657.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

WARNING

THERE ARE UNPAID TAXES ON THE PROPERTY WHICH YOU OWN OR IN WHICH YOU MAY HAVE LEGAL INTEREST.

The property will be sold at a public auction on the 15th day of August, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., unless the back taxes are paid. To make payment or for questions concerning real property taxes, contact the Hardee County Tax Collector's Office at (863) 773-9144 (PO Box 445, Wauchula, FL 33873). To receive further information regarding the Tax Deed Sale, contact the Hardee County Clerk of the Courts, immediately, at (863) 773-4174 (P.O. Drawer 1749, Wauchula, Florida, 33873).

The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:

CERTIFICATE NO.: 1312
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: James A. Cunningham, Trustee

Description of Property:
Parcel Identification Number 20-34-27-0000-50050-0000

DESCRIPTION:
625 AC 1/32 MINERAL RIGHTS
ALL LESS S 15 ACRES OF
SE1/4 OF SW1/4 PART OF 9185
ACRE TRACT LESS PHOSPHATE
OR 228 P 790

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

All of the property is in HARDEE County, Florida.

Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on August 15, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

NOTICE EXECUTIVE SESSION HARDEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

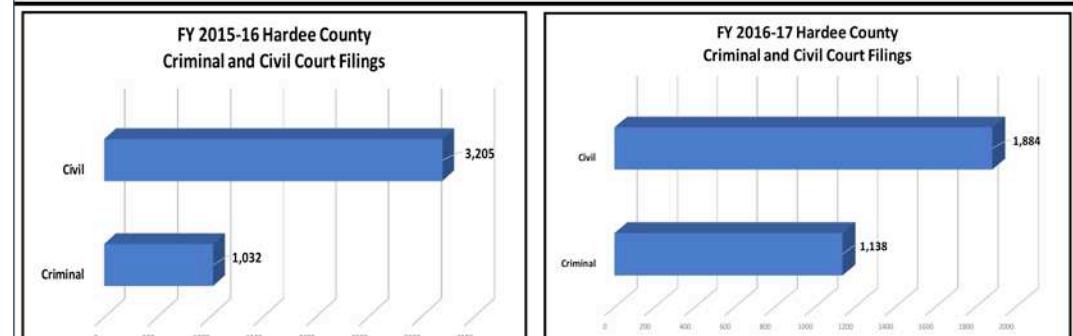
The Superintendent of Schools has called an Executive Session of the School Board for Thursday, July 26, 2018, immediately following the regular meeting of the Board. The session will be held in the School Board Meeting Room located at 230 South Florida Avenue, Wauchula, Florida. The purpose of the session is for school safety and security. This session is closed to the public.

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Facts Matter

Hardee County Court case filings

are predominantly civil.*



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Kids: Join The Downtown Wauchula Scout Club Now!

Explorations rewarded with badges and fun are a big part of many kids' summer days thanks to a Main Street Wauchula Inc. initiative.

The Downtown Wauchula Scout Club kicked off on Friday, July 13, but there is still time to join in on the action.

Participating children are given an Explorer Guide, which they pick up from the Main Street Wauchula office at 107 E. Main St. The guide has over 20 activities for children to follow that lead them to "explorer stations," destinations around their community.

At each destination, the scout earns a badge.

The initiative started last year and was a huge success.

"We are very excited about the success we had during our first Scout Club. The number of participants surpassed our expectations! We are already thrilled at how much fun participants are having this year," said Jessica New-

man, Main Street Wauchula Inc. director.

"Businesses that were set up as explorer stations were pleased with the extra visitors. Pictures and posts made their way to social media, validating the success of the initiative," she added.

Many Hardee County youngsters have taken advantage of this opportunity to learn about their community's history, find and explore landmarks, and experience various businesses.

In addition to dozens of badges, these children will collect memories and experiences during the Downtown Wauchula Scout Club.

If your child is interested in participating, visit the Main Street Wauchula office.

The Downtown Wauchula Scout Club will continue until Friday, Aug. 10. Those who complete at least half of the activities will receive a special treat during that evening's Wildcat Tailgate Party in downtown Wauchula.



Kids get an Explorer Guide, and earn special badges at each stop they make.



The Wauchula Police Department has interesting and helpful information to share.



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Community history reveals itself at significant stops along the path of exploration.

WAUCHULA WWII VETS



PHOTO BY MICHAEL KELLY
It's becoming a rare occurrence to see two World War II veterans having lunch together nowadays. That's what happened last Friday when two Hardee County natives decided to meet for lunch with family and friends at the Pioneer Restaurant in Zolfo Springs. Col. Donnell Mathews, 92, of Melbourne and longtime friend Todd Silverman, 93, of Miami try to have lunch together a couple of times each year. Mathews retired from the Army Air Corps and the United States Air Force after serving for 33 years. He was a tail gunner in a Boeing B-29 Superfortress, a four-engine propeller-driven heavy bomber. Silverman was a Navy aviator from 1943 until 1946. He flew on 21 missions in the Pacific Theater. From left are Silverman, Pioneer Restaurant owner Anna Belle Jewell and Mathews.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

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Deadline for changes or additions:
Thursday 5 p.m.

BOWLING GREEN

APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE
UNITED PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH

310 Orange Street • 773-1017

Sunday Service10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.

CHESTER GROVE MB
CHURCH

708 W. Grape Street

Sunday Morn. Worship8:00 a.m.

Sunday School9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study Night

Children & Youth4:30 p.m.

Adult Class6:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN BIBLE
FELLOWSHIP

3950 Aurora Avenue • 375-2864

Morning Worship10:30 a.m.

Youth Group - Sunday6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD

121 West Broward St. • 375-2231

Sunday School10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship6:30 p.m.

Wednesday7:30 p.m.

NEW LIFE POWER
OUTREACH CHURCH

725 Palmetto Street

Sunday School9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Empowerment

Class7:30 p.m.

Evening Worship

1st Sunday5:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Bowling Green

4531 Hwy. 17 N • 375-2253

SUNDAY:

Bible Study9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship10:45 a.m.

Children's Church10:45 a.m.

Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Youth (7th-12th grade)6:00 p.m.

Adult Discipleship Train6:30 p.m.

TeamKID (ages 4-3rd grade)6:30 p.m.

BOLD (4th-6th grade)6:30 p.m.

FORT GREEN
BAPTIST CHURCH

2875 Baptist Church Road

773-9013

Sunday School9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Supper6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FOX MEMORIAL
HOLINESS CHURCH

140 E. Main Street • 836-273-7576

Sunday Morning Worship10:00 a.m.

Sunday Night Worship6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service7:30 p.m.

GATEWAY CHURCH

(formerly Faith Assembly of God)

4937 Hwy. 17 N. • 375-4000

Sunday School9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.

GREATER MACEDONIA
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

607 Palmetto Street • 375-3226

Church School9:30 a.m.

Morning Service11:00 a.m.

Evening Service7:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study/Prayer7:00 p.m.

Communion-2nd Sun. Eve. 6:00 p.m.

HOLY CHILD
SPANISH CATHOLIC MISSION

4315 Chester Avenue • 773-4089

Misa (Espanol) Sunday7:00 p.m.

HOUSE OF PRAISE
JOHN 3:16

3920 Murray Road • 863-582-6716

Sunday10:30 a.m.

.....6:30 p.m.

Wednesday7:00 p.m.

IGLESIA DEL DIOS VIVO

105 Dixiana Street • 375-4191

Domingo De Predicacion11:00 p.m.

Martes Estudio Biblico7:00 p.m.

Miercoles Estudio Juvenil7:00 p.m.

Jueves De Predicacion7:00 p.m.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

210 E. Broward Street • 445-0290

Sunday School9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer6:00 p.m.

MT. PISGAH BAPTIST
CHURCH

6210 Mt. Pisgah Rd. - 375-4409

Sunday School9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

Disciples Training5:00 p.m.

Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Time7:00 p.m.

NEW BEGINNINGS

4810 Sally Blvd. • 781-5887

Sense Sunday11:00 a.m.

"Making Sense of the Non-Sense"

Sunday Bread of Life3:15 p.m.

2nd Sunday Communion11:00 a.m.

BOWLING GREEN

NEW BEGINNINGS
WORSHIP CENTER

230 E. Lemon St. • 375-3208

Sunday10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday7 p.m.

Friday7 p.m.

(Service with Fellowship to follow)

PRIMERA MISION BAUTISTA

3920 Murray Road • 375-2295

Domingos Escuela Dom.9:45 a.m.

Servicio de Adoracion11:00 a.m.

Servicio de Predicacion5:00 p.m.

Miercoles Servicio6:30 p.m.

REAL LIFE CHURCH

3365 US Hwy 17 • 375-4032

Martes Escuela Dom.10:00 a.m.

Servicio de Adoracion11:00 a.m.

Servicio de Predicacion5:00 p.m.

Miercoles Servicio6:30 p.m.

FaITH PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

114 N. 7th Avenue • 773-2105

Sunday School10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Supper6:15 p.m.

Wed. Youth Fellowship7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH

513 W. Orange Street

Sunday School9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study6:30 p.m.

VICTORY PRAISE CENTER

128 E. Main Street

Sunday School10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

Thursday Night Services

Evening Worship7:00 p.m.

Kidz Club7:00 p.m.

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IGLESIA PENTECOSTES

VISION POR LAS ALMAS

149 Badger Loop • 448-2831

Martes: Oracion7:00 p.m.

Jueves: Ensenaza Biblica7:00 p.m.

Domingo: Servicio10:30 a.m.

