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SROs Will Protect All Schools

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Lawmen will be posted at all seven public schools when the opening bell of the new school year rings next Friday.

The School Board of Hardee County voted 4-0 during a special session Monday to approve a funding deal with the Hardee County Sheriff's Office that will place school resource officers on all district campuses.

"I think this is a good deal and I am glad we are doing this," said Mildred Smith,

board member.

The \$371,944 funding deal brings to a close months of back-and-forth debate between the School Board and the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners as the two bodies worked to develop a plan to protect students and staff at area schools in the wake of the Valentine's Day slaying of 17 students and staff at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

"I appreciate the School Board's vote of confidence,"

said Sheriff Arnold Lanier. "It has been a challenge, but I appreciate everyone coming on board."

Hardee County became one of the first school districts in the Sunshine State to have an armed lawman at every school in the wake of the tragedy.

Sheriff Lanier gained a \$200,000 emergency appropriation earlier this year from the County Commission during Spring Break that allowed for deputies to be assigned to

Zolfo Springs, Bowling Green

and North Wauchula elementary schools when classes resumed.

That move, at least in part, was a response to the Florida Legislature's passage of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

The law, signed by Gov. Rick Scott, requires school districts to protect each and every school with an armed security detail of either SROs or trained civilian guardians.

Hardee Senior High, Hardee Junior High and Hilltop Ele-

mentary were already protected by SROs under an existing cost-sharing plan. Under those terms, the School Board paid 40 percent of costs and the Sheriff's Office funded the remaining 60 percent.

Wauchula Elementary School was also previously protected with an SRO, provided by the Wauchula Police Department and fully paid for by the city.

The temporary funding plan, however, began to show strains as the school officials and the

county entered budget planning sessions earlier this summer.

The school district was earmarked to receive \$479,185 in Safe Schools funding from the state as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

The earmark – though a sharp increase from the \$132,300 in Safe Schools funding from the previous year – fell far short of actual costs.

"There is not a single district in the state that received

See SCHOOLS A3

Murder Suspect Back In Hardee

By CYNTHIA KRAHL

Of The Herald-Advocate

A local murder suspect who fled across state lines has now been returned to face charges here.

Gabriel Arenas Ceja, 25, of 816 Pleasant Way, Bowling Green, was booked into the Hardee County Jail at 11:16 on Saturday night after being transferred from a Georgia jail cell.

The Bowling Green Police Department had issued an arrest warrant for Ceja in connection with the July 13 shooting of 18-year-old Eddie Grant of Bowling Green. The U.S. Marshals Service captured him in Tift County, Ga., on July 18.

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Ceja

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'Nothing Remarkable About That'

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

Dr. Elver "Doc" Hodges was born almost two years before World War I began.

He entered the world on Aug. 2, 1912, and today he's reached his 106th birthday.

When talking about reaching an age that is rare to anyone to see, Hodges says merely, "There's nothing remarkable about that except that I did it."

He has three daughters, Margaret, Kathy and Lucinda, three living grandchildren (a fourth is deceased) and several great-grandchildren. Margaret lives with Doc in Hardee County, Kathy lives in Guilderland, N.Y., and Lucinda lives in Birmingham, Ala.

Hodges moved to Florida in January of 1942. He lived in Gainesville for about a month before moving to Wauchula. In 1945, he moved to Ona, where he lived for 22 years before moving to his current home between Zolfo Springs and Wauchula.

He joined the First United Methodist Church of Wauchula in 1942 and is still a member to this day.

In fact, the church is where his birthday party was held on Sunday.

But Florida wasn't the first place Hodges moved after leaving his hometown of Sunshire Bottom, Neb.

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PHOTO BY JENNIFER McCONKEY
Today is Dr. Elver Hodges' 106th birthday. His party was held at the First United Methodist Church of Wauchula this past Sunday.

NEW RECRUITS



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

Hardee County's 22 newest teachers went back to school this week for indoctrination in all things orange and blue. The educators – including a contingent of four instructors recruited from out of state – gathered at the District Training Center on Monday for breakfast and a chance to meet school and community heads. The newly-minted leaders of the Wildcat pack were presented with tote bags containing an assortment of goodies donated by local businesses and had the opportunity to peruse information tables manned by representatives of local businesses and organizations. For more on the recruits, see A10.

HJH Eases Dress Code

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Students will have more flexibility in their clothing options when they return to Hardee Junior High School next week.

The School Board of Hardee County voted 4-0 last Thursday to adopt changes to the school's "Dress for Success" requirements that incorporate additional clothing choices.

Students will now be allowed to wear pants with elastic waistbands. So-called "jogger" pants had previously been banned, as the former dress code limited pants choices to those with buttons and zippers.

"Jogger-type pants with elastic waistband may be worn as long as they are not more than '1' size larger than the student's measured size," the rule now states.

Short pants – such as gym shorts – with an elastic waist See DRESS A3

Newspaper Price Increasing To \$1

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We are committed to continuing to bring you high-quality, award-winning journalism coverage of Hardee County and its people each and every week.

— Michael R. Kelly
Co-Publisher & Editor

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
07/24	90	74	0.15
07/25	91	75	0.00
07/26	92	74	0.00
07/27	93	75	0.00
07/28	95	72	1.73
07/29	92	73	1.65
07/30	91	69	1.98

Rainfall to 07/30/2018 - 34.91

Same period last year - 24.81

Ten Year Average - 49.17

Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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

**Kelly's Column**

By Jim

It is hard to believe but football season is around the corner and local schools will open to students Aug. 10.

The weather has not been too hot recently, and frequent summer rains have continued as expected.

The Tampa Bay Rays, not unexpectedly, recently lost three games in a row at last-place Baltimore and likely fell out of wild-card contention, as team ownership/management unloaded several players to lower the payroll.

Retired Atlanta Braves shortstop Chipper Jones gave an excellent talk at his induction to the Major League Hall of Fame this week.

The Aug. 28 election is approaching soon, and excitement is building.

Interestingly, the DeSoto County Commission recently voted 4-1 to deny Mosaic's application to open a phosphate mine on 18,000 acres in DeSoto. Meanwhile the Hardee County Commission voted 5-0 to approve a new mine (Ona, 26,853 acres) in Hardee which has had phosphate mining for many years. The DeSoto decision may be challenged in court.

The old theatre building on East Main Street in Bowling Green was razed last week. Howard Bolin is building five duplex apartment buildings on Church Ave. and Jones St. in Bowling Green.

According to the Audubon Magazine there were 38.67 million Northern Bobwhite Quail across 36 states (including Florida) in the U.S. in 1967. The population had declined to 5.8 million by 2014, an 85 percent decrease.

Conservationists could never set aside enough public land to reverse the decline, so programs like Working Lands For Wildlife created in 2012 focused on private property. Over two-thirds of the land in the lower 48 states is privately owned. Quails' fate is tied to farms, ranches and private woodlands.

"Scientists with the National Bobwhite Conservation Institute believe those programs if implemented on all priority lands could increase the number of the birds, the only native quail in the East, by 55 million. And if we do this right everything should be just as valuable for other declining grassland birds and pollinators," said initiative director Don McKenzie.

Audubon says under ideal habitat conditions, a pair of Northern Bobwhites can produce two dozen offspring in a single breeding season.

Years ago some Mexican quail (smaller than Bobwhites) were released in this area but did not reproduce successfully. There are many factors involved in improving Bobwhite population, including prescribed burning, predators, stop using chemicals, etc.

Wild game needs adequate food, water, cover and space to thrive. Quail need plenty of room to walk and lots of insects and seeds. The Avon Park Air Force Range is managing its land better for quail and is seeing increased numbers.

"He is a fool who will descend into a well on another man's rope." Louis L'Amour, Western novelist (1908-88).

"Nothing grows well in the shade of a big tree." Constantin Brancusi, sculptor, painter and photographer (1876-1957).

"Don't depend on others, or by and by you won't be able to depend on yourself--nor will anyone else." B.C. Forbes, Forbes Magazine founder (1880-1954).

Forbes Magazine reports 6-5 Dwayne Johnson, 46, also known as "The Rock," has become Hollywood's most bankable movie star, earning \$124 million last year, the vast majority by acting. He has a past in football and wrestling.

In 1995 he was cut by the Canadian Football League and arrived in Tampa broke. "I had a five, a one and change."

"Thanks to his mixed Samoan and African-American heritage, his melting-pot looks make him a hero around the globe," wrote Natalie Robehmed. Last year over 64 percent of his movies' box office grosses came from international audiences.

In July 2018 Florida Agriculture Magazine published by Farm Bureau reports mangoes were first grown in India over 5,000 years ago and are a good source of vitamins A and C. A typical mango is between 3 and 10 inches long. They can be eaten as fresh fruit or can be used in salads, desserts, sauces, juices and chutney. Hardee County has a growing number of mango trees.

Farm Bureau says peanuts are planted on over 114,000 acres in Florida with a farmgate value of over \$220 million annually. Primarily grown in northern Florida, peanuts are considered the most efficient and affordable source of protein, says Jeffrey

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Hodges says the first faraway place he traveled to was Lincoln, Neb., where he attended the University of Nebraska. But that certainly wasn't the farthest he would move.

In 1939-41, Hodges lived in Hawaii. And in 1979-81, he lived in Malawi, which is in eastern Africa. He's also traveled internationally for work and has been on two cruises to Europe.

Including North America, Hodges has been to four continents in his life.

"I've been around," he says. Nowadays, Hodges likes to grow orchids and read Civil War history.

He also talked about history connected to his home state of Nebraska, explaining the history of the Missouri River and talking about when the Lewis & Clark Expedition stopped at the Nebraska buttes.

While he doesn't use it for very long at a time, Hodges gets on his exercise bike almost every day.

"Basically, I'm just living one day at a time," he says. "Tomorrow's another day."

And his advice to younger people?

Do what you like to do.

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. FOOD & DRINK: What ingredient is added to sugar to make it brown sugar?

2. CURRENCY: Which historical figure featured on a \$100 bill was NOT a president?

3. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries border Germany?

4. GAMES: Who invented the game of roulette?

5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: On which continent would you find a dingo, a wild dog?

6. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What American industrialist once said, "Formula for success: rise early, work hard, strike oil!"

7. HISTORY: Who was the last queen of France?

8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How long did the Pony Express deliver mail in the United States?

9. SCIENCE: What is the filament in an incandescent light bulb made of?

10. MOVIES: Which Disney movie features a character named Cruella de Vil?

ANSWERS

1. Molasses
 2. Benjamin Franklin
 3. Nine
 4. French mathematician Blaise Pascal
 5. Australia (or Oceania)
 6. J. Paul Getty
 7. Marie Antoinette
 8. 1860-61 (18 months)
 9. Tungsten
 10. "101 Dalmatians"
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DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Why are organizations making so much noise about securing pets in the car when it's moving? My dog "Archie" loves to put his head out the window, and has never needed a seat belt or carrier. He loves car trips.

Mosaic Approves Mitigation Deal

By MICHAEL KELLY

Of The Herald-Advocate

ditional \$37.4 million for economic development, bringing the total compensation to \$87.4 million.

The agreement also granted Hardee County a purchase option for 90 acres surrounding the county landfill for future expansion, and a lease agreement with the Industrial Development Authority on land across from Mosaic's North Pasture office, located off of C.R. 663 in Fort Green, to potentially locate a solar farm.