LIMESTONE BAPTIST
CHURCH

4868 Keystone Ave. • Limestome

863-242-2855

Sunday School9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship10:45 a.m.

Children's Church10:45 a.m.

Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

Wednesday7:00 p.m.

ONA BAPTIST CHURCH

131 Bear Lane • 863-245-2371

Sunday School10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

Wednesday11:00 a.m.

Thursday Prayer7:00 p.m.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

5076 Lily Church Rd. • 494-5622

Sunday School10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

Wednesday7:00 p.m.</

Stump The Swami

By John Szeligo

The Way Too Early Top 25

Well football fans, it is time to take a look at the college football season coming up next month.

Will the Tide Roll again in 2018? Most preseason magazines think so.

Georgia is still loaded and coming off with the best recruiting class last year.

Clemson is still lurking in the shadows as well with 15 returning starters.

Oklahoma is banking on Kyle Murray replacing Baker Mayfield with another title run.

West Virginia will host the Sooners with Will Grier looking to lead the Mountaineers to the playoffs while winning the Heisman Trophy in November.

Washington looks to be the best team out of the other coast.

Wisconsin is locked and loaded to gun down any opponent in the Big 10.

There is a plethora of other teams such as Auburn, Miami and Ohio State with high hopes also.

All in all, it does look like another great year for college football.

How will the Florida teams fair in 2018? New coaches and the unknown face the University of Florida, University of Central Florida, and Florida State University. The University of South Florida and University of Miami are settling in with their somewhat newer coaches. Florida Atlantic University and Florida International University will also see improvement with their second year coaches.

Florida Gators



Dan Mullen may not be the most exciting new coach but he is a proven winner. Can he take the Florida Gators back to their "glory days"? More will be revealed. The Gators do have 19 starters returning which leads the nation.

FSU Seminoles



Willie Taggart turned around Western Kentucky and USF before going to Oregon. Given a marquee program in his own backyard, FSU should see a return to the top of the ACC sooner than later. The 'Noles return 12 starters from 2017.

UCF Knights



UCF replaced Scott Frost with Josh Heupel. The cupboard is not bare by a long shot for Heupel. Can the Knights repeat as "national champions"?

USF, FAU, and FIU all return many starters but have significant loses also.

USF Bulls



The USF Bulls lost their stellar quarterback and will struggle to match the win total of 2017. Coach Charlie Strong must do a good job in 2018 to keep pace in the American Athletic Conference.

FIU Panthers



Coach Butch Davis has only four defensive starters back from last year for the FIU Panthers.

FAU Owls



FAU head coach Lane Kiffin surprised a lot of people winning the conference in 2017. Many publications having him repeat, but with only five offensive starters back don't count on it. The Owls will not get out of Huntington alive when they play Marshall in October.

The Way Too Early Top 25



1. Alabama — Until someone proves them otherwise, the Tide will Roll.



2. Clemson — Senior quarterback play and tradition keep them in the hunt.



3. Georgia — 'Dawgs are still loaded and had the nation's top recruiting class.



4. Oklahoma — If Kyle Murray comes through is the question.



5. Wisconsin — Always consistent. Always control the ground game.



6. Washington — Clearly the top team in the Pac 12.



7. Auburn — Don't overlook these guys.



8. Miami — A very fast defense is the key plus experience at quarterback.



9. West Virginia — Grier has the best receiving corps in football.



10. Ohio State — Solid defense and strong running game.



11. Michigan State — These guys are always in the hunt.



12. Penn State — Back-to-back 11-win seasons and still loaded.



13. Mississippi State — Mullen left a stocked cupboard.



14. FSU — 'Noles should be back in the hunt.



15. Texas — Harmon has the Horns on the right track again.



16. Southern Cal — Can they repeat?



17. Oregon — Ducks still have talent and can make a run.



18. TCU — Horned frogs are always tough under Patterson.



19. Florida — Mullen wins at least eight games in first year.



20. Virginia Tech — Should play well in the ACC and win nine games.



21. Marshall — 18 returning starters back with six straight bowl wins.



22. Notre Dame — Made improvement in 2017. Should be good in 2018.



23. Boise State — Mountain West Top team should win 10.



24. Michigan — Tough schedule keeps them from being higher.



25. Texas A&M — Jimbo better earn that \$75 million.

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Peavy's Ponderings

By Jonell Peavy

Sugar Possum of the late Truman Thomas

I have family in Georgia that I have not seen in years, but we keep in touch by phone and social media.

My cousin Jean told us about someone she knows who is writing a book based on an uncle of ours. It won an award and was published. The name of the book is "Gradle Bird," and the author is J.C. Sasser. My daughter ordered a book for me, and I can hardly put it down.

Our uncle was quite a character. He was self-taught in everything he did. Everyone in that area knew him, and someone was always stopping by. He loved to play his guitar and sing. He wrote his own songs and even wrote one about Sand Mountain, which used to be in Fort Meade, when he came to visit us in Florida.

He loved to draw pictures and write. His house burned down with a life-time of his work that can never be replaced, but he left everyone who knew him with a lot of memories and stories to tell about him.

He was a true dirt farmer, singer, writer, artist, and a jack-of-all-trades. He was child-like yet possessed a deep southern background in his everyday life. He is no longer with us, but he left his mark on everyone he came in contact with. It fills my heart with joy to know he touched so many lives through the years.

I really received a surprise a few days ago. I was invited over to my daughter's for pizza. She was like me, thinking it was just an invite to share a pizza, when someone else walked through the door. We both got the surprise of our lives.

It was her daughter and my granddaughter from Texas. We didn't know she was coming so it was a total surprise. We are just enjoying spending time with her and the grandchildren. *Jonell Peavy lives in Avon Park and can be reached at 863-453-3589.*

Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. In 2017, Edinson Volquez tossed the sixth no-hitter in Miami Marlins history. Name three of the first five to do it.

2. What was the highest batting average legendary St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Bob Gibson had during any one season?

3. Name the coach of the San Diego State football team the first time it won 11 games in a season as a Division I program in 1969. (Hint: He went on to become a well-known NFL coach.)

4. Who is the all-time blocked shots leader for the Oklahoma City Thunder?

5. Carey Price set a Montreal Canadiens franchise record in 2018 for most career games in goal. Who had held the mark?

6. In how many decades did Richard Petty win at least one of his seven NASCAR Cup

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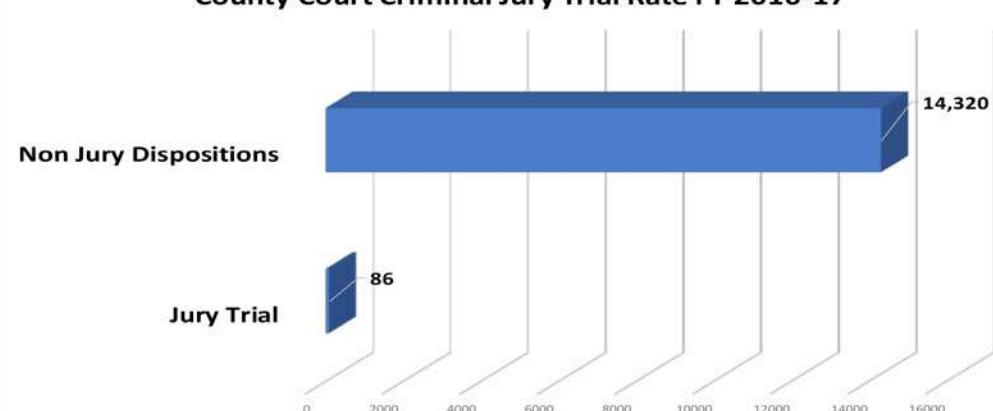


Pay Attention To The Facts

County Judges Spend A Small Fraction of Their Time

Presiding Over Criminal Jury Trials

Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties County Court Criminal Jury Trial Rate FY 2016-17



SOURCE: The Florida Office of the State Courts Administrator

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HARDEE SWIM ASSOCIATION

Hardee Wins At AP Meet

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Hardee Swim Association (HSA) dominated the competition during a three-way meet Saturday (July 21) at the Avon Park High School pool.

HSA earned 1,149.5 points as the squad swam to first place over the Highlands Hurricanes (1,074 points) and Avon Park Club Swim (947.5 points).

Hardee took nine first place finishes.

Khale Dickey took first in the 10-and-under 25 yard freestyle with a time of 15.37, and the 25 yard butterfly with a time of 19.62.

Renell Herrera was first in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 27.64, and the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 1:05.57.

Peyton Peterson was first in the boy's 10-and-under with a time of 23.19.

Jayden Burch was first in the boy's 10-and-under 100 yard intermural with a time of 1:52.04, and the 25 yard butterfly with a time of 22.22.

Renell Herrera, Morgan Dickey, Hellein Dickey, and Andrew Reschke took first in the 200 yard freestyle mixed relay with a time of 1:58.03, and Andrew Reschke, Emma Hays, Morgan Dickey, and Morgan Hellein took first in the 200 yard medley relay with a time of 2:24.68.

Individual Results:

Girl's 10-and-under 25Y Freestyle: 1st, Khale Dickey, 15.37; 5th, Saydee Herrera, 20.43; 7th, Emma Tyson, 26.87; and 9th, Tiana Battey, 31.69.

Boy's 10-and-under 25Y Freestyle: 2nd, Peyton Peterson, 16.59; 3rd, Jayden Burch, 16.88; and 6th, Aaron Braddock, 28.91.

Girl's 50Y Freestyle: 1st, Renell Herrera, 27.64; 2nd, Morgan Hellein, 28.38; 3rd, Morgan Dickey, 30.32; 7th, Emma Hays, 34.00; 10th, Alexandra Herrera, 35.18; 13th, Micayla Gillispie, 39.06; 14th, Eva Palacios, 44.85; and 15th, Madison Braddock, 50.46.

Boy's 50Y Freestyle: 3rd, Andrew Reschke, 26.86; 15th, Josiah Burch, 36.30; and 18th, Braddock Dickey, 38.21.

Girl's 10-and-under 25Y Breaststroke: 2nd, Khale Dickey, 22.81; 5th, Saydee Herrera, 30.78; and 6th, Emma Tyson, 36.30.

Boy's 10-and-under 25Y Breaststroke: 1st, Peyton Peterson, 23.19.

Girl's 50Y Breaststroke: 2nd, Renell Herrera, 43.57; 4th, Abby Duke, 44.28; 6th, Emma Hays, 46.56; 9th, Eva Palacios, 54.20; 10th, Alexandra Herrera, 56.27; and 11th, Micayla Gillispie, 58.66.

Boy's 50Y Breaststroke: 2nd, Andrew Reschke, 40.40.

Girl's 10-and-under 100Y IM: 2nd, Khale Dickey, 1:36.98.

Boy's 10-and-under 100Y IM: 1st, Jayden Burch, 1:52.04.

Girl's 100Y IM: 2nd, Morgan Dickey, 1:19.04; and 3rd, Morgan Hellein, 1:21.04.

Boy's 100Y IM: 2nd, Andrew Reschke, 1:16.57; and 9th, Braddock Dickey, 1:43.46.

Mixed 10-and-under 100Y Freestyle Relay: 2nd, HSA (Peyton Peterson, Saydee Herrera, Jayden Burch, and Khale Dickey), 1:21.49.

Mixed 200Y Freestyle Relay: 1st, HSA (Renell Herrera, Morgan Dickey, Morgan Hellein, and Andrew Reschke), 1:58.03; and 5th, HSA (Emma Hays, Braddock Dickey, Josiah Burch, and Abby Duke), 2:18.31.

Girl's 10-and-under 25Y Butterfly: 1st, Khale Dickey, 19.62.

Boy's 10-and-under 25Y Butterfly: 1st, Jayden Burch, 22.22.

Girl's 50Y Butterfly: 2nd, Morgan Dickey, 33.93; 3rd, Morgan Hellein, 37.65; 6th, Emma Hays, 42.14; and 9th, Micayla Gillispie, 53.28.

Boy's 50Y Butterfly: 4th, Andrew Reschke, 35.79; and 9th, Josiah Burch, 51.38.

Girl's 10-and-under 25Y Backstroke: 2nd, Saydee Herrera, 26.38.

Boy's 10-and-under 25Y Backstroke: 4th, Aaron Braddock, 40.65.

Girl's 50Y Backstroke: 2nd, Renell Herrera, 35.76; 3rd, Abby Duke, 36.95; 5th, Micayla Gillispie, 47.45; 6th, Alexandra Herrera, 48.36; 8th, Eva Palacios, 59.72; and 9th, Madison Braddock, 1:00.57.

Boy's 50Y Backstroke: 2nd, Noah Landrewss, 40.56; 4th, Josiah Burch, 43.85; and 5th, Bradock Dickey, 45.84.

Girl's 10-and-under 50Y Freestyle: 2nd, Khale Dickey, 37.34; and 4th, Saydee Herrera, 45.59.

Boy's 10-and-under 50Y Freestyle: 3rd, Peyton Peterson, 38.37.

Girl's 100Y Freestyle: 1st, Renell Herrera, 1:05.57; 2nd, Morgan Hellein, 1:08.09; 3rd, Abby Duke, 1:08.74; 4th, Morgan Dickey, 1:11.23; 7th, Emma Hays, 1:18.09; and 9th, Alexandra Herrera, 1:22.55.

Boy's 100Y Freestyle: 5th, Andrew Reschke, 1:06.43; 15th, Braddock Dickey, 1:25.55; and 16th, Josiah Burch, 1:27.09.

Mixed 10-and-under 100Y Medley Relay: 3rd, HSA (Jayden Burch, Peyton Peterson, Khale Dickey, and Saydee Herrera), 2:36.55.

Mixed 200Y Medley Relay: 1st, HSA (Andrew Reschke, Emma Hays, Morgan Dickey, and Morgan Hellein), 2:24.68; 4th, HSA (Renell Herrera, Abby Duke, Braddock Dickey, and Micayla Gillispie), 2:44.75; and 8th, HSA (Davis Roberts, Macy Kingdon, Josiah Burch, and Hallie Poucher), 3:30.46.

2018 Hardee High School Swimming/Diving Schedule

Aug. 27	@ Sebring High	SHS, OHS, HSH, and APHS
Aug. 29	@ Rowdy Gaines (WH)	WHS, SHS, HSH, and ASHS
Sept. 4	@ Lake Wales	LWHS, HSH, FMSH
Sept. 8	@ Sebring High	Blackman Invitational
Sept. 11	HOME	HSHS, BHS, SHS
Sept. 15	@ Florida Southern	LPHS, HSHS
Sept. 17	@ Lake Placid High	APHS, LPHS, SHS, LWHS
Sept. 25	@ Avon Park High	Hardee Invitational (Sept. 28 Diving, Sept. 29 Swimming)
Sept. 28-29	HOME	HSHS, LWHS, APHS (Senior Night)
Oct. 2	HOME	
Oct. 8	@ Port Charlotte	
Oct. 16	HOME	HSHS, LPHS
Oct. 18	@ Rowdy Gaines (WH)	FHS, LWHS, HSHS

INVITATION TO BID
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**2005 HORTON MIRAGE MOBILE HOME for Sale**

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Co.

Commissioners, Hardee Co., hereinafter

referred to as "County," at:

**Hardee County Purchasing Dept.,
205 Hanchey Road, Wauchula, FL 33873**

Until 2:00 P.M. on Monday, August 27, 2018 at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Any BIDS received after the time specified will not be accepted. Important instructions and specifications regarding responses to this Invitation to Bid (the "ITB") are available at 205 Hanchey Road, Wauchula, FL 33873 or by email-ing request to lorie.ayers@hardeecounty.net. BIDS shall be enclosed within a sealed envelope MUST be marked with the words "BID - MOBILE HOME". The general scope of work for solicitation: The successful bidder will be responsible for disconnecting and removing this mobile home from County property, with said work coordinated and completed in cooperation with the Public Works Dept. This removal will include removing electrical connections and water/sewer connections from the mobile home. Successful bidder will also be responsible for obtaining all permits for moving this home and comply with applicable rules and laws. Bidders are encouraged to conduct a site visit to physically see this unit before bidding, it is located at 620 W. Main Street, Bowling Green, FL 33834. Questions and inquiries should be directed to Lorie Ayers, Purchasing Director, at lorie.ayers@hard-ecounty.net or at 863-773-5014.

Hardee County reserves the right to: waive informalities and/or irregularities in any BID, delete any portion of the project; extend the project within the limits of the work involved which in its judgment is in the best interest of the County. Bids may be withdrawn prior to the date and time of bid opening. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bid(s) and may postpone the award for a period of time which shall not extend beyond sixty (60) calendar days from the Bid opening date.

Russell Melandy, Chairman

**Strange
But True**

By Samantha Weaver

• It was French playwright Albert Guinon who made the following sage observation: "There are people who, instead of listening to what is being said to them, are already listening to what they are going to say themselves."

• You may not be surprised to learn that, according to a poll conducted by The Associated Press, Americans hate math twice as much as any other subject.

• A study published in 2008 showed that the price of a pain medication had an effect on its efficacy. In the study people were given placebo pills, some at the regular price and some at a discounted price. Those who paid full price for the medication reported more relief than those who paid less.

• During Elizabethan times, it was customary in England for a wife to wear her wedding ring on her thumb.

• It seems no one can adequately explain the reason why women tend to strike matches away from themselves, while men tend to strike them toward themselves.

Thought for the Day: "It's hard to be religious when certain people are never incinerated by bolts of lightning."

—Bill Watterson

I may be on a first-name basis with some of these deer. One will walk down the middle of the street and come eat under the window.

She just has not begun to care for my dog Sissie. Sissie likes to chase anything with four legs. A coyote was following the deer scent about 10 p.m. last night just as Sissie needed to toilet.

They saw each other about the same time. The coyote was about eight feet long, nose to tail tip. Sissie put it on the move. I am sure it would be a lot different should there have been a pack.

My oldest brother fits this Army saying to a "T."

Airborne training is a three-week school. First week they separate the men from the boys. Second week they separate the men from the fools. Third week the fools jump.

Someone said marriage is an institution. Who wants to be in an institution? Even the states closed theirs and put the mental cases on the streets and under the bridges.

The story I read in an old Readers Digest fits right in. The young man had rented his first apartment and was complaining about the high cost of living and how much taxes they were taking out.

His father told him his taxes would go down if he got married. His son replied, "That's like buying the airline to get free peanuts."

I did it four times. It don't get cheaper and often times not too quiet and peaceful.

All I have now is two small dogs, and even they have

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As Seen From This Side

By Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips

Wauchula



started bossing me around.

I tell Sissie not to ramble around when she goes No. 1 or No. 2. I try to speed up her business and get back in the AC.

Now, as soon as I enter the bathroom she barks, telling me to hurry.