The tentative agreement was dependent on this final approval by Mosaic's Board of Directors.

Mosaic is required to address the "elements of economic development demonstrating how each mining operation and reclamation plan maximize and achieve economic development and diversity" as part of the mining permitting process outlined in the county's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

SUSPECT

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A prisoner transport service was contracted by the Hardee County Sheriff's Office to bring Ceja back to the Hardee County Jail.

On his arrival here, he was charged with second-degree murder, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and tampering with a witness.

Ceja is being held without bond, jail records show.

Because of the seriousness of the charges against him, Ceja is being held in close management rather than with the general population. He is in a cell by himself.

Charges stem from a Friday night incident at the Azalea Apartments in Bowling Green, where Ceja and Grant fought over a cell phone before Ceja

allegedly broke away and retrieved a gun from his car, according to Capt. Brett Dowden of the Bowling Green Police Department.

Ceja allegedly shot Grant multiple times as the teen stood on his own front porch with his girlfriend. After firing at Grant, Ceja turned the gun on the girl and said, "If you say anything, I'll kill you, too," Dowden further charged.

Ceja then drove away from the apartment complex, eventually crossing the state line into Georgia.

Dowden said case work here continues.

"Our investigation is not quite done," he noted on Tuesday afternoon. "We're getting close to where we want to be with it; we're tying up loose ends."

Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

(not bungee cords) so it doesn't slide around when driving around corners or making tight turns.

However, like many dogs, Archie wants to have some mobility and enjoys sticking his head out of the window. That's natural.

Fortunately, there are manufacturers out there trying to blend pet safety with comfort. Restraint systems are available for larger dogs that allow them to sit or lie down on the rear passenger seat, while keeping them from wandering around the car's interior. For smaller dogs, pet booster seats are available that lift them higher on the seat so that they can look out the window without having to stand on their rear legs.

Keep in mind that there are no performance standards or test protocols for verifying exactly how safe a restraint system or carrier is. Subaru of America and the Center for Pet Safety recently joined forces to test a few products. But you should take a look at several types of restraint systems for Archie to find the one he'll like best.

Send your questions, comments or tips to ask@paws-corner.com.

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Speak Up!**CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE**

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SAVE THE DATE**AUGUST**

- 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
 - 6 – "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 11 – Money Smart for Families/Hardee Help Center/6 pm
 - 12 – Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 13 – Storytime, HC Public Library/10 am
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"may be worn" as well, provided they are "not shorter than two inches above the knee."

New rules for pants, shorts and skirts include a prohibition against clothing that includes "rips and tears that expose bare skin."

"If clothing is ripped or torn and exposing bare skin, then the student is considered out of dress code regardless of the location of the rip or tear," the new rules state. "If pants/shorts have rips or tears, students must wear something under the pants or shorts."

The new rules also add a prohibition of "slider" type shoes. The existing ban includes bedroom slippers, heelys and skate shoes.

The new rules also include an expanded cold weather policy. The new winter policy defines outerwear as "hoodless clothing specifically designed for protection against cold weather, such as sweaters, coats, jackets, overcoats, etc."

The rules prohibit students from wearing "out of dress code long-sleeved shirts or out of dress code long-sleeved T-shirts worn for warmth as outermost garment."

A related rule prohibits such clothing being "visibly worn under short-sleeved dress code T-shirts."

The winter weather rules remove specific color requirements from outerwear. The rules previously said all jackets or sweaters and sweatshirts had to be "in Wildcat orange, gray, navy or royal blue."

Students will continue to be allowed to wear long-sleeved solid-colored T-shirts in Wildcat orange, gray, navy or royal blue underneath "Dress for Success" T-shirts or polos as a means of additional warmth.

Go To The Head Of The Class!
SCHOOL NEWS DEADLINE IS THURSDAY AT 5 PM

Hardee Junior High School 2018-19 Dress Code

Shirt Requirements:

1. Shirts may be worn out over the waistline or tucked in. Shirt size shall not be more than "1" size larger or smaller than the student's measured size and must be no lower than 2 inches for the inner aspect of the collar bone (below the neck).

2. The following shirts are the only allowable shirts to be worn by students at Hardee Junior High School:

Hardee Junior High spirit, athletic and club shirts (short- or long-sleeved) in Wildcat orange, gray, and navy or royal blue. Shirts will be available for purchase in the administration building or school store. Additionally, "Hardee Wildcats" or "Wildcats" shirts in Wildcat orange, gray, and navy or royal blue may be worn. These are also available from outside vendors. The 2 inch rule from #1 will apply.

College shirts or U.S. Armed Forces shirts (must display military branch logo or emblem) of any color may be worn to promote institutions of higher learning and for team spirit purposes.

Polo shirts, (short- or long-sleeved, maximum of 4 buttons) in Wildcat orange, gray, and navy or royal blue. Girls may wear polo shirts with cap sleeves. Polo shirts may have small designer logos or emblems located near the chest area, as long as they are smaller than the size of a student ID and are appropriate for school. Parents are encouraged to purchase polo shirts from retail stores; however, the "Dress for Success" attire should be strictly adhered to. Remember, the approved colors: Wildcat orange, gray and navy or royal blue. The 2 inch rule from #1 will apply.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts Requirements:

1. Pants must be fastened and worn at the natural waistline for boys and at the hips for girls. Pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts waist size shall not be more than "1" size larger than the student's measured size. Pants, slacks, and shorts cannot be excessively baggy in fit. Undergarments (boxers, briefs, or shorts, or panties) should not be visible at any time. They should be no longer in length than the heels of the shoes.

2. Skirts, shorts, and skorts shall be no shorter than two inches above the knee with no slits.

3. All clothing must be free from rips and tears that expose bare skin. If clothing is ripped or torn and exposing bare skin, then the student is considered out of dress code regardless of the location of the rip or tear. If pants/shorts have rips or tears students must wear something under the pants or shorts.

4. Jogger type pants with elastic waist band may be worn as long as they are not more than "1" size larger than the student's measured size.

5. Shorts/pants with elastic waist band may be worn as long as they are not more than "1" size larger than the student's measured size. Shorts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.

Other "Dress for Success" Requirements:

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Students should not wear any clothing, jewelry, buttons, or any other items, words, phrases, symbols, pictures with words, phrases, symbols, pictures, patches or graphics which use indecent, swear, or suggestive words or are drug/alcohol or gang related.
- Sunglasses, hats, caps or any other head covering, are not to be worn in the buildings.
- Extremes in dress or grooming that cause undue attention or cause disruptive influxes, such as unnaturally colored hair, tattoos, and body piercing (other than ears) are examples of extreme dress and grooming and are prohibited.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED AT SCHOOL:

- Bandanas of any color or style, visors, shower caps, nylon caps, hair nets, and skull caps.
- Hair rollers
- Chain wallets, dog collars, spiked wrist bands, or neck bands
- Unbuckled belts, overalls, or suspenders
- Yoga pants
- Pajamas or sleepwear
- Leggings of any kind are not allowed
- Bicycling, stretch, or spandex pants or shorts
- Excessively short or tight clothing
- Hooded garments
- Bedroom slippers, sliders, heelys, or skate shoes
- Bare feet
- Gang related items of any kind

Winter/Cold Weather Policy:

Outer wear is defined and includes: Hoodless clothing specifically designed for protection against cold weather such as sweater, coats, jackets, overcoats etc.

A. Out of dress code long-sleeve shirts or out of dress code long-sleeve t-shirts warn for warmth as outermost garment are not allowed.

B. Out of dress code long-sleeve shirts cannot be visibly worn under short sleeve dress code t-shirts.

The following outerwear articles of clothing are allowed and may be worn all day without removal:

- Zip-up (or button-up) coats, jackets or sweaters. These items should be free from any inflammatory print or design.
- Pull-over sweatshirts and sweaters. These items should be free of inflammatory print or design.
- Long- or short-sleeved solid colored t-shirts in Wildcat orange, gray, navy or royal blue are allowed and may be worn underneath "Dress for Success" t-shirts or polos. These undershirts should be tucked and should not extend below the outer t-shirt or polo.

All outerwear items must be free of rips or tears, and must fit within one size of the student's measured size.

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plan to provide SROs.

Smarting with sticker shock, school administrators began looking at alternatives.

The so-called "Plan B" involved abandoning SROs at Zolfo Springs, Bowling Green and North Wauchula and replacing them with retired law enforcement officers who would serve as security officers.

"We could not cover the first offer with the funds that we have, so I looked at Plan B," Shayman said. "Over the course of two weeks. I met with three former deputies here from Hardee County ... All three of them said they are interested and agreed to come in."

"Plan B" called for the school district to continue to pay \$171,944 to the sheriff for the four existing officers. The three other schools would be covered by the security officers - paid directly by the school district - at an additional cost of \$179,807.

The School Board was briefed on both plans at a workshop on Thursday of last week.

"Funding-wise, we have the funds for either," Shayman said.

Support quickly turned toward contracting with the sheriff.

"I have an issue," Smith said. "To me, the safety of everyone in the county comes

under the county and the Sheriff's Office. I would rather use his men and his training. I wish the county commissioners had agreed to fund all of them 60/40."

"We are here to educate children," added Smith, a retired Hardee County educator.

Member Thomas Trevino cited the county's ongoing budget woes in answer to Smith's concerns. "We met with the County Commission, and they are having funding issues," he said.

"But so are we," Smith responded. "We will always have ours and they will always have theirs."

Members also favored allowing liability and training of

the SROs being shouldered by the sheriff.

"Going with the sheriff's plan, it is \$20,000 more, but the liability is on them," Trevino said.

Vice Chairman Garry McWhorter agreed. "For \$20,000 we put all the burden on the sheriff," McWhorter added.

"I personally think that \$20,000 is OK considering the liability falls on the S.O.," Smith said.

Plan B was projected to cost \$376,328. The deal with the sheriff, including the payment to the WPD, is \$396,521.

Board member Teresa Crawford was absent from both meetings.

Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

cover or rain for only about 10 percent of the time there.

• You might be surprised to learn that, according to those who study such things, Alaskans eat twice as much ice cream per capita than the rest of the nation.

• Those who have the time to study such things claim that the most difficult small object to flush down a toilet is a ping-pong ball.

• In 2010 a new species of slug was discovered in the mountains of Borneo. It is distinguished from other species of slug by its novel method of mating: It shoots its mate with a so-called love dart made of calcium carbonate and containing hormones. The researchers nicknamed the gastropods "ninja slugs."

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Amberjack Season Now Open

The recreational harvest of greater amberjack and gray triggerfish reopened in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters on Wednesday.

The amberjack season will remain open through Oct. 31 in state waters.

The triggerfish season will remain open through Dec. 31 in state waters.

For greater amberjack in the Gulf, the minimum size limit is 34 inches fork length, and the daily bag limit is one fish per person.

For gray triggerfish in the Gulf, the minimum size limit is 15 inches fork length, and the daily bag limit is one fish per person.

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,

Margaret A. Barringer a/k/a Margaret Barringer; Unknown Spouse of Margaret A. Barringer a/k/a Margaret 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 Defendant(s). /

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 bidder 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:

THE EAST 25 FEET OF LOT 4 AND ALL OF LOT 3, BLOCK 5, SUNSET PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 9 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATION, (863)-534-4488 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD (863) 534-7777 OR FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE 1-800-955-8770.

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

By: Connie Coker
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

WARNING

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 1310
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: James A. Cunningham, Trustee

Description of Property:
Parcel Identification Number 16-34-27-0000-56540-0000

DESCRIPTION
390 AC 1/32 MINERAL RIGHTS
ALL W OF RD LESS 1975.13
FT THEREOF - PART OF 9185
ACRE TRACT LESS PHOSPHATE
OR228P790 16 34S 27E

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

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— HARDEE LIVING —

106TH BIRTHDAY


PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY

On Sunday afternoon the First United Methodist Church of Wauchula hosted a 106th birthday celebration for Dr. Elver Hodges. From left are Bill Baldwin, Nancy Craft, Dr. Hodges, Karl Framer, and Lorraine Baldwin. Bill Baldwin is pastor of the Spring Lake United Methodist Church in Highlands County.



Standing are David Weis and LaDonna Weis. Sitting are Louise Weis, Dr. Hodges, Carl Weis, and Margaret Hodges Blanco, Dr. Hodges' daughter. His actual birth date is Aug. 2.

CHURCH CHANGE


PHOTO BY JENNIFER MC CONKEY

The First United Methodist Church of Wauchula is finishing its renovations this week. The remodeling, which began in January, will help the whole church campus look more uniform by adding brickwork and other changes. The work is being done by Halfacre Construction Co. The church will celebrate the finished renovations this Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Community members are invited to attend the event.

Church News

First United Methodist Church of Wauchula will host its Children's Wing grand opening this Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be tours, bounce houses, hot dogs, the Children's Choir and so much more! The public is invited to come see the remodeling at 207 N. Seventh Ave.

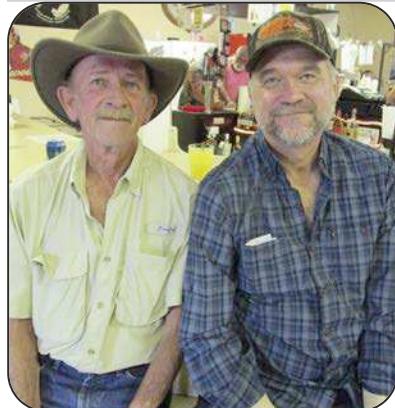
The deadline for Church News submissions is Thursday at 5 p.m. for the next edition.

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BURN VICTIM FUNDRAISER


PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY
Lester Elbertson, 55, (right) sustained serious burns on his face, arms and hands on July 1 from a brush fire and was airlifted to Blake Memorial Hospital in Bradenton. Skin grafts were required as he is still recuperating. At left is his brother David Elbertson, 63, former city manager of Bowling Green.



This moose head hangs on the wall of Wauchula Moose Lodge No. 1487 at East Main Street and King Road.



Benefit barbecue servers Saturday, from left, included Stephanie Wilkerson, Ashley Forrester, Celena Goode, Dennis Lake, Machele Albritton, Candice Harris, and Cindy Dutton. The benefit, which included a BBQ pulled pork and chicken dinner plus raffles, silent auction and 50/50 drawing, raised over \$7,000 for Lester Elbertson, who is employed with Florida Fertilizer Company.



Wauchula Moose Club officers, from left, include Jimmy Richardson, first past governor; Jerry Albritton, trustee; Dennis Lake, vice governor; Alton Wilkerson, governor; and Timmy Keene, trustee. The lodge has over 200 members. For more information call 863-445-1193.

RURAL HEALTHCARE REPORT


PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

John Gill, a physician's assistant at Pioneer Medical Center, spoke to the Wauchula Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, July 24, at the Java Cafe. He is president of the National Association of Rural Health and has lobbied in Washington, D.C. Healthcare is changing, and striking a balance of costs, patient care, new technology, insurance, government role, and information-sharing is a continuing challenge. He said technology exists today to put a smart phone over one's chest and do an electrocardiogram, to take one's temperature and pulse, and take and send a photo of a rash to the doctor for diagnosis and suggested treatment. Adapting technology could reduce the number of visits to a doctor's office. From left are Gary Delatorre, Charles Cannon, John Gill, and club vice president Kyle Long.



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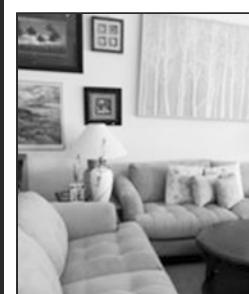
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— HARDEE LIVING —

Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper

773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green! We are losing some good neighbors as Pam and Harry Northup have recently sold their home to a person from Winter Haven. They told me they needed and wanted to downsize. The new neighbors are from the city, and I can understand people wanting to leave cities for the peace and quiet of the country.

If you are not familiar where the Northups lived, it was the old Buddy Patton home place. Amazing how homes retain the original owner's name. I still live in Merle Abbott's old home place!

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Cal Young. He is the uncle of Ronnie Moye, and they were telling me all the tragedie his wife has endured. Besides her husband being so sick for so long, some family have already made their final journeys and sometimes a person has more than their share.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Joe Sanders. He is a friend I made while working at Gardiner and I knew all his family, brother and sister and his children and their children. If I had known about the services in advance I would have gone.

I saw his daughter, Lynn, some years back in Balm when my daughter still lived in Tampa. I was on the way home after spending a weekend with her and stopped to get a drink

and a beautiful young girl said you don't recognize me do you? She could drive a goat and park it right beside the trailer without an inch in between! Joe will be missed.

Faye Chancey's bill Burgess always blooms before mine and are more beautiful than mine! Our yard looks terrible now but is beginning to look a little better or really we are probably just getting used to it. We had the beautiful old wonderful shade tree cut down all but one branch that the swing hangs on. It was rotting and we were afraid when the hurricane winds come it would blow over on the house. It will take a month of Saturdays to get the deep tracks out from around where it stood as the machines are so heavy. Eventually it will be acceptable!

Sherman said we need two fast-growing trees but the only ones I know that will grow overnight are the male mulberry and we sure don't want them. Ray Durrance gave me one years ago and I ended up hiring Charles Abbott and his group to dig them up! I had even been giving them shots of roundup in their trunk but when one died, five others sprang up!

The Gulf State Quartet sang at Gardner last Sunday morning. Gladys Douglas was there and sent word to tell me hello. She is one sweet lady I really got to know back when Hardee County had Homemaker Clubs. Also I saw Hazel Far-

well at Doc Hodges' party and we visited. She also goes to Gardner and I got to know her the same way and consider them good friends that you just don't see except once in a coon's age.

Doc's party was very nice. Carolyn Wyatt told me she brought her young grandson with her because he said he had never seen a 106-age person! Out of the mouth of babes. It was great to see people you never see unless at a funeral! Jean Burton looked super as did Florence Heath. I got to speak to Dutchie Clavel, and plenty others. Connie Rowe was there and introduced herself and it is things like that make it more special. Geraldine Crews manned the piano while someone led in some of the old songs that our generation knows, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Always." The younger generation does not know what good music is like!

Dennis Sasser and Beth are back from a wonderful vacation and Dennis announced that Carolyn and Gene Conley's home burned and that Gene made his final journey the next day. That is nearly more than a person can take. Our deep sympathy is extended to them.

Denise Erikson has been on our prayer list for some time and got well some of the time. She says she is now a chronic patient with incurable cancer. Her husband and entire family are active in the Mission Mechanic Flyer, and Ronny goes to Belize and is trying to get a part-time job.

Please pray for each other and our nation.

route to Honduras. They are very happy with any donations for this missionary team.

I understand Bruce Duran was back at church, already playing the keyboard after three bypasses. He is remarkable.

We had quite a few on the prayer list last Sunday. Tina Owens cannot get around without help. Helen Albritton is still not able to get out. Mary Samuels is still in Hardee Manor receiving therapy and Lynda Abbott is still recovering at home. Barbara Casey was not feeling too good on Sunday but is enjoying her grandson and children from Virginia. She had never seen the great-grandkids. Andrew has been visiting for a couple of weeks. Please remember all the sick in prayer.

Roberta and Courtney Alexander had a great week in Daytona visiting relatives. Makayla Chancey also enjoyed the week.

Avie and Allen Eures and Kaylee Hogenauer are back home after a couple of weeks at Anna Maria Island. They and a group of friends plan their trip every year.

Happy birthday wishes to Faye Davis on Aug. 1, Avie Eures on the third and my granddaughter on the 4th. Enjoying the week!

Sure hope you went to town and registered to vote in the August primary. I got to meet Diane Smith and she is very likable. Ones working in the polls had training last week.

Please pray for each other and our nation.

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 '80s
Aug. 4, 1988

Fast Freedom: An escapee from the Hardee County Jail has been captured after less than four days. Two other escapees were caught within 48 hours but one led authorities on extensive chases and searches until he was spotted last Wednesday at 3 p.m., hiding in a Wauchula home. He was caught and apprehended by 15 officers and will be charged with two vehicle thefts, in addition to current pending charges.

Confusing Art: Carol Brush writes in her column this week about the statue she had understood to be a representation of "The Last Supper." After investing \$75 to have her photo of this artwork framed and

hung on her dining room wall, it was brought to her attention that this statue portrayed only 11 disciples instead of 12. She is now searching for more information on this interpretation of the biblical event.

No-Diet Diet: Why worry about the hassle of dieting? "If you can't take dieting anymore... Take Charge" at the Weight Loss Center, AUGUST 15 Grand Opening.

Successful: state-of-the-art weight loss center and one of the first in Hardee, Highlands and DeSoto counties.

Letter To The Editor

Keith Merritt Would Be A Good Circuit Judge

Dear Editor:

I am writing to encourage all citizens to get out and vote in the August 28 primary election.

And I am especially encouraging you to vote for Keith Merritt for Circuit Court Judge in the 10th Circuit.

Keith is a longtime resident of Polk County, graduating from Lakeland Senior High School in 1980. He served six years of active duty as a nuclear electrician, he earned his Dolphins aboard two submarines, became a Navy scuba diver and received commenda-

tions from the Commander of Submarines in the Pacific and the Commanding Officer of the USS Bremerton.

These leadership skills

along with his continuing service to the community, serving as a Lakeland City Commissioner while still practicing the law and serving his clients with legal skill and compassion, gives Keith the ability to serve as a knowledgeable and fair 10th Circuit Court Judge.

Barbara Stampfl
Lakeland

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: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Hardee Help Center

713 E. Bay Street, Wauchula, FL 33873

Tele: 863-773-0034

Requirements: Application with proof of hardship

Programs: Emergency & Homelessness Assistance

For more information, Contact the Hardee Help Center

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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In Other Action

ZS Town Commission

The Zolfo Springs Town Commission considered the following items during its 40-minute meeting last week. All five commissioners were present.

—discussed, in a public hearing, the town's Community Development Block Grant application.

—passed the Florida Beef permit renewal.

—approved an agreement about highway corridor work with the county's Economic Development Council, with the stipulation that the EDC uses Zolfo Springs' engineers instead of bringing in new ones.

—accepted the monthly sheriff's report for June, showing 12 offenses handled, 16 requests for information and 13 tickets issued.

—accepted the water and waste/water and transportation monthly report.