Even my little long-haired Foxy, usually asleep on my pillow (not the one they sell on TV) will call out if he wakes up and I'm not with him and comes looking for me. Without a wife I still have two bosses.

After World War II my cousin married her high school sweetheart who had been in the Signal Corps in the Army, re-laying messages to and from the front lines. He had a lot of tales he had overheard.

Shortly after discharge he went to work for Bell Telephone back a year or two when we had party-line phones.

After a long stormy day climbing phone poles he had just gone to sleep when his three rings followed by two short rings woke him up, just knowing he had to go back out in the rain.

Nope, it was a wrong number ... some kids wanting the burger joint in town. Two minutes later it rang again. He answered, then said, "Four with cheese, hold the mustard and pickles, pick up in 30 minutes." Then he laid back down.

Janie asked, "What was that?" He said, "Wrong number, now back to sleep." She said, "No, what was that you did?"

"I took his order. He won't call back. Now back to sleep."

I cannot count the times on that party line

(everyone listened in) kids would call and ask if we had Prince Albert (tobacco) in a can. Yes. "Well, let him out — it's stuffy in there."

Then there was their favorite. After electricity had covered the county, the call was "Is your Frigidaire running?" Yes. "Then you better go catch it."

A friend and I had bought an airboat from FWF (Florida Wildlife Federation) when they upgraded to a faster boat, and I had gone to Syracuse, N.Y., leaving the boat with him in Tallahassee (in the summer of '71 I believe it was).

I got a call from his wife. She said if I wanted the boat I had better come get it. He had almost lost it carrying 25 gallons of "shine" the night before.

He had (it appeared) about a box of bandages all over him where he had driven through a huge palmetto patch to avoid the law.

I enjoyed the summer, and as fall came I parked it in the

NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Hardee County School Board will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a 1.500 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the School Board's proposed tax of 4.819 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the School Board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately **\$2,417,995** to be used for the following projects:

CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING

New fencing at Hilltop Elem.

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

Reimburse the General Fund for costs of maintenance, renovation, and repair as permitted by Florida Statutes.

Replace/ renovate air conditioning chillers, controls, air handlers and equipment (Districtwide)

Replace two air handlers at Hardee Sr. High

Replace main water supply overhead at Zolfo Springs Elem.

Upgrade HVAC controls at Wauchula Elem. and North Wauchula Elem.

Renovate three communal bathrooms at Zolfo Springs Elem.

Renovate front office at Wauchula Elem.

Renovate media center at North Wauchula Elem.

Renovate auditorium at Hardee Sr. High

Renovate student commons block at Hardee Sr. High

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

Purchase two (2) school buses

Purchase one (1) van for Information Technology Dept.

Purchase one (1) sport utility vehicle for Information Technology Dept.

Purchase one (1) truck including utility bed and lift for Facilities Dept.

NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER AND DEVICE HARDWARE AND OPERATING SYSTEM SOFTWARE NECESSARY FOR GAINING ACCESS TO OR ENHANCING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT AND RESOURCES, AND ENTERPRISE RESOURCE SOFTWARE

Purchase equipment, computer-related equipment, electronic learning devices and digital classroom equipment (Districtwide)

New playground equipment at Bowling Green Elem.

New voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone systems as needed

New smart reach WiFi to download video at Transportation Dept.

New generator and wiring at District Office

New storage server for Information Technology Dept.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Insurance premiums on District facilities

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on July 30, 2018, at 5:05 P.M., in the School Board meeting room located at 230 South Florida Avenue, Wauchula, Florida.

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

All The Clarity You Need

My cousin Ross Hendry was working cows at my Aunt Ouida's place. The humidity was 100% and the temperature was about 98 degrees – a typical Florida summer day. It was the kind of day that makes a cowboy pray for shade. At Aunt Ouida's pens, there wasn't any. They stood out in the middle of the pasture in the brutal Florida heat.

Black Angus bulls are especially prone to heatstroke. Bulls are bigger than cows, and their black hides draw in heat from the sunshine and hold it. Three of the Angus bulls were standing in the corner of a pen, laboring for breath. Ross, a veterinarian, recognized the warning signs: the bulls needed to be cooled off, right away.

Cooling off three one-ton bulls is not the easiest thing in the world. You can't exactly load them up in the truck and turn the A/C on full blast. Nor can you take them home and let them cool off in your living room ("Oh give me a home, where the Angus bulls roam..."). The only way to get the bulls cool was to get them to a waterhole as soon as possible.

Ross told his son Dane, who is my age, to put those bulls on the trailer and get them to the waterhole. Dane was about 16 at the time, an age when the pre-frontal cortex (where decisions are made) is not yet mature.

Whoops, hollers and hotshots got the bulls moving, and Dane got them on the trailer. The bulls had moved all they wanted so they did something unusual: they laid down in the trailer as Dane hauled them to the waterhole.

Dane backed the trailer down to the waterhole, went back and opened the trailer gate. Under normal circum-

stances, the bulls would have bolted for the opening and splashed into the waterhole. This, however, was not a normal day.

Instead the bulls stayed in the trailer. They were still hot and panting, but at least they had a bit of shade. Dane hollered. The bulls didn't move. Dane whooped. No movement. Dane applied the hot-shot to the bull's backside. Even electricity didn't move the bulls. They just bellowed and resumed panting.



the trailer had stood up (to avoid drowning). The bull in the front of the trailer was still happily laying down, now up to his neck in water. All the bulls seemed relieved.

Waterholes tend to have muddy bottoms. Aunt Ouida's was no exception. Not only had Dane sunk the bulls in the water, he had sunk the trailer tires in a foot of gooey mud. Dane, the trailer, and the bulls were stuck.

In those pre-cell phone days, there was nothing to do but

Directions

By Clay Smith

Hardee County Native

wait until someone came looking for him. Sure enough, in about 30 minutes Dane's dad Ross and Tom, one of the hands, came riding out.

Ross could see the bulls in the water and his cattle trailer buried in the mud. Hendrys', a special offshoot of our family, have a number of unique vocabulary words to express their feelings at times like these.

Ross had started to access his vocabulary when Tom stopped him and said, "Ross, now stop and think. The boy did what he was told to do. You told him to get those bulls cooled off, and they are. You didn't tell him they had to be out of the trailer."

Ross bit his tongue and Dane was eternally grateful to Tom.

It did take two tractors to haul out the truck and trailer. The bulls seemed upset to be leaving their personal pool. But the bulls lived to breed another day.

God knew the greatest clarity comes not from a list of instructions. The greatest clarity comes from being with someone. That is why God sent Jesus – to be with us. There is a great phrase in Galatians: "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."

When you know Jesus, he lives in you. He whispers to you in the moment. The clarity is not from his words, but from his presence.

Someday you may be faced with a situation and not know exactly how to deal with it. Access Jesus inside of you. His presence, his peace, will give you all the clarity you need.

And yes, it may mean you have to back a load of bulls into the waterhole, even if it is not exactly the way someone else would solve the problem.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Hardee County School Board will soon consider a budget for fiscal year 2018-19. A public hearing to make a DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on Monday, July 30, 2018, at 5:05 P.M., in the School Board meeting room located at 230 South Florida Avenue, Wauchula, Florida.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

Hardee County School Board

Fiscal Year 2018-19

Proposed Millage Levies Subject to 10-Mill Cap:

Required Local Effort	4.0710	Capital Outlay		1.5000
Basic Discretionary Operating	0.7480	Additional Discretionary for Operations (Voted)		
Discretionary Critical Needs Operating		Total Millage		6.3190

	SPECIAL	DEBT	CAPITAL	PRIVATE	TOTAL
	GENERAL	REVENUE	SERVICE	PROJECTS	ALL FUNDS
	FUND	FUNDS	FUNDS	FUNDS	
ESTIMATED REVENUES:					
Federal Sources	\$ 401,549	\$ 8,307,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,709,475
State Sources	\$ 30,965,581	\$ 40,000	\$ 267,375	\$ 278,000	\$ 31,550,956
Local Sources	<u>\$ 8,639,736</u>	<u>\$ 31,100</u>	<u>\$ 220</u>	<u>\$ 2,418,545</u>	<u>\$ 11,089,625</u>
TOTAL SOURCES	\$ 40,006,866	\$ 8,379,026	\$ 267,595	\$ 2,696,545	\$ 51,350,056
Transfers In	\$ 1,163,688	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,163,688
Nonrevenue Sources	\$ 71,311	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,311
Fund Balance (July 1, 2018)	<u>\$ 7,741,702</u>	<u>\$ 864,739</u>	<u>\$ 159,308</u>	<u>\$ 886,222</u>	<u>\$ 9,660,163</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & BALANCES	\$ 48,983,567	\$ 9,243,765	\$ 426,903	\$ 3,582,767	\$ 62,245,218
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction	\$ 26,320,741	\$ 2,783,335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,104,076
Pupil Personnel Services	\$ 2,410,311	\$ 1,274,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,684,511
Instructional Media Services	\$ 782,489	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 782,489
Instructional & Curriculum Development Services	\$ 390,275	\$ 484,280	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 874,555
Instructional Staff Training	\$ 615,499	\$ 503,323	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,118,822
Instruction Related Technology	\$ 2,106,532	\$ 47,396	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,153,928
Board of Education	\$ 391,919	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 391,919
General Administration	\$ 455,010	\$ 215,902	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 670,912
School Administration	\$ 2,192,105	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,192,105
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	\$ 148,986	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,889,259	\$ 2,038,245
Fiscal Services	\$ 489,312	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 489,312
Food Services	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,331,287	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,338,287
Central Services	\$ 294,607	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 295,607
Pupil Transportation Services	\$ 2,238,760	\$ 42,490	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,281,250
Operation of Plant	\$ 3,612,210	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,612,210
Maintenance of Plant	\$ 2,022,311	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,022,311
Administrative Technology Services	\$ 272,804	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 272,804
Community Services	\$ 233,509	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,025	\$ 235,534
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262,650	\$ -	\$ 262,650
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 44,984,380	\$ 8,683,213	\$ 262,650	\$ 1,889,259	\$ 55,821,527
Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,163,688	\$ 1,163,688
Fund Balance (June 30, 2019)	<u>\$ 3,999,187</u>	<u>\$ 560,552</u>	<u>\$ 164,253</u>	<u>\$ 529,820</u>	<u>\$ 6,191</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES,	\$ 48,983,567	\$ 9,243,765	\$ 426,903	\$ 3,582,767	\$ 62,245,218
TRANSFERS & BALANCES					

Complete details for each separate part of the school budget summarized above are on file and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Hardee County Superintendent of Schools Administration Building, 1009 N. 6th Avenue, Wauchula, Florida.