—noted that Peace River Electric Cooperative will prob-

ably take over the residential part of Hardee County from Duke Energy. The commissioners want to make sure the streetlights are changed to LED bulbs since the town already has an agreement about that with Duke Energy.

—approved the purchase of a new public address system for town hall for an initial cost of \$8,694.80 and a yearly cost of \$1,290.20.

—discussed updated costs for the Civic Center renovation.

Town Clerk Amanda Wallace reminded commissioners Irby and Cannon that they are up for re-election. Qualifying time for the election for seats 1 and 3 is from Aug. 20 at 7:30 a.m. to Aug. 23 at 5 p.m.

The next Zolfo Springs Town Commission meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 6 p.m. Location to be determined.

I'm "too young" (91) to enjoy driving these "new-fangled" vehicles that are on the roadways in this "day and time." Give me back my "old timers" like my "old used Chevy," and I'll be as "happy as a meadowlark."

I'll leave these new-fangled models to the younger "whipper-snappers." Just be sure they leave their "play things" at home in their "play pens" so they don't drive with them. They can keep or take their eyes off the road.

I have just received a call from Alan Jay that it is impossible to repair my vehicle. I am

Roxie Bentley
Wauchula

**Sorry for the inconvenience, but
We will be CLOSED
Monday, August 6
through
Sunday, August 12**

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Gov. Scott Makes U.S. Senate Race Campaign Stop In Hardee

By JIM KELLY

Of The Herald-Advocate

Florida Gov. Rick Scott on Thursday morning made a one-hour campaign stop at Mater'z Steak House in Wauchula. He has been governor for 7-1/2 years, and the Republican from Naples is seeking the U.S. Senate seat currently held by U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, a Democrat. The election will be Nov. 6.

Scott said the state's crime rate is at a 47-year low and that Florida has added 1.5 million jobs since he has been governor. He said he has been endorsed by 56 of Florida's 67 sheriffs and had high praise for Hardee Sheriff Arnold Lanier.

Scott said the federal government needs to change to

represent everybody and that he will represent Florida's 21 million residents if elected to the U.S. Senate. He said he has shaken hands with 500,000 people. "I will try to solve problems."

He served in the Navy. Scott said his favorite job is being a grandparent. He enjoys talking to children.

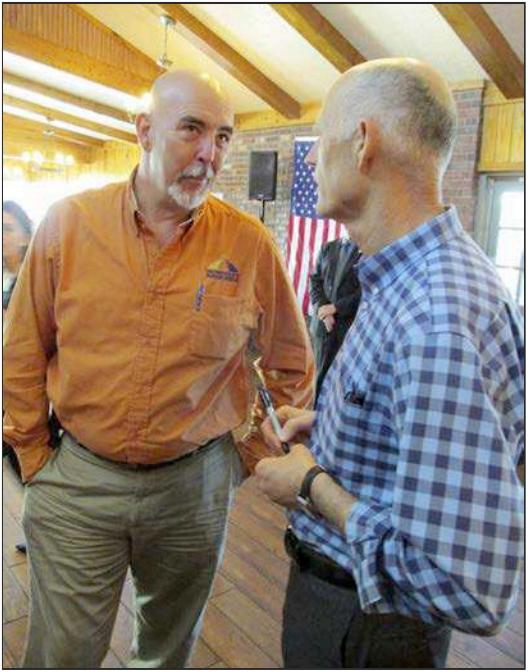
Scott said he grew up in public housing, did not know his natural father and was adopted by his stepfather.

Wauchula was among four city stops planned for Thursday.

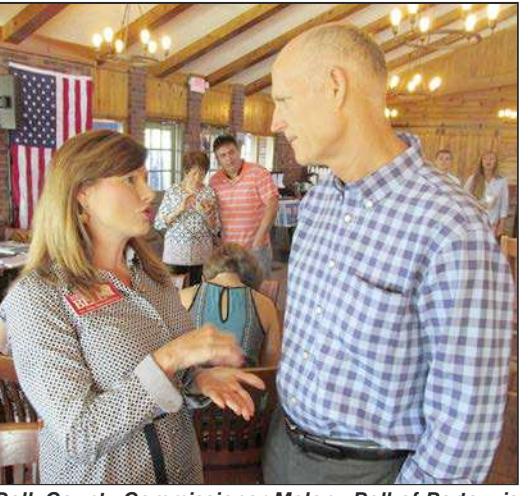
Scott would also like to see term limits established for U.S. representatives and senators and control federal spending more efficiently.



Wauchula Realtor Noey Flores is running for a Hardee County Commission seat on Aug. 28. In center is R. Roy Petteway.



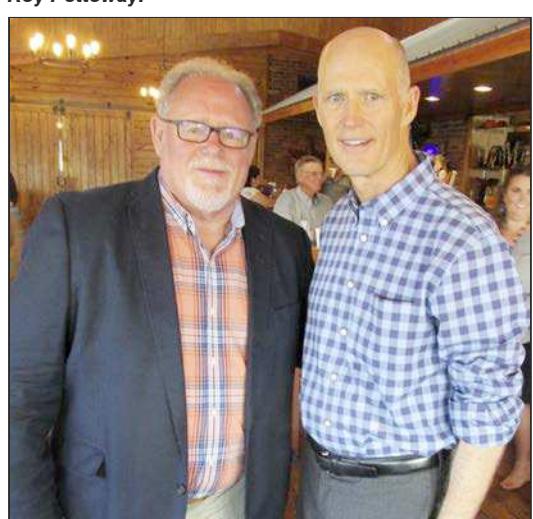
Bowling Green Mayor Sam Fite, who is also president of the Florida Ridge League of Cities, talks with Gov. Scott.



Polk County Commissioner Melony Bell of Bartow is running for state representative in this district in November.



Keith Davis of rural Wauchula is a citrus grower and part-owner of Florida Fertilizer Company.



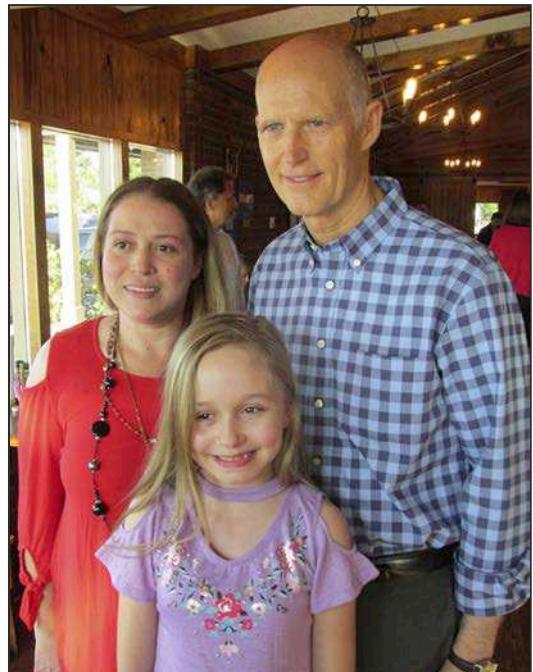
Rev. Rod Cannon is a member of the Zolfo Springs Town Council and pastor of New Vision Worship Center.



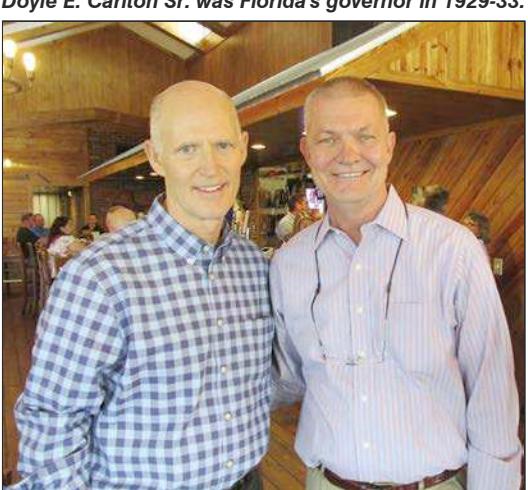
Doyle E. Carlton III talks with governor. His grandfather Doyle E. Carlton Sr. was Florida's governor in 1929-33.



Gov. Scott and Nicholas LeConte, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher LeConte.



Governor shown with Ann Schwartz and her daughter Camille, 10.



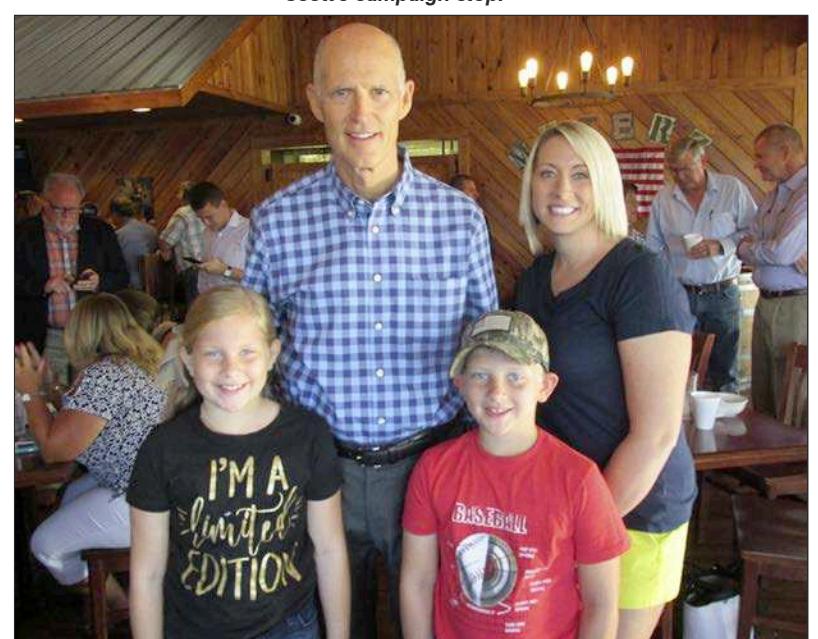
Wauchula Realtor Ken Lambert, owner of Lambert Realty Company, is a member of the Wauchula City Council.



Rev. Jeff Fowler, pastor of Florida's First Assembly of God on Florida Avenue in Wauchula, attended Gov. Scott's campaign stop.



From left are Mazie Pelham, 8, Hardee County Economic Development Coordinator Sarah Pelham, Gracie Pelham, 10, and Gov. Scott.



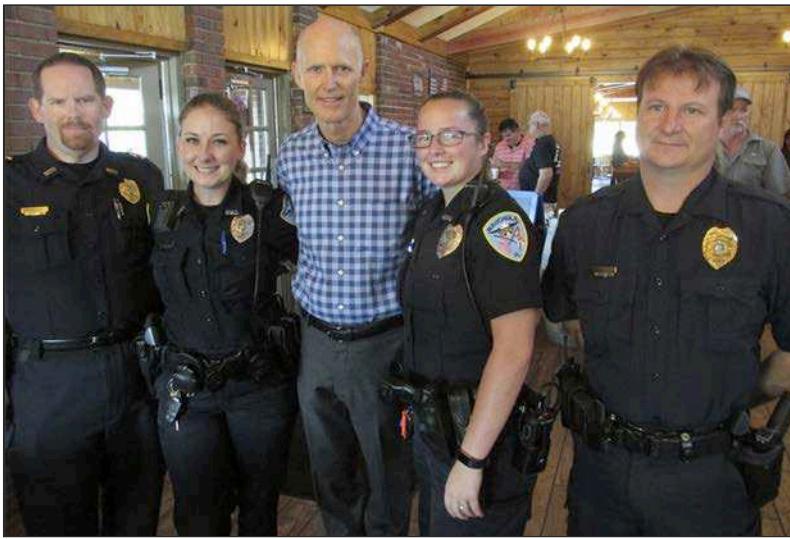
Hardee County Economic Development Office Manager Kristie Schierling and her daughter Kaitlyn, 10, and son Dylan, 7.