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which is the shallowest of the Great Lakes?
2. **HISTORY:** Which Old West gunslinger was born with the name Henry McCarty?
3. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of the family car on "The Munsters"?
4. **LITERATURE:** How long did it take Tolstoy to write his epic novel "War and Peace"?
5. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Where were the first modern Olympic Winter Games held in 1924?
6. **SCIENCE:** What colors are mosquitoes attracted to?
7. **GAMES:** How many pieces are in a double-six set of dominoes?
8. **U.S. STATES:** What is the nickname of the state of Maryland?
9. **MOVIES:** Which 1978 movie is associated with the cry "toga!"?
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Celebrity Extra

By Cindy Elavsky

Q: Can you tell me what's going on with my favorite show, "Unreal"? I heard it has just one more season left.

—Greta Y., via email

A: Everyone's favorite reality-dating-show drama is back — already! While season three just finished its run on Lifetime at the end of April, the show's fourth and final season is now streaming in its entirety on Hulu. In a move that took a lot fans by surprise, the show moved to Hulu and is streaming every episode of every season as I type this, including the eight brand-new episodes of its last season. While fans had held out hope that Hulu might renew the series for additional seasons, the streaming giant confirmed in mid-July that this would be curtains for "Unreal," and "Everlasting" — the dating show within the drama — with a true-to-the-show wrap-up that is sure to bring out the crazy that we all know and love.

Season four of "Unreal" follows Rachel (Shiri Appleby) and Quinn (Constance Zimmer) as they return to the set of "Everlasting" for an All Stars-themed season. With former contestants and a new format, this season is poised to be

Top 10 Movies

1. Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (PG) animated

2. Ant-Man and the Wasp (PG-13) Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly

3. Skyscraper (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Neve Campbell

4. Incredibles 2 (PG) animated

5. Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (PG-13) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard

6. The First Purge (R) Ylan Noel, Lex Scott Davis

7. Sorry to Bother You (R) Lakeith Stanfield, Tessa Thompson

8. Sicario: Day of the Soldado (R) Benicio Del Toro, Josh Brolin,

9. Uncle Drew (PG-13) Kyrie Irving, Lil Rel Howery

10. Ocean's 8 (PG-13) Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett

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even more dramatic than ever. Co-creator Sarah Gertrude Shapiro and showrunner Stacy Rukeyser both returned for season four, and new cast members include François Arnaud, Natalie Hall, Meagan Holder and Alejandro Munoz. Constance Zimmer returns as director for one episode, and Shiri Appleby directs two episodes, including the series finale. So buckle up, buttercups, and get your guilty-pleasure binge on!

Q: My roommate told me that "Casual" has been canceled! Please tell me that's not true.

—Vivian I., Seattle

A: While it's true that the fan favorite and critical darling

of Hulu is ending, don't get out your tissues just yet. The half-hour s t r e a m i n g dramedy that stars Tommy Dewey and Michaela Watkins has one more season up its sleeve. And breaking from Hulu's normal tradition of airing one episode a week, all eight episodes of season four will drop on July 31 for your bingeing pleasure. To recap where we left off last season: Alex (played by Tommy) found out his roommate, Rae, is pregnant with his baby after their drunken one-night stand. And Val (Michaela) discovered that her daughter, Laura (Tara Lynne Barr), had decided to move to Sacramento to live with her grandmother, played by the fabulous Frances Conroy in an

always wonderful and always uncomfortable recurring guest role.

READERS: I am thrilled to report that it's finally official: "Downton Abbey" is definitely heading to the big screen for a feature film! After reporting on the rumors, stirrings and speculations for what seems like years, it's finally coming to fruition. The film will be written by series creator Julian Fellowes, and as of this writing, Hugh Bonneville, Michelle Dockery, Dame Maggie Smith, Elizabeth McGovern, Laura Carmichael, Joanne Frogatt and many more familiar faces are set to return. Production begins later this summer.

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Inside Hollywood

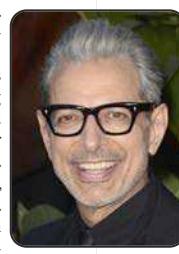
By Tony Rizzo

Scarlett Johansson received so much backlash for her decision to play transgender massage-parlor owner Dante "Tex" Gill in the mob thriller "Rub and Tug" that she has withdrawn from the project. Scarlett is no stranger to controversy, after playing a white-washed Asian character in "Ghost in the Shell" (2017), which didn't do well at the box office. Ironically, it would've been for the same director of "Ghost in the Shell," Rupert Sanders.

John Krasinski, fresh off his success producing, directing and starring in "A Quiet Place," will co-produce (and probably direct and star) with Matt Damon in "The King of Oil," based on the bestselling book "The King of Oil: The Secret Life of Mark Rich." Rich was pardoned by President Bill Clinton on Clinton's final day in office. Rich died in 2013 at 78.

"Sopranos" fans rejoice! The prequel has found a director in Alan Taylor, who helmed multiple episodes of the original series as well as "Game of Thrones," "Thor: The Dark World" and "Terminator: Genisys."

"It: Chapter Two" is in the works with Bill Hader playing the grown-up Richie Tozier (played by Finn Wolfhard) and James MacAvoy (as a grown-up Bill Denbrough) (played by



Jaeden Lieberher). Bill Skarsgård returns as "It."

Tim Allen's series "Last Man Standing" (which he produced and starred in) ran for six seasons on ABC. Now it's returning, but to Fox, not ABC. Coincidentally, 20th Century Fox produces the show. However, they've lost two cast members: Molly Ephraim, who played middle daughter Mandy, and Flynn Morrison, who played grandson Boyd. When the show was canceled, they were released from their contracts and opted not to return. Their roles will be recast.

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Couch Theater DVD Previews

By Sam Struckhoff

DVDs reviewed here are available in stores the week of Feb. 5.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Little Pink House" (NR) — Almost 30 years in the future, the real world has devolved into slums. Most residents take refuge in a communal virtual reality experience called the OASIS, a wonderland filled with unlimited possibility and hidden treats called Easter Eggs. The creator of this paradise designs a game to posthumously award control of the OASIS to his deserving successor. Ty Sheridan plays a gamer named Wade (aka Parzival) who manages, alongside a cadre of other rogue players, to capture the leaderboard in pursuit of the prize. It's chock-a-block full of 1980s references. Although it's based on the 2010 Ernest Cline novel, director Steven Spielberg made plenty of changes for the film -- all with the author's approval, of course.

"Operation Red Sea" (NR)

— Chinese director Dante Lam's "Operation Red Sea" follows the heroic exploits of the Jiaolong Assault Team, China's special forces brigade. Somali pirates threaten a cargo ship in the Red Sea, and with Chinese lives at stake, the eight-person strike force must swoop in and save the day. Then, as civil war destabilizes a country in the region, the force evacuates the embassy while foiling a weapons deal attempted by terrorists. Zhang Yi plays Yang Rui, the team leader of Jiaolong. OK, yes, this is a "Go, China!" military film, but if you get over that, you'll realize it's just soldiers doing their thing.

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"The Con Is On" (R) — Harriet (Uma Thurman) and Peter (Tim Roth) are just a couple of sleek and interesting British con artists who owe a vicious gangster (Maggie Q) a ton of cash and are looking to score their restitution by stealing an expensive jewel from Peter's ex-wife. The star power is impressive (along with Roth and Thurman, there's Crispin Glover, Stephen Fry, Parker Posey, Sofia Vergara and Alice Eve), but the con is actually off, because something is just not working: too-cool characters with off-putting moral fiber, literal gallons of alcohol imbibed, eye-rolling or just inconsiderate comedic riffs and none of the good heist moments this genre is supposed to be offering.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

WARNING

THERE ARE UNPAID TAXES ON THE PROPERTY WHICH YOU OWN OR IN WHICH YOU MAY HAVE LEGAL INTEREST.

The property will be sold at a public auction on the 29th day of August, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., unless the back taxes are paid. To make payment or for questions concerning real property taxes, contact the Hardee County Tax Collector's Office at (863) 773-9144 (PO Box 445, Wauchula, FL 33873). To receive further information regarding the Tax Deed Sale, contact the Hardee County Clerk of the Courts, immediately, at (863) 773-4174 (P.O. Drawer 1749, Wauchula, Florida, 33873).