The governor is shown with Wauchula Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew, City Councilman Ken Lambert, City Manager Terry Atchley, and City Councilman Gary Smith.



Hardee Sheriff Arnold Lanier, Gov. Rick Scott, and Hardee County Commissioner Sue Birge, chair of the Hardee Republican Executive Committee. She is seeking re-election as commissioner this year.



Four Wauchula Police officers pose with Scott. From left are Lt. Matthew Whatley, Cpl. Bryanna Lott, Ptl. Kaleigh Anderson, and Det. Sgt. Christopher LeConte.



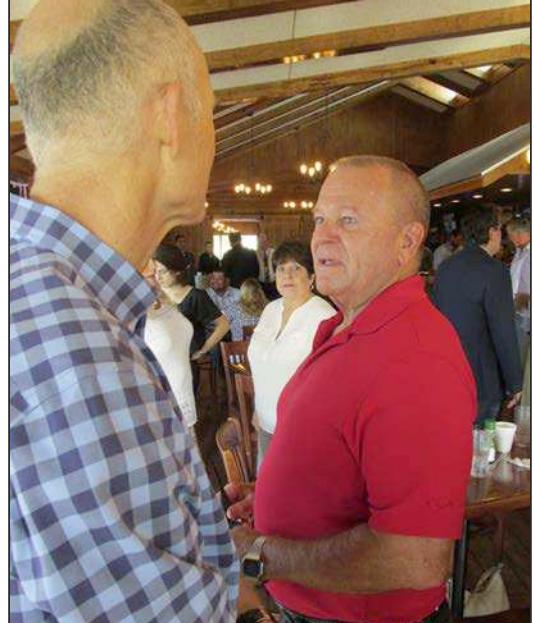
Attending event were Edward Flood and Hannah Potter, assistant state attorneys, and Hardee County Commissioner Colon Lambert.

On This Day:

- In 1937 Marihuana Tax Act of 1937 is passed in America, essentially rendering marijuana and all its by-products illegal
- In 1944 Jewish survivors of Kovono Ghetto emerge from their bunker
- In 1972 Gold hits record \$70 an ounce in London
- In 1999 "The Sixth Sense", starring Bruce Willis, Toni Collette, and Haley Joel Osment, premieres
- In 2012 American swimmer Michael Phelps wins an unprecedented third consecutive gold medal in the 200m individual medley in 1:54.27 at the London Olympics



Shown here are Lt. Herschel Stone of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office and Hardee Clerk of Courts Vickie Rogers.



Hardee County Commissioner Rick Knight talks with Scott.

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.

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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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE THIRTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH
COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 18-CA-007069

In re: Assignment for the
Benefit of Creditors of

CARESYNC, INC.,
Assignor,

To:

JOSEPH J. LUZINSKI,
Assignee.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

TO: CREDITORS AND OTHER
INTERESTED PARTIES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 23, 2018, a petition commencing an assignment for the benefit of creditors pursuant to chapter 727, Florida Statutes, made by CareSync, Inc., assignor, with principal place of business at 14055 Riveredge Drive, #600, Tampa, Florida 33637, to Joseph J. Luzinski, assignee, whose address is 500 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 400, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309, was filed.

YOU ARE HEREBY further notified that in order to receive any dividend in this proceeding you must file a proof of claim with the assignee or the assignee's attorney on or before November 20, 2018.

STEPHANIE C. LIEB
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Tel: (813) 223-7474
Proposed Attorneys for the
Assignee, Joseph J. Luzinski



Mater'z owners Tami and Scott Halstead pose with Scott.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Bowling Green election qualifying period for Commission Seats 1, 2, & 3 will open August 13, 2018 at 8:00am and will run until August 17, 2018 at 4:00pm for a November 13, 2018 election. Qualifying fee is \$10.00 plus a \$30.00 Election Assessment. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older, registered voters and residents of the City of Bowling Green for the past 6 months. Candidates must qualify at the City of Bowling Green administrative office, 104 E. Main Street, Bowling Green, Florida during the above stated hours. Any questions regarding the election may be directed to the office of the City Clerk at 863-375-2255.

M. Carmen Silva
City Clerk

To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Do you prescribe vitamins or treatments to enhance the immune system?

—C.N.

ANSWER: I do not. In my opinion, a healthy diet makes a deficiency of a vitamin or mineral severe enough to weaken the immune system unlikely. Stress reduction (through many techniques) and good sleep are more important than supplements.

People think that a daily vitamin and mineral supplement is like an insurance policy against a good diet. However, many studies have shown that taking vitamins does not, in general, lead to improvements in prevention of disease, including heart disease, cancer or infections. So I would be much more likely to recommend a better diet (especially in the fresh fruits and vegetables) than I would a supplement.

Many adults have not gotten all the vaccines that are recommended, and these are a huge benefit to your immune system for those specific bacteria and viruses.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am an 81-year-old male in generally good health. I am maybe 10 pounds overweight. I have had no heart attacks or cardiac symptoms. I walk on the treadmill for exercise.

I have controlled hypertension, and have been taking simvastatin, 10 mg. My LDL is 71, very favorable. My HDL is also good, at 73.

Several years back, when I started the statin, my doctor added Zetia, 10 mg. At the time, I wondered why this would be OK, and he said, "Well, there is a certain synergy there." While I have continued taking the Zetia and suppose it might be helpful, I wonder if I need it. I say this because it is rather expensive (about \$500 a year with my part D coverage). It is the only thing I take that costs me this much.

My reading of the literature suggests that while Zetia might help the LDL level, there is no evidence that it improves longevity (i.e. cardiovascular).

—J.P.

ANSWER: This is a confusing subject, because the theory (that lowering cholesterol protects your heart) and the evidence (that it actually works) don't exactly align. High cholesterol certainly is associated with a higher likelihood of heart blockages, which can lead to heart attack and death. However, not all treatments that lower cholesterol reduce risk of heart attack.

On the one hand, there are treatments that lower chole-

sterol that do help your heart. The Mediterranean diet clearly reduces risk of heart attack. Dr. Dean Ornish's plant-based diet of very little fat and little or no meat, in combination with stress reduction and smoking cessation, actually reverses blockages in arteries in some people. Statin drugs reduce cholesterol and help prevent heart attacks, at least in people at high risk for them.

On the other hand, ezetimibe (Zetia) reduces cholesterol, but like most nonstatin drugs to treat high cholesterol, it has not been proven to reduce heart disease risk. It tends to have few side effects and probably is not harmful. But you are correct that it is expensive, and like all medications, it can possibly cause harm. Being conservative about medication, I very rarely prescribe it. Studies are ongoing, and I will read-

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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Fleeing Suspect Lands In Highlands County Jail

By CYNTHIA KRAHL

Of The Herald-Advocate

A Hardee County man who allegedly tried to run from authorities ended up behind bars in a neighboring county facing drug and other charges.

Joseph Thomas Martinez, 31, of 4810 Sally Blvd., Bowling Green, evaded "stop sticks" and eluded pursuing officers for more than 20 miles before being taken into custody in the sandy soil of an Avon Park orange grove, according to Dep. Chadwick of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

Martinez was booked into the Highlands County Jail at 3:16 a.m. on Sunday, where he remained as of late Tuesday afternoon.

Charges against the suspect include possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug equipment, fleeing to elude a police officer and driving while license suspended or revoked habitual of-

fender.

Bond has been set at \$22,000, Highlands County Jail records show.

It all allegedly began as law enforcement officers here attempted to pull over Martinez, who was driving a Ford SUV. Martinez instead took flight.

With Hardee County Sher-

iff's Office deputies and Wauchula Police Department officers in pursuit, Martinez headed eastbound on State Road 64 toward the county line. Dispatchers advised Highlands County of the chase.

Doublerley said he stopped his Highlands County Sheriff's Office patrol car on SR64 at Self Avenue and deployed "stop sticks" to impede the SUV's progress. He watched as the fleeing vehicle and its pursuers approached, but the SUV turned north 300 yards before hitting his location, he said.

From there, Martinez allegedly drove the SUV along Oleander Road toward Stryker Road as law enforcement officers continued to follow him and Doublerley took a parallel path on U.S. 27 before rejoining the chase at Lanier Boule-

vard.

At that point, the Highlands deputy said, he saw Martinez driving on a sandy grove road, pull to the side and stop.

Hardee County Sheriff's Of-

fice deputies and Wauchula police officers then took Martinez into custody, he said.

Doublerley said the WPD conducted a search of the suspect vehicle as he observed.

Located in the center con-



Martinez

ting two small plastic bags, one of a clear crystal substance and the other of a white powder. A glass tube with burned residue was behind the driver's seat, he alleged.

On the rear seat, the Highlands deputy said he saw a black safe holding two more glass tubes with residue and a white tube. He also spotted two digital scales as are commonly used to weigh narcotics, he alleged.

Doublerley said the suspect substances were field tested. The clear crystal material was methamphetamine, he alleged, and weighed in at .4 grams.

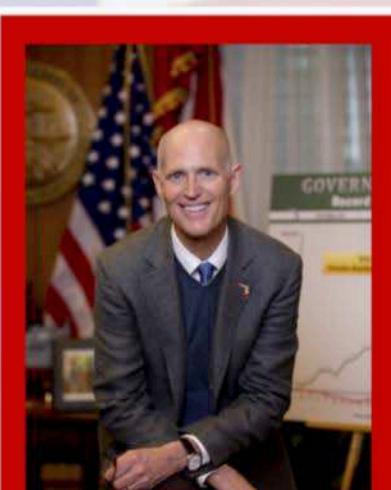
The white powder was positive for cocaine. It weighed 1.2 grams, the deputy further charged.

Martinez was placed into Doublerley's patrol vehicle and transported to the Highlands County Jail.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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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.: 1308
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: James A. Cunningham, Trustee

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Parcel Identification Number 15-34-27-0000-53270-000

DESCRIPTION
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All of the property is in HARDEE County, Florida.

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

By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

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Duke Energy Customers To Become PRECO's

Duke Energy Florida announced last week that it will file a request with the Florida Public Service Commission to transfer about 3,000 customers in Hardee County and a small area of Polk County north of Bowling Green to Peace River Electric Cooperative.

The company's current territorial agreement with PRECO will expire in December 2019; however, before the current agreement expires, Duke Energy and PRECO will enter into a new territorial agreement to revise the service-area boundaries between the two utilities and allow each company to continue to provide safe and reliable electricity.

Customers affected by the transfer will be notified by mail.

Territorial agreements allow for the efficient delivery of electrical service and establish and define geographical areas where a utility is the exclusive provider of electric service. These agreements also avoid the duplication of electrical distribution lines, services and facilities of utilities in the same communities.