The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:

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YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: James A. Cunningham, Trustee

Description of Property:
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By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

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Victoria L. Rogers
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Kovels Antiques & Collecting

By Terry & Kim Kovel

CHINESE PORCELAIN

Chinese porcelains are among the hardest for an average collector to identify and date. They have been made for centuries, and it is considered a tribute — not an attempt to fool a customer — to copy a piece perfectly, including the original mark. Unfortunately, today there also are some who deliberately make and sell excellent copies of antiques. The pictured vase is named "Five Boys." It is a piece of "famille rose" porcelain and has a six-character mark on the bottom. The boys are climbing or



An examination of the bottom of the vase may show some clues to the age. Many modern copies of old vases have glazed, rather than unglazed, foot rims. This modern vase is worth almost \$1,500 just because it is so attractive and clever.

standing on the vase. One has a ruyi scepter; the others are helping each other to the top. The famille rose decoration could be several hundred years old or new. The color and clever three-dimensional figures helped the vase sell for \$1,476, its decorative value. If it were 300 years old, it would sell for much more.

Q: My Rookwood mug is old, dated 1884. It is covered with line drawings of what look like comic book figures. The name Cranch is in block letters, and the usual Rookwood marks also are on the bottom. It is yellowish-white with black lines. Who is Cranch?

A: E.P. Cranch was a lawyer in Cincinnati who also was working for the Rookwood pottery from its beginning, as well as a poet, a storyteller and an artist. Cranch used the words and often humorous pictures of activities described in ballads and folklore. He remembered a ballad sung to him by Noah Webster's nephew 50 years earlier and wrote it down and illustrated it. Cranch seems best-known for his Rookwood pieces decorated with the Uncle Remus stories. His art appears on beer mugs, pitchers, jugs, plates, bottles and vases, most made in the 1880s. Although they are very different in style than most early Rookwood, with colored glazes and

realistic decorations of flowers or perhaps Indian portraits, Cranch's work sells quickly. A 6 3/4-inch-high Cranch jug sold recently for \$1,610. It was decorated with scenes and the words of the poem "Three Wise Men of Gotham Went to Sea in a Bowl."

CURRENT PRICES

Toy bubble pipe, figural bowl, "Popeye" head, smoking a pipe, sailor hat, curved stem, white plastic and paint, 1950, 6 inches, \$20.

Advertising sack, "American Lady Self-Rising Flour," Amelia Earhart profile, mat and frame, c. 1935, 24 x 17 inches, \$165.

Cigar humidor, mahogany, doghouse shape, roof lifts open, brass hinges, 20 compartment cigar storage, bun feet, 1800s, 8 x 10 inches, \$280.

Gossip bench, mahogany, upholstered, sleigh-back chair with telephone table, carved lyre design, splay legs, c. 1945, 32 x 37 inches, \$520.

TIP: You can wash an iron pot by hand with dish detergent. When iron pans were first used, soap was made with lye and it washed the seasoning off the pan. Re-season with a few drops of vegetable oil, then wipe again.

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EYE SPY

AERIAL PHOTO BY MICHAEL GILLISPIE

The classic road-trip time killing and filling game of "I Spy" takes on new meaning for a pilot out on an early-morning flight over Hardee County. Here, pilot and photographer Michael Gillispie comes across an accident at Seven-Mile Point east of Wauchula. Though a Florida Highway Patrol cruiser can be spotted on scene, apparently the motoring mishap did not meet the FHP's "minimum standards for a press release," as no reports were available by press time.

To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: In 1976, I had a mole on my right calf about the size of a pencil eraser. A biopsy

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showed it to be melanoma, and they thought they had removed all of the cancer, but they did another surgery to be sure that I was cancer-free. I am a natural redhead and never sunbathed or used a tanning bed. It has been 38 years, and I am still cancer-free. I get a skin check from my dermatologist every six months.

At the time of my diagnosis, my family doctor said that if the melanoma spreads inside the body, "the ball game is over." Is that still true? I know melanoma can be deadly.

—W.K.

ANSWER: Melanoma is the most commonly lethal skin cancer. Although there have been some exciting new developments in treating advanced melanoma, the survival rate for stage IV melanoma, where the cancer has spread to internal organs, is only 15 percent to 20 percent at five years.

Fortunately, the survival rate for melanoma caught early, at stage I, is greater than 90 percent, which is why it's so important to know the ABCDE's of melanoma recognition:

A: Asymmetry — one half looks different from the other half;

B: Border — the border in a melanoma is often irregular, not a near-circle;

C: Color — melanomas usually are not a uniform color, like most benign lesions. Some areas are light brown, others brown-black, others red or pale;

D: Diameter — greater than 6 millimeters, the eraser on a standard pencil;

E: Enlargement or Evolution — any change in color, shape, size or symptoms (including bleeding).

Any of these should prompt a visit to your regular doctor or a dermatologist. As an internist, these are the features I look for, and I have a very low threshold for sending suspicious lesions to my colleagues in dermatology.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My son is 40 years old. After a recent stress test, he ended up with five stents in his arteries,

and also was diagnosed with diabetes. His doctor ordered him not to go back to work for three or four weeks, but he went back after three days. He told the doctor that he would be more stressed if he stayed home. His job is mostly sitting down. Since he

My experience is that after receiving life-changing diagnoses, such as diabetes or coronary artery disease, it's best to keep some habits, such as work, the same and change others. For your son, I am sure he will be recommended a proper diet for diabetes and exercise appropriate for a person with a new diagnosis of heart disease. Surgery to relieve the nerve compression is successful in some cases.

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

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You are hereby notified that on Thursday, July 19, 2018, upon public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County, Florida, adopted Resolution 2018-25 vacating and closing a portion of Owen Roberts Road, generally described as: All that part of the Owen Roberts Road right of way lying in the following four parcels of land; the SE 1/4 of Section 19; the SW 1/4 of Section 20; the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 29, less the South 54.94 feet; the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 30, less the South 54.94 feet, all lying in Township 34 South, Range 23 East, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 105, also known as Plat Bar 82, Cabinet A of the official Public Records of Hardee County, Florida.

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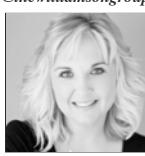
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Bad Girl, Good Guy: Touching Stories

A couple of touching stories made headlines in America a few weeks ago.

One involved America's most famous ... uh ... exotic dancer, whose name is more famous than, say, any member of the president's cabinet.

For all the publicity the story got, there is still some debate over who was the touchor and who was the touchee.

The other involved the assistant manager of a Tallahassee area sporting goods store, whose touching behavior is further proof that no good deed goes unpunished.

Okay, I know you'll follow this treatise to find out what I have to say about Stormy Daniels and our boys (and girls) in blue.

So let's start with the saga of Dean Crouch, assistant manager of an Academy Sports store near Tallahassee, as reported by the Tallahassee Democrat.

Alerted to the theft of a .40 caliber pistol and ammunition occurring at the store, Crouch grabbed the alleged thief, thwarting the theft and leading to the arrest of Jason White.

Police said that in addition to his theft from Academy Sports, White had stolen two pistols from a Tallahassee pawn shop earlier the same day.

Multiple news accounts report that Stormy and three members of the vice squad made contact with each other on stage in a manner that their

spouses are unlikely to dismiss as "just part of the job."

There is some debate over who initiated this playful display of affection, which may explain why multiple vice cops were assigned to witness the violation.

Stormy was taken to the slammer.

Her lawyer alleged that the charges were, to coin a phrase, trumped up.

A few hours later, the prosecutor dismissed the charges, because one element of proof is that the violator must make

Thinking Out Loud

By S.L. Frisbie IV

Florida Newspaper Hall Of Fame Member,
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Columbus, Ohio.

Stormy Daniels, America's stripper laureate, made an appearance at the venue, a performance witnessed by an unspecified number of Columbus police vice squad members, both male and female, who were on hand for the occasion.

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"regular appearances at this establishment." Stormy was the guest du jour, not a regular performer.

If that's not putting out the welcome mat for a guest, I don't know what is.

My prediction: this story, though of no consequence to the future of the republic, is too good to go away.

S. L. Frisbie is retired. He spent three years as a police reporter at the Tallahassee Democrat while attending FSU. He never covered a story about a store manager being fired for stopping a theft, or a porn star being arrested for interaction with vice squad officers, whom he numbered among his friends. He did cover the infancy of the American Civil Rights Movement.

Gas Prices Trickling Lower

Gas prices declined for the ninth consecutive day on Sunday.

Florida's price at the pumps dropped five cents during the past week. The average was \$2.75 per gallon.

Still, Sunday's state average came in 3.5 cents more than a month ago and 55 cents more than this time last year.

The national average declined four cents during the past week. Sunday's average of \$2.84 per gallon is two cents less than a month ago, yet remains 56 cents more than last year.

"Oil prices averaged \$3-\$5 less than the previous three weeks, allowing gas prices to lose value," said Mark Jenkins of AAA/The Auto Club Group. "Although prices are lower, there is still volatility at the pump as gasoline demand remains high during the summer driving season and global supply concerns persist."

Market prices were mixed last week due to higher oil production and supplies versus lower gasoline stocks in the face of strong demand. The latest supply report from the Energy Information Administration showed U.S. crude production finally reached the much-anticipated 11 million barrels-a-day mark. Conversely, gasoline stocks dropped as demand ramped up.

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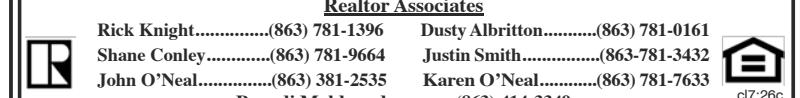
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COURTESY PHOTOS

All hands were on deck last week as Oak Grove Baptist Church hosted a daily average of 60 children for its Vacation Bible School. With the theme "Shipwrecked: Jesus Rescues," the children enjoyed a nautical setting for spiritual study and charitable competition. In all, they raised \$755.33 for the Florida Baptist Children's Home and collected 175 rolls of paper towels for the Hardee Help Center and 330 bars of soap for the Christmas Shoebox project. The winners, accumulating 36,726 points, were the kindergartners. A sampling of shipmates is shown above. Below (left) is Amy Harper, executive director of the Hardee Help Center, with the paper-towel donation. Below (right) are (from left) Hank Baker, student minister; Susan Smith, Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Sisters leader; and the Rev. Jim Davis, pastor at Oak Grove.


GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY


COURTESY PHOTOS

July 26, 2018, marks the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Bess Allen to James Stallings. The couple met in January 1965 at Stetson University in DeLand, where they were both students and eventual graduates. A native of Hardee County, she is the daughter of the late Reynolds and Eleanor Beeson Allen, and he is the son of the late Dr. J. Earl and Ruth Stallings. Dr. Stallings performed the wedding ceremony with the assistance of the Rev. Felts Dent, pastor at that time of the First Baptist Church of Wauchula. The couple returned to live in Hardee County in 1977, where they currently reside. Their children are Jay Stallings and wife Lisa of Las Vegas, Nev., and Meredith Beeson Stallings Bolinski and husband Brandon, who have given them three grandchildren: Madeline Eleanor, Thomas Cohen and Eden Claire, all of Atlanta, Ga. The couple are celebrating with year-long travels revisiting old memories and making new ones.


RANGE CATTLE STATION


PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

Brent Sellers, professor and associate center director for the UF/IFAS Range Cattle Research and Education Center at 3401 Experiment Station in Ona, spoke to the Wauchula Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, July 3, at the Java Cafe. He specializes in pasture and rangeland weeds research. The mission is to provide science-based information to address the challenges affecting owners and managers of grazinglands. The vision is to be the worldwide leader in research and education impacting tropical and subtropical grazinglands. Other officials there include John Arthington, professor and center director; Raoul Boughton, assistant professor, wildlife, ecology and conservation; Philippe Moriel, assistant professor, beef cattle management; Chris Prevatt, regional specialized agent II, beef cattle and forage economics; Maria Silveira, associate professor, soil and water science; and Joao Vendramini, associate professor, forage management. In photo from left are Roy Petteway, James Braddock, Brent Sellers and club president Noey Flores.

Roundup
Surplus Food Given To Needy

U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus food will be distributed to the needy of the community this Saturday at New Jerusalem Church of God, 1514 Lincoln St., Wauchula.

Food will be given out from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A one-page eligibility form will be available on site for all new applicants. For further information, call Juanita Wright at 781-0982.

Hardee EOC Hosts Meeting

Hardee County Emergency Management has

scheduled a Local Mitigation Strategy meeting for today (Thursday) at 1:30 p.m. The purpose of the session is to discuss, update and prioritize projects to reduce the human, environmental and economic costs of disasters.

The meeting is open to the public. It will be held at the Hardee County Emergency Operations Center, 404 W. Orange St. in Wauchula.

BBQ Fundraiser This Saturday

Tickets for a fundraiser to benefit a local burn victim are now on sale at the Wauchula Moose Lodge for

\$8. Several items will be raffled off during the fundraiser as well.

You can pick up your plate of barbecue chicken or pork plus two sides this Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 117 King Road in Wauchula.

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Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper
773-6710



Greetings from Fort Green!

The paper this week is dated July 26, and that was the date for my older brother's birthday. He would have turned 83, but his final journey came when he was 45. You always miss them and think more about them on birthdays, special events, etc.

There is a special event coming to Fort Green Baptist but who it is for is a secret so I can't tell you all the details, but I feel sure the names will be released closer to the big event. Now, just mark your calendar for Saturday, Aug. 25. There will be our traditional chicken-and-dumplings meal when we have a fundraiser, with green beans, roll, peach cobbler and drink, from 4:30 to 5:30 for only \$7. It will be followed by the Gulf State Quartet with a gospel sing at 6. The fundraiser is for a member with severe heart problems. Sure hope to see you there!

I visited Mary Samuels last week and turned out the date was her birthday! She had some beautiful purple flowers in a lovely white vase with some purple decorations on it. There were birthday balloons and cards on the chest. Her room was very festive, and she said her husband, Donald, had just left.

I was sure happy to read the article about Donald Earl Albritton turning 80 and his work record. I feel sure that nowhere but in America can a person begin a job as a laborer and end up as the purchasing manager.

My younger brother was hitchhiking one time and a man picked him up and offered him a job digging ditches, and he took it and dug the best ditches! The boss noticed, and my brother's background was in building. My dad had been a contractor all his life and my brother was used to reading blueprints, etc. He ended up as

a supervisor, running his own jobs with a big company that built hospitals and parking garages, Seaco Construction. One of the unbelievable parts of his career, he was a high school dropout.

Geraldine Floyd was proud of the photo of her granddaughter in last week's paper, announcing her engagement. Geraldine is in our Sunday School class.

Todd and Donnie Silverman were visitors with Avis Sasser last week. Sherman and I went in town last Friday to visit with them and they left on Saturday morning. It is always good to see them.

Several of us went to Tim Casey's sister's memorial last Saturday. Alice Faye Moye and Carmen Durrance went on over to Moffitt to visit with Diane Autry. She must remain in the hospital until they complete the round of drugs. I heard at church that her daughter, Andrea Autry Brown is also suffering with cancer. Susan Harrison Cartwright broke her hip. Bruce Durrance had three heart bypasses last Saturday. Tim Cowart no longer has any appetite and does not even want any water.

On a happy note, Gloria Dupree is out of ICU and doing well. Pat Walker was anticipating surgery on Monday. Joe Gicker's niece was in a serious head-on collision in Alabama last week. Traci Nickels is having problems and Tracy Powell is still suffering with his heart problems.

They announced that Randy and Mary Perry are on the slow road to complete recovery for Randy. Jack Eason is back in the Orlando hospital, or that was my last report. I have not heard how Toolie Roberts is doing. Bobbie Thornton is anticipating a heart transplant on Monday. Alberta Heine had some stents but is recovering nicely. Please pray for all of

these and others you may know about.

Special thanks were given to Kari Brinson for helping Terri Miller with the youth lock-in on the 20th. This is always a fun job but you are worn out the next day.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Jane Long on her untimely final journey. She was very young in my book, and will be sincerely missed.

I am requesting special prayer for my grandson, T.K. Hogenauer. He is in the Navy and stationed in Washington State, but the other night he and his son were playing and somehow his son's fingernail cut his eye and he is in serious condition.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Joan Dunn on the death of her nephew, Jim.

Brianna Waters presented the colors at the rodeo in Wauchula last Saturday. Jayden, Ashley and Drew Keene's youngest, had never been to a rodeo and he went with Brody and had a good time. Probably better because he knew Brianna!

We are getting our big old oak tree cut down. If it should have a problem and blow the way it is leaning, we would have severe damage to our home. I feel sure it is well over 200 to 300 years old, and sure hate to see it go. We are saving one limb that the swing and the fern are hanging on.

I read with interest that only one candidate for judge pays property tax for Hardee County. Where does the money come from to pay the judges? The political contests are heating up now and it is interesting the new names that are popping up.

Don't forget the big birthday party this Sunday from 2 to 4 for Dr. Elver Hodges at the First Methodist Church in Wauchula.

Please pray for each other and our nation.

4-City News

By Henrietta Benson
448-6737

Thanks to Chandra Rivers who sponsors the Shoe Angel Association by giving away new shoes to children. She was at First Baptist Church in Bowling Green during the Back to School Bash on Saturday.

Hearts are heavy here in Bowling Green due to too much recently happening: home-going, death and sickness.

To keep in prayer: Belinda E. Crosby in Winter Haven, Charlie Robinson at Florida Hospital Wauchula, Ms. M. Shine, Walter Daniels, Jessie E. Belcher and all shut-ins.

Just received the news: Please pray for Joe Jones and Bruce Durrance.

Deepest sympathy to the McLeods and family in Wauchula, and to Mae Farley and family in Lakeland during the news of their dear loved one, Johnesia Jabrea Simmons, who passed away last Friday July 13, in St. Petersburg.

Viewing will be this Friday, 6-8 p.m. Service is Saturday at 11 a.m. with Celebration of

Life at the Church of Christ, 4200 Fifth Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

Heartfelt sympathy to Ruben "Junior" Long and family in the home-going of Jane Long on Friday. Memorial service was Wednesday with a home-going celebration at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green. Jane will be missed dearly.

The memorial balloon release in memory of Eddie Daquan Grant was Friday evening. The release of balloons was at the entrance of the Azalea Apartments, 121 Pleasant St., Bowling Green. Memorial service was Saturday at Robarts Garden Chapel in Wauchula. Eddie would have been a senior student at Hardee Senior High School. He will be missed by family and friends.

Charlie Benson of Bartow visited Wednesday-Saturday with grandmother Chiquita Daniels and family.

Dr. Rev. G.I. Bradley was the guest speaker at the ETM Church Anniversary on Sunday.

Letter To The Editor

Roxie Bentley Writes About Traffic Mishap

Dear Editor:

This story today is a true one but is quite different from what I have been writing.