PRECO will serve the transferred residential and business

customers through the electric distribution system, and Duke Energy Florida will continue to retain and expand transmission-level services within Hardee County.

"With new growth and development over the years, utility company service areas may overlap, which results in duplicate facilities such as power poles and lines in the same areas," said Catherine Stempien, Duke Energy Florida state president. "Although we regret not having the opportunity to continue to serve these customers, we're confident PRECO will do an excellent job meeting their energy needs, and both companies will work together to ensure a smooth transition."

The proposed agreement requires Florida Public Service Commission approval and will be filed on Aug. 31. The approval process could take up to six months. Once approved, it may take up to three years to complete the transition. Customers will have an opportunity to provide comments to the FPSC during its review process.

"PRECO has a long-standing commitment to the local

community," said Randy Shaw, general manager of PRECO. "This territorial agreement provides the framework for both companies to gain operational efficiencies and ensure customers continue to receive the safe, reliable electric service they expect and deserve."

Customers' Rates

PRECO will request approval from the FPSC to allow customers to either keep their current rate or move to PRECO's rates for the first few years after their service has been transferred.

On average, customers' bills will remain about the same. As of July 2018, the total monthly bill for a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month is \$124.16 for Duke Energy and \$128.78 for PRECO.

PRECO Open House
All customers affected by the transfer are invited to an open house event on Tuesday, Aug. 14, from 3 to 7 p.m., at PRECO's headquarters, 210 Metheny Road, Wauchula. Customers can ask questions of both utilities and meet members of the PRECO team.



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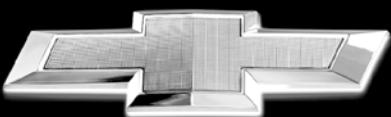
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On This Day:

- In 1865 Lewis Carroll publishes "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"
- In 1877 San Francisco Public Library opens with 5,000 volumes
- In 1887 Rowell Hodge patents barbed wire
- In 1892 Charles A Wheeler patents a prototype of the escalator
- In 1909 1st Lincoln head pennies minted
- In 1909 Army Air Corps formed as Army takes 1st delivery from Wright Brothers

HARDEE COUNTY ELECTIONS' OFFICE PRE-ELECTION TABULATION TEST (PER FS 101.5612)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, August 13, 2018 a pre-election test of the automatic tabulation equipment (Logic and Accuracy Test) will be held to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count all votes cast in the August 28, 2018 Primary Election.

This test will take place beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Hardee County Public Library, 315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula, FL.

Any interested persons are invited to attend.

Diane Smith,
Supervisor of Elections
Hardee County

OFICINA DE ELECCIONES DEL CONDADO DE HARDEE PRUEBA DE TABULACIÓN PRE-ELECCIÓN (FS 101.5612)

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que el lunes 13 de agosto de 2018 se realizará una prueba pre-electoral del equipo automático de tabulación para asegurarse de que el equipo cuente correctamente todos los votos emitidos el 28 de agosto de 2018, Elección Primaria.

La prueba se llevará comenzando en a la 11:00 a.m. en la Hardee County Biblioteca Pública, 315 N. 6th Ave.; Wauchula, FL.

Cualquier personas interesado está invitado a atender.

Diane Smith,
Supervisor de Elecciones
Condado de Hardee

22 New Teachers Prepare To Enter Local Classrooms

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Cathryn Uber doesn't want to give the wrong impression. "I don't give rides in my free time," Uber said.

Uber, who pronounces her name without the "ewe" and with an "ub," got a quick laugh with the quip as she introduced herself as the newest member of the English Department at Hardee Junior High School.

New teachers – 22 in total across the Hardee County School District – were introduced to Hardee County and all things Wildcat during the two-day "Great Beginnings" teacher orientation at the District Training Center earlier this week.

Uber, hailing from Pennsylvania, is one of four new teachers recruited by district officials during whirlwind out-of-state recruiting drives earlier this year.

Hardee Senior High garnered a triple play as they netted three of the four out-of-state recruits.

"I am super excited," said Dr. Michele Polk, principal of Hardee High. "Not only are they great additions to the staff, they all found a place to live locally and that is hard considering the housing situation."

Nicholas Masiello, who comes from New York to join the high school social studies staff, came prepped for pride as he honored his new school colors with an orange-and-blue tie.

Also joining the high school staff is Israel Pierre in the Spanish Department.

Hardee Junior High added Tiffany Browdy, Matthew

Christiansen, Marcus Jenkins, Kathleen Jordan and Erica Roberts to the staff.

Noemi Molina and Kristen Villafranca joined the staff of Bowling Green Elementary.

North Wauchula Elementary added Priscilla Bowes, Linda Hernandez, Amber Huddlen, Alexi Ozuna, and Katelyn Reader.

Christina Duncan, Randa Kellogg, Brandi Lefevre, Brittany Mishon and Stacey Peterson joined the staff of Wauchula Elementary.

Juliann Hunnicutt joined the staff of Zolfo Springs Elementary.

Hilltop Elementary added Lisa Coker to the staff.

The orientation – Monday and Tuesday – was a Cliffs-Notes version of the school system, with requisite introductions in district policies and its insurance plan to how to request a light bulb be replaced.

Mondays morning session escaped the mundane how-tos of the life of a new teacher as speakers focused on life in Hardee County.

A long-time coach at Hardee High, Carlton provided insight into the spirit of the orange and the blue. "The Wildcat is a mascot, but it is much more than that: it is a mindset; it is a culture," Carlton said.

"I encourage you as you move here to open your arms up and embrace us, because we are going to embrace you," he continued.

Carlton adapted a quote from Publix founder George Jenkins in his closing remarks:

"Hardee County School District is going to be a great place or not quite as good of a place because of you," he said.

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Pinning Ceremony Honors 12 Local Nursing Grads

A dozen Hardee County residents were among the 28 graduates of South Florida State College's practical nursing program who were honored at a pinning ceremony on Thursday.

The traditional ceremony was held in the Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts on the Avon Park campus.

Pinning ceremonies recognize nursing graduates for their accomplishments, emphasize their responsibilities as health-care providers, and officially welcome them into the nursing profession.

Having earned their occupational certificates in practical nursing, the graduates are now eligible to take the National Council for Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses and apply for practical nursing licenses from the Florida Board of Nursing.

The 2018 practical graduates from Hardee County are Ahlam Alqabsi, Reham Alqabsi, Irma Alvarado, Stephanie DeAnda, Erica DeLoera, Maria Diego Macedo, Sonya Fowler, Maribel Garza, Erica Molina, Christina Moye, Jessica Roark and Berenice Roblero.

On behalf of the college, Dr. Michaela Tomova, dean of arts

and sciences, congratulated the graduates. "We are thankful for your accomplishments. We know as you embark on your professional journey, you will take part of the South Florida State College spirit with you in your heart, and you'll always remember the support, the knowledge, and the love you have gained in our institution."

"I know you will impart that faith, love and support to people you are destined to meet in your professional career. Thank you for being our pride and joy," she concluded.

Nursing instructor and keynote speaker Candra Polk encouraged the graduates to follow the example of actor Will Smith by creating an annual personal mission statement defining how they will improve the lives of others by continually striving to improve themselves.

"No matter who you are or what you do each day, it is so important to stay driven, to continually elevate your mind, to elevate your spirit, and to care for your bodies so that you will be able to love and care for as many people as effectively as possible with this mystery of life we've been given," she said.

Class President Dalal "Dee"

Zaban thanked the extensive village of family, friends, teachers and others who supported the nursing students while they pursued their education, and she reminded her classmates that it is now their duty to serve a village of patients and their families.

She shared her own personal philosophy that defines her approach to nursing: "If I cannot do great things, I will do great things in a small way."

"It is not the measure of how we will change lives, but in the great way we will do it: through human touch, attention, giving a bath, refreshing bed linens, distracting a crying toddler while getting vaccinated, holding a patient's hand when they are scared or confused, or being there for the families of the patients in our care," Zaban said.

Graduates received their pins from a person of their choice, such as family members and friends.

The ceremony concluded with the new nurses lighting candles to symbolize the impact they will make on the world, and then reciting the Nightingale Pledge of nursing ethics, named after Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Little Ivy Diego Macedo has the big task of presenting a nursing pin to her mother, Maria.



Sisters Ahlam Alqabsi (left) and Reham Alqabsi light candles together during South Florida State College's traditional pinning ceremony for practical nursing graduates.



David Fowler proudly pins his daughter, practical nursing graduate Sonya Fowler.



Local Girl, 8, Plays On National Softball Squad

Valerie Juarez, of Wauchula, was selected to play fastpitch softball for 9U USSSA Atlantic National Team in the All-American Games this week.

The tournament began Monday (July 30) at the USSSA Space Coast Complex, in Viera, and is expected to conclude Saturday, Aug. 4.

"Valerie tried out Jan. 28 of this year, and out of 300 or more girls she is the youngest member to make this elite team," said Sharon Knight, athletic director at Hardee Junior High School.

The USSSA All American Fastpitch Program created an environment where athletes are evaluated by the top players and

coaches in softball based on the athlete's skill level and athleticism.

Athletes who are selected to regional teams then compete against the other regional teams in the USSSA All American Games.

The eight regions include the Far West, Northwest, Midwest, Central, Great Lakes, Southeast, Atlantic, and Northeast.

Valerie, 8, is the daughter of Adam Juarez and Blanca Rivera, of Wauchula, and is a fourth grader at Hilltop Elementary.

She is a member of the FL Impact travel team in Dover, and she was a 10U Hardee County Youth Softball Allstar as a pitcher and shortstop.



Valerie Juarez, 8, is competing this week as a member of the 9U USSSA Atlantic National Team in the All-American Games at Viera. She is the youngest member of the squad.

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Old Times There Are Not Forgotten

When my mother and step-father married, we moved off the ranch and lived in Largo, Florida, where I went to high school. Largo was home to the Band of Gold, perhaps the finest high school band ever to exist in this country.

We won five National Championships, a World Championship, and so many state championships we literally ran out of wall space to display the trophies. For the 12 years Bob Cotter was the director, the Band of Gold was a musical force.

From the first time I heard the band, I wanted to be in it. I learned to play trumpet, then French horn. When I finally put on the shimmering gold shirt, I knew I belonged to something bigger than myself. One man playing a French horn could make a sound; 150 people could make a tidal wave of sound.

We didn't just play at high school football games; we played at Miami Dolphin games and did halftime at the very first Tampa Bay Buccaneers' game. My senior year, we played at a University of Florida Gator game at Tampa Stadium. One of our songs was the theme from "Jaws." The Gator cheerleaders asked us to play it over and over. That's right: the Band of Gold originated the famous Gator "chomp."

I don't mean to throw other high school bands under the bus, but we were drilled in the fundamentals of marching and music. It showed. We marched in step.

Ever notice how the TV cameras will always focus on the one kid out of step in the band? They never found "that guy" in the Band of Gold. We played in tune. For the non-musical among you, that meant we sounded like one instrument though we were 150 different instruments. There

were lots of different sounds making one song.

Playing in the band meant you didn't really hear the music; you heard the echo off the stadium. You never saw the show; you saw the impact. I

forgotten. They showed old videos of field shows, and I saw the impact we made.

Maybe that is part of Heaven: there, we will actually see the impact of our churches. Which makes me wonder: Will



Directions
By Clay Smith
Hardee County Native

don't remember ever performing and not receiving a standing ovation.

At the World Music Contest in Holland, I remember the standing ovation went on for 15 minutes. Nothing else in my life has ever been quite like it.

I realize now the Band of Gold and Mr. Cotter, the director, taught me a lot about church. When you are doing church — I mean really doing it — you don't see what it looks like. You can see people's reaction to church, you can hear the cheers and boos, you can hear the echoes, but you don't get the true picture when you are part of the movement of Jesus.

There is, however, something powerful, something beyond ourselves, when we join with others to have impact. We can meet the needs of our community with a tidal wave of grace. People will stand up and notice when we are in step and in tune. When church sticks to the fundamentals — loving Jesus, loving each other, and loving God's world — there is a power that overwhelms doubt and difference.

I went back recently for the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Band of Gold and the 40th Anniversary of the World Championship. We gathered to remember and celebrate old times that are not

we see the impact of the unified body of Christ, bringing grace to a hurting world? Or will we see the feeble attempts of a group of people doing their own thing, playing their own tune, putting Jesus' name on it, and calling it a church?

Is it time for you to get in step and in tune?

Hardee County native Clay Smith is lead pastor at Alice Drive Baptist Church in Sumter, S.C. He and his brother and sister still own the family ranch in the Lemon Grove community east of Wauchula. You can follow him at unlikelyclay.com.

Letter To The Editor

Connie Rowe Wishes All A Blessed Summer

Dear Editor,

I am wondering why there are so many relationships that go awry. I believe the reason could be because there are two different people with two different opinions and when these two different people are stubborn and angry and each one wants to keep their opinion, then we have WW 3.

The worst thing about arguing is when someone chooses to just hang up the phone and doesn't want to discuss coming up with a solution. This is the rudest and most selfish thing someone can do to someone in a relationship.

Jesus said to turn the other cheek when someone hits you and threatens you. I believe He said to do that so you wouldn't judge the other person. I believe in today's world we may get ourselves shot.

Actually I believe when two people argue, they do not want

Kovels Antiques & Collecting

By Terry & Kim Kovell

ALUMINUM ARMCHAIR

Sometimes a designer becomes very popular with a new design, sells his products, becomes wealthy, and then his designs become commonplace and he eventually goes bankrupt. That is the sad story of Warren McArthur, a talented designer of the 1930s who was among the first to make aluminum furniture.

McArthur (1885-1961) was born in Chicago and grew up in a house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. He went to Cornell to study mechanical engineering, and by 1914, he had filed for 10 patents for lamp designs. He moved to Phoenix and, with his brother, owned car dealerships and a radio station, and built the Arizona Biltmore. He also patented a useful adapter for a car radiator. All were successful.

In 1929, he moved to Los Angeles and started a metal furniture business. He improved the manufacturing process with his inventions, including an aluminum that didn't tarnish and a way to permanently color the metal. The brightly colored metal furniture was popular in Hollywood, and was featured in movie theaters and stars' homes.

During the Depression in the 1930s, McArthur moved to New York City and then to Connecticut two years later. His company made airplane seats during World War II, but went bankrupt in 1948. McArthur died in 1961.

Q: What is the value of a Fowler's Cherry Smash syrup dispenser? It was used at soda fountain counter. It's about 17 inches tall. There's a pump at the top, and it reads "Always drink Fowler's Cherry Smash -- our nation's beverage" on the front and back. There is a 5 cent symbol on both sides and three cherries with stems. Underneath the base it reads "John E. Fowler, Richmond Va., to be used by Cherry Smash only."

A: At one time, Cherry Smash was the second most popular soft drink in the United States. The name "Cherry Smash" was registered by John E. Fowler in 1909. The company started out in Richmond but moved to Rosslyn, Virginia, in 1920. After Prohibition ended in 1933, Fowler started the Dixie Brewing Corp., but no beer was ever brewed there. Cherry Smash was produced in Rosslyn until 1935. Your dispenser was made before that. Value about \$2,000 to \$3,000.

CURRENT PRICES

Biscuit tin, embossed with blueberries and leaves, square canister, serpentine corners, beaded border, hinged lid, c. 1905, 7 x 7 inches, \$25.

Strawberry serving set, sugar and creamer, oval tray with inset holders for jugs, strawberry leaf design, G. Jones, c. 1880, 14 inches, \$360.

Lap guitar, steel, wood with inlaid mother of pearl dots, 29 frets, tube amplifier and speaker, case, Kay, 33 x 10 inches, \$635.

Pudding spoons, sterling silver, medallion handle tips and flower button on reeded stem, Ball Black & Co., 1860s, Set of 10, \$1,560.

TIP: Never use mending tape or transparent tape on a book. It will eventually permanently damage the paper. Even Post-its eventually will leave a spot.

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This brushed and polished aluminum armchair made in the 1930s has the original paper label. The wooden arms have weathered original green enamel paint. It auctioned for \$2,400 last year at a James Julia auction.

Notices

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

CASE NO. 252018CA000119

SOUTH FT. MEADE LAND MANAGEMENT, INC., a Florida corporation Plaintiff,

vs.

IDOB, INC., a dissolved Florida corporation, and its officers, directors, stockholders, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against it.

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: IDOB, INC., a dissolved Florida corporation, and its officers, directors, stockholders, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or

against it.
C/O Winfried Kunkel
Haupetstrabe 70
A 7302 Nikitsch Osterreich
Austria

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you to quiet title on the following described property in Hardee County, Florida:

Parcel ID No. 15-34-24-0000-00160-0000

Tract B-12, IDOB, INC., CITRUS GROVES, more particularly described as: Begin at the NW corner of said Section 15, Township 34 South, Range 24 East, Hardee County, Florida, and run thence S. 89°42'41" E. and along the North line of said Section 15, 73.91 feet; thence S. 0°43'30" W, 1679.95 feet to the P.O.B.; thence continue same line, 385.0 feet; thence S. 89°38'32" E, 86.00 feet; thence S. 0°43'30" W, 55.00 feet; thence S. 89°38'32" W, 148.0 feet P.O.B. Subject to a 10 ft. road and maintenance easement along East side.

AND Commence at NW corner of Section 15, Township 34 South, Range 24 East, Hardee County, Florida, and run thence S. 89°42'41" E, and along the North line of said Section 15 a distance of 73.91 feet; thence S. 0°43'30" W, 2064.95 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue S 0°43'30" W, 55.00 feet; thence S. 89°38'32" E, 86.00 feet; thence N 0°43'30" E, 55.00 feet; thence N 89°38'32" W, 86.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to JOHN W. H. BURTON of John W. H. Burton, P.A., Post Office Drawer 1729, Wauchula, FL 33873-1729, on or before the 31st day of August, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiffs' attorney or immediately thereafter, or a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 26th day of July, 2018.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS,
Clerk of Courts

By: J Wingo
Deputy Clerk

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Celebrating In August:

- Admit You're Happy Month
- Family Fun Month
- National Catfish Month
- National Eye Exam Month
- National Golf Month
- Peach Month
- National Crayon Collection Month

CNA CLASSES

Classes will be

August 16, 2018 — November 8, 2018
Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
4:00pm - 9:00pm
Clinical Days Will Vary

Other requirements:

Recent TABE test, transcripts from high school, GED or college and proof of residency.

Financial Assistance is available for those who qualify. This is a Career Pathways program.

For additional information contact FSC at

863-993-1333

or visit us at

fsc.desotoschools.com

and

Click on Applications



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CNA – Certified Nursing Asst



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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 29, Rosanna M. Sanchez, 35, of 1575 N. Florida Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Edilberto Soto and Dep. Donny Eversole and charged with vehicle theft and probation violation.

July 29, Daniel Cuevas, 28, of 223 Park Dr., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Dean DeDominicis and charged with battery.

July 29, a vehicle was reported stolen on the 1700 block of North Florida Avenue.

July 29, a residence was burglarized on the 100 block of East Broward Street.

July 29, animal cruelty was reported on the 2900 block of Redbird Lane.

July 28, Oliver Alexander Elias-Aguinaga, 28, of 1029 S. Central, Lakeland, was arrested by Dep. John Layport and charged with failure to appear in court.

July 28, a vehicle was reported stolen on the 100 block of Garza Road.

July 28, a theft was reported on the 3900 block of Raccoon Road.

July 27, Christopher Lee Eures, 23, of 316 S. 11th Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Cierra Johnson and charged with contempt of court.

July 27, thefts were reported on the 1400 block of U.S. 17 North, the 2500 block of U.S. 17 South, the 800 block of Sally Place and the 100 block of East Broward Street.

July 27, criminal mischief was reported on the 1000 block of Makowski Road.

July 26, residences were burglarized on the 3100 block of Edwards Peace Drive and on the 700 block of Chamberlain Boulevard.

July 25, Ronda Michelle Hernandez, 45, of 1131 Old South Dr., Lakeland, was arrested by Dep. Steve Ahrens and charged with probation violation.

July 24, Ricardo Luis Colon, 35, of 1557 Sycamore Ave., Lake Placid, was booked in by Corrections Ofc. Trevor Napier and charged with probation violation.

July 24, criminal mischief was reported on the 2100 block of Stansfield Avenue.

July 23, Anthony Lashaun Belcher, 41, of 811 Chamberlain Blvd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. John Layport and charged with battery.

WAUCHULA

July 29, George Gil, 34, of 4520 Fifth St. W., Bradenton, was arrested by Det. Pablo Bermudez and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drugs without a prescription, and possession of narcotics equipment.

July 29, a residence was burglarized on the 800 block of South Ninth Avenue.

July 28, Sergio Alejandro Reyna, 31, of 902 N. Florida Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Estella Islas and charged with cocaine trafficking, possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotics equipment, and possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams.

July 28, Yolonda Dawn Kersey, 18, of 5165 Deer Run, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Ofc. Emmanuel Vazquez and charged with probation violation.

July 27, a residence was burglarized on the 300 block of East Main Street.

July 27, a vehicle was reported stolen on the 600 block of South First Avenue.

July 24, a theft was reported on the 400 block of North Ninth Avenue.

July 23, a fight occurred on the 1000 block of Downing Circle.

BOWLING GREEN

July 28, criminal mischief was reported on the 5000 block of Willow Avenue.

July 27, Adrian Rios, 27, of 3507 Ninth St. Ct. W., Bradenton, was arrested by Sgt. Eddie Coronado on an out-of-county warrant.

July 24, Marco Antonio Calvillo, 28, of 5121 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Bowling Green, was arrested by Ofc. Robert Wright and charged with resisting an officer without violence.

July 24, a vehicle was burglarized on the 4400 block of Bryan Avenue.

Courthouse Report

COUNTY COURT

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

No marriage licenses were issued during this recording period.

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

Gregorio Guzman vs. Surgery Partners of Millenia, voluntary dismissal.

Bank of America vs. Marilyn L. Pierre-Paul, final summary judgment for \$11,472.51.

Capital One Bank vs. Denia D. Mitchell, final judgment for \$3,025.95.

Sentencing data for criminal traffic, misdemeanor and felony court cases will return to this weekly "Courthouse Report" within the next 2-3 weeks as reporting arrangements are finalized.