I had to go to CVS to pick up some necessary items. There were two of us females who got to the door of CVS at the same time. I told her she should go in ahead of me because she was "Jesus" (she was wearing a T-shirt that had "Jesus" printed on it).

She went her way with a laugh, and I did the same. I got the items I needed and went on out, happy as a jaybird, got in "Goldy Locks" (my car), drove out on Bay Street, headed for the light at Highway 17, and had to sit and wait because the light was red.

There was a black-colored pickup in front of me waiting for the light to change. It made a left-handed turn as if it were going to Zolfo Springs. I edged up, looking both ways even though the light was green. I was going west on Bay Street and was almost across when BAM! My car began turning to the left and stopped!

I said to myself, NO! This can't be! But "by cracky" it was me. My car was not running. My car was dead in its tracks.

A young good-looking guy jumped out of his vehicle to see if I was all right. About that time someone yelled to him to go back to his car because it was still rolling. He was so upset he forgot his car was still running. He rushed back to his car and stopped it before it could do any more damage.

The young man came running back to me to see if I was all right. I could not roll my window down and could not open the car door. By this time there were a number of interested observers who wanted to help.

The Wauchula Police ladies, those big red ambulances (I called them big red trucks) were there. The police ladies, the men from the ambu-

lances, and all the others who had come up asked me if I was all right, if I could get out of my car.

I got out of the car, held on to my chest, and I was asked if I was hurt. I said, "You want to fight?" and balled up both fists. They said, "She's OK. She's full of spunk."

By this time some of the ladies took me (led me) over to the Joe L. Davis building and tried to get me to drink some water, but I did not want anything. Kenny Lambert made sure I was all right as well as a lady who was directly behind me when the calamity occurred.

There was another wreck that had happened in the same area before mine and the young man's accident.

Kenny Lambert called my minister, Mrs. Daniele Upton, and told her about my accident. She was there in "nothing flat" and took me to Mrs. Florence Heath's and her daughter Tracey. I was with them for several hours.

Finally I called Kim Reas at The Herald-Advocate and told her why I had not picked up the newspaper. They had been wondering what had happened to me because I pick up a few and deliver them to friends.

I made a point after I got home from the Heaths to call those I deliver the papers to and tell the reason I was late. Kim Reas brought the papers to me so I could get the papers to my friends.

I don't know what I would do if it were not for my friends. The main friend ... what a friend we have in Jesus!

I hope the young man is "A-OK." I'm sorry I'm not his age or he isn't my age. He was good-looking and so very concerned about me.

You folks go get your burgers from Burger King. You might see him there.

This is Roxie Bentley, your True Story writer.

Roxie Bentley, age 91
Wauchula

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Ona Mine Will Be Bad Long-Term For Hardee

Dear Editor:

July 10 was a deplorable day for Hardee County when Commissioners unanimously approved another 23,000 acres to be mined and altered forever.

This was another blow to the future of the county and the citizens who live in it.

I attended the hearing which included the rezoning and permitting of the massive Ona mine, alternative setbacks, rezone of two other sections of older mines as well as the land development and economic development agreements ... an incredibly immense agenda.

The citizen turnout was meager. Was it the result of hopelessness, fear or apathy? There were some of us from Hardee county as well as other counties impacted by mining that took their allotted three minutes to raise questions that they felt were left unanswered by the highly polished industry presentation.

Questions about noise, dust, light, traffic, mining through creeks, toxic reagents, water contamination, self-monitoring, possible breaches, long-term health effects, devaluation of property values, etc., as much as the three minutes would allow.

The County Commission laid the blame on past commissioners who approved mining years ago. And as Commissioner Thompson commented, "Things change." These were decisions made many years ago.

THIS was a decision for the

Ona mine up for rezoning and permitting NOW. Not in the past! Not by other commissioners! Not by the landowners! Who sold their land!

The land was zoned agriculture when purchased.

Commissioner Birge stated, "The train left the station years ago" and that they "can't control the train now!" If the commission can't control the industrial plague that is spreading through the county, who can?

Might as well have those Mosaic suits in the commission chairs and call it Mosaic County. They have their name is on everything anyway. The responsibility of this permitting rests squarely on the shoulders of Commissioner Sue Birge, Colon Lambert, Russell Melendy, Rick Knight and Mike Thompson.

Mining has been going on for decades in Hardee County. What are the benefits to the average county resident? No wonder people are leaving this county.

Bill Lambert was interviewed by the Charlotte Sun on July 22. He stated that agricultural activity of mined lands are greatly reduced even after reclamation and that somebody needs to look at the productivity of pre-mining and post-mining lands.

You would have thought this should have already been done prior to another mass permitting. And "Don't wait until mining is done and have a knee-jerk reaction and say, Oh, what have we done?" Lambert

warned. Exactly, what have we done?

The only sign of strength and guts came from Ralf Arce of the Planning and Zoning Board.

He was the only one to vote against approval of the Ona mine as proposed. He was concerned about the future for the residents and the 30-year hands-off commitment by the county. He told the commissioners that they had the power to change things.

If only they had had the courage to do so.

Nancy Armstrong
Ona

Flash Back

By Chris Richcreek

1. Who released "I've Got to Use My Imagination," and when?

2. Name the artist who was first to release "It Might as Well Rain Until September."

3. Who's got electric boots and a mohair suit?

4. What band had a debut single titled "Walkin' on the Sun"?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I've been in love so many times, Thought I knew the score, But now you've treated me so wrong, I can't take anymore."

ANSWERS

1. Gladys Knight & the Pips, in 1973. It's been covered by others, including Joe Cocker and Bobby Bland.

2. Songwriter Carole King, in 1962. She'd written the song for Bobby Vee, but released it herself instead — it was her first success. Vee recorded it the following year.

3. Bennie, the leader of the band Bennie and the Jets, the song by Elton John. He didn't want the song to be released as a single — he considered the song "odd."

4. Smash Mouth, in 1997.

5. "I'll Never Fall in Love Again." The song was written for the musical "Promises, Promises" in 1968. A number of artists covered the song, including Dionne Warwick, Bobby Gentry and Johnny Mathis.

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Decades

What were Hardee Countians thinking and talking about in the 1960s, or maybe the '30s? Each issue, we will revisit that corresponding week and year in a decade past, using old copies of *The Florida Advocate*, the *Hardee County Herald*, or *The Herald-Advocate*. This week, the decade of ...

The '60s

July 25, 1968

Payneless Break: The collapse of a phosphate dam resulted in little damage as Paynes Creek rose and flowed over some roads and bridges. Discoloration of the water showed evidence of typical phosphate pollution, but Fish Commission officials said there were no fish killed, which could have been caused by suffocation through clogged gills by mud and slime.

Court Budget: Hardee County commissioners met for a budget hearing as several requests were made. One of those requests came from Ben Coker, clerk of the board, for an increase of three-tenths of a mill to remodel the old courtroom. The millage, in addition to remaining money from the current budget and state cigarette tax, could provide about

\$40,000 for remodeling and \$10,000 for furnishings.

Downtown Deals: "Shop downtown with your hometown merchants. They're your neighbors and they appreciate your business. They really do!" This advertisement provides coupons from downtown shops in Wauchula including three cans of Pillsbury biscuits for 10 cents from Crews market, a \$49.95 gas water heater from Coker Fuel, and \$2 canvas shoes from Dad & Lad Shop. Eaton's Department Store has a coupon, too, as do Western Auto, The Red Apple, Rutland Radio & TV and more. There's also a special \$26.36 sale on Poppytrail china at R.H. Herr, Jeweler.

Home Savings: "Very special Italian Provincial at a very special price." Jaudon's Stores for Homes has a new bedroom set that contains "all the impressive details and size of fine



Italian styling. Everything says luxury except the very low price!" The \$299 set includes a triple dresser, mirror, five-drawer chest and panel headboard. A night table costs extra.

CDBG Second Public Hearing Notice

Hardee BCC plans to apply to the FL Dept of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a FFY 2017 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$750,000 in the Housing Rehabilitation category. The activities, dollar amounts & estimated percentage of benefit to low-and-moderate-income persons are:

Activity Name	CDBG Funding	LMI Benefit
Administration	\$112,500	NA
Housing Rehabilitation	\$630,750	100%
Temporary Relocation	\$ 6,750	100%

The BCC plans to rehabilitate or demolish & replace at least 11 very low, low-and-moderate-income homes within the unincorporated areas that do not meet current building code standards. BCC will accept applications for assistance from qualified homeowners if grant funding is received.

The BCC does not expect that anyone will be permanently displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities. If any persons are displaced as a result of planned activities, BCC will assist them as described in the County's anti-displacement and relocation policy, which is available at Office of Community Development (OCD). A Public Hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at OCD, 412 W. Orange St., Rm 201, Wauchula, on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 3:00 pm. A draft copy of the application will also be available for review during normal business hours in OCD. Persons wanting to submit written comments on the application should send them by email to Janet Gilliard janet.gilliard@hardeecounty.net or by mail to 412 W. Orange St., Rm 201, Wauchula, FL 33873 no later than 4:00 pm on August 6, 2018.

A copy of the final application will be available for review in OCD no later than August 9, 2018. The application will be submitted to DEO on or before August 13, 2018. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact Gilliard at (863) 773-6349 or by e-mail at janet.gilliard@hardeecounty.net.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to provisions of Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise OCD at least three days before the hearing by contacting Gilliard at (863) 773-6349. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact OCD using the FL Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771(TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770(Voice). Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend should contact Gilliard at least three days prior to hearing and an interpreter will be provided.

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The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:

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