CIRCUIT COURT

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

Nationstar Mortgage vs. Heirs of Wanda Durrance, mortgage foreclosure.

Valerie Inez Hernandez vs. Francisco Granadero Jr., petition for child support.

Quinton Stacy Young and Jackie L. Young, petition for divorce.

Deutsche Bank National vs. Maria Rivera, Hardee County, Cavalry Portfolio Services Inc. and Alvaro Lemus, mortgage foreclosure.

Deanna Mullins and Robert Mullins, petition for divorce.

Katherine Beth Farabee vs. Gary Dean Farabee, child support administrative order.

Luis and Ada Navarro vs. Security First Insurance Co., contracts and indebtedness.

Juan Garcia and Rebecca Olvera vs. American Integrity Insurance Co., contracts and

indebtedness.

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

Pamela Moralez and Eliseo Moralez, voluntary dismissal.

Tina Skinner vs. Manuel Casas, final judgment for injunction for protection against violence.

Rosa Estrada vs. Marsha Jean Fields, Brenda Bryan Gough and Progressive American Insurance Co., dismissal of defendant Progressive American Insurance Co.

Florida Department of Revenue and Stephanie Lashawn Thomas vs. Adrienne Alvarado, notice of voluntary dismissal.

Janice Aison Ellison and Ralph Williams III, final judgment of divorce.

Gladys W. Craycraft and Gregory Craycraft, final judgment of divorce.

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

George E. Pippin Jr. to Richard D. Pippin Sr., for \$127,900.

Staton Housing Inc. to Francisca Corsbie, for \$137,500.

Carmen J. and Barbara Anne Casile to Carl R. Van Gorkom, for \$52,000.

J. Leonard and Mary Lois Crawley to J. Leonard Crawley, Mary Lois Crawley, Todd Leonard Crawley and Michelle Lynn Yeomans, for \$60,300.

Tammy D. Kirk to Mark Elliott and Andrea Paige McCoy, for \$42,000.

Irida Raj and Angela Desai to W. Kelly and Elizabeth A. Durrance, for \$237,500.

Samuel J. and Karen D. Albritton to Alpha & Omega Freedom Ministries Inc., for \$132,000.

INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS REMOVE AND REPLACE EXISTING AIR HANDLING UNITS AT HARDEE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BLDG 600 & BLDG 700

Sealed bids will be received by The School Board of Hardee County, at the Superintendent's Office, 1009 North 6th Ave., Wauchula, Florida 33873 until 2:00 p.m. on September 11, 2018, at which time all bids shall be publicly opened for furnishing all labor and material and performing all work necessary for the Removal and Replacement of two existing Air Handling Units #1 and associated piping at Hardee Senior High School, Bldg 600 and Bldg 700, at 830 Altman Road, Wauchula, FL.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond and shall be written on the form of Bid Bond satisfactory to the Board or a Cashier's Check in an amount no less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the base bid as a guarantee that the Bidder shall, if awarded the contract, enter into a written contract with the Board, satisfactory in form to the Board, containing a liquidated damages clause, requiring Worker's Compensation and Public Liability Insurance as required by the Board. The successful bidder shall give a Performance and Payment Bond satisfactory in form to the Board in the full amount of the Contract price within ten (10) days after acceptance of the bid by the Board. Bidder must be a licensed Florida Contractor ("Contractor") unless otherwise set forth in these bid documents.

Each bid shall be submitted to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, Hardee County School Board, P.O. Box 1678, Wauchula, FL 33873. Bids shall be Sealed and plainly marked:

BID - REMOVE AND REPLACE AIR HANDLING UNITS #1 BLDG 600 AND BLDG 700 – Hardee Senior High School September 11, 2018 - 2:00 P.M.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive any and all irregularities in regard thereto. Unsealed bids, e.g., fax transmissions, will not be accepted. No bids may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of thirty (30) days.

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE: August 21, 2018, 10:00 a.m., Educational Facilities Department, 1015 SR 66 Zolfo Springs, FL Telephone number (863)735-2055. Bid documents and specifications will be issued at this time.

All bidding contractors shall attend the pre-bid conference in order to have a valid bid proposal considered for this project. Bid Proposals from Contractors not in attendance of the mandatory pre-bid conference will be considered unresponsive.

Bid tabulations with recommended awards shall be posted for review by interested parties at the Hardee County School Board office and web site, www.hardee.k12.fl.us. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed by Section 120.53(5), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

NEW PAYMENT PROCESS
The Hardee County School District (District) shall have the option of using the District's purchasing card (from Bank of America) to make purchases, partial payments and/or draws under the contract or purchase order. The District's purchasing card is similar to a credit card in that there will be a small fee which the contractor will be required to pay and the contractor will receive payment directly from the card issuer rather than the District. Any and all fees related to this type of payment are the responsibility of the contractor. In no case will the District allow increases in prices to offset credit card fees paid by the contractor or any other charges incurred by the contractor, unless specifically stated in the terms of the contract or purchase order.

Payment through the District purchasing card is a method of payment, not a method of contract award. Procedural requirements for awards of contracts and orders must still be followed.

Bob Shayman
Superintendent of Schools

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) announces Notice of Intent to issue a variance (File No. 0142476-076) under Section 378.212, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 62C-16.0045, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) to Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC (Mosaic). Mosaic is requesting a variance for the Fort Green Mine from the requirements of Chapters 378.209(1), F.S., and Rule 62C-16.0051(12)(b) Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

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

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

[https://depedms.dep.state.fl.us:443/Oculus/servlet/shell?command=hitlist&\[freeText=\]&\[folderName=\]&\[profile=R_eclamation\]&\[creator=\]&\[entityType=any\]&\[createdDateTo=\]&\[catalog=26\]&\[searchBy=Profile\]&\[sortBy=Document+Date\]&\[createdDate=\]&{County=EQ HARDEE}&{District=EQ SWD}&{Facility-Site+ID=EQ MMR_142476}&{Application+Number=EQ 0142476076}](https://depedms.dep.state.fl.us:443/Oculus/servlet/shell?command=hitlist&[freeText=]&[folderName=]&[profile=R_eclamation]&[creator=]&[entityType=any]&[createdDateTo=]&[catalog=26]&[searchBy=Profile]&[sortBy=Document+Date]&[createdDate=]&{County=EQ HARDEE}&{District=EQ SWD}&{Facility-Site+ID=EQ MMR_142476}&{Application+Number=EQ 0142476076})

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:

- a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- b) The name, address, any email address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination;
- c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
- d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
- e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
- g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 or at Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

In accordance with rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice or within 14 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the

Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

The files associated with this order are available upon request. Please address your email request to MiningAnd-Mitigation@dep.state.fl.us or contact our office at 850.245.8336; please include the file number in your request.

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Robert Ray Smith, 91, Remains A Hardee Florida Cracker Cowman

By ANNETA S. KRAUS

Special To The Herald-Advocate

Texans "strut their stuff" like the cowboys they are. Truth be told, Floridians were into cattle more than 300 years before a Texan tugged on a pair of cowboy boots!

On their second trip to Florida the Spanish sailed into what is now St. Augustine in 1521 bringing Andalusian cows with them. When Ponce De Leon pulled in his anchor and sailed away he left seven cows. The Spaniards had had enough of the heat, humidity, mosquitoes, and uncooperative Native Indians.

The cows took to the shelter of the palmetto bushes, increasing in numbers as they freely moved about. They were not a bit bothered by the natural elements of our fair land.

These Andalusian cows were smaller than those that graze around Florida today. They had long horns and weighed about 600 pounds. Some Florida ranchers have protected the cracker cow's purity so they can be seen today.

Hearty Spanish missionaries decided to stay in Florida and try to bring the "heathen Indians" into the fold of a Christian community. They raised cattle to feed themselves and sold some to Cubans in the 1600s.

Not to be left out by the unexpected bounty, the local Indians caught on to the value of cows and began to raise them in the 1700s. Technically, the Florida Indians were the first Florida cracker cowmen.

Finally the Spanish threw up their hands in frustration. Their disenchantment of our beautiful Florida caused them to sell out to the United States and they returned to Spain in their ships in 1821. There were no return trips this time around!

Florida became a state in 1845, opening up land to homesteading. This encouraged many other settlers to risk the trek to this wild inhospitable new state.

After the Civil War confederate soldiers recognized their



A Florida Cracker cowman.

fate would not be good in the hands of the carpetbaggers flooding the South. They loaded their wagons with their worldly goods, tied their livestock to the wagon and hoisted their families aboard to begin the rugged dangerous trip further south to an unknown land.

As late as 1850 the number of families settling in Hardee County could be counted on one's fingers. Compare this to New York City in the 1850s where the population was 813,000. We Floridians may have been late starters, but we caught up fast!

During the late 1800s through the early 1900s ancestors of many of our noted citizens of today stopped to make their homes in what is now Hardee. They unloaded their packed wagons, brought out their tools and began to make a home for their families. They went into the hammocks, dense palmettos, and swamps to find cows to start their ranches. That is why history refers to Florida cowmen originally as "cowcatchers."

These ranchers used whips to urge the cows out from their hiding places. The whips were shorter than western whips and could rotate, adapting them to use in the dense under brush (and scare off snakes). The whips made a loud "cracking noise," hence natural-born Floridians are now referred to as "crackers." By the way we consider this a compliment.

Among these early settlers was a chap by the name of Smith.

This fact brings us to the central character of our article, Robert Ray Smith, descendant of a long line of true Florida cracker cowmen and citrus growers.

Robert Ray is the son of Hoyt and Annie Mae Smith. There were three girls and four boys in the family. He was raised in the Lemon Grove community. Robert Ray loved to fish, hunt, and lasso calves. He would spend hours practicing even as a grown man. His love of lassoing calves brought him into rodeo competition at an early age.

His companions were the five sons of Hosey Albritton who lived down the road. They were hearty fellows, always working or competing in athletic endeavors. Robert Ray wanted to be just like them. Robert Ray went to the Torrey School in Lemon Grove then to Bowling Green Elementary Strawberry School. Strawberry schools were in session during the summer months so their students could pick strawberries in the winter.

At the age of 15 Robert Ray was hired by one of Florida's

most successful cattle barons, King Kong Smith. He and a pal, J. W. Weeks, drove cattle.

On an occasion east of Lemon Grove the boys inadvertently caused a cattle stampede in the middle of the night. The stampede headed right for their camp. Robert Ray said the hair stood straight up on the back of his neck! No one got hurt — and no one "told." It took two days to pull all of those cattle out of the palmettos!

Robert Ray, now known by his friends as "Rabbit," graduated from Hardee County High School where he "majored" in athletics, being co-captain of the football team and president of his class.

Robert Ray tried college but was so homesick for Hardee County that he left, saying he had to go home to help his folks.

The U.S. Military draft decided differently. The Army claimed him for two years at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. This was during the Korean War. He was not sent overseas. However, he did manage to play softball for his Army team.

After returning to his beloved Hardee in 1953, Robert Ray married his high school sweetheart, Deloris Jo Taylor.

The young groom worked for Doyle Carlton as a cowman for many years while making progress on assembling his own ranch and grove.

Robert Ray owned and operated the Hardee County Livestock Market in Wauchula from 1970 to 2010. His son owns Hardee Ranch Supply. At 91 years old Robert goes to that office for a few hours several times a week.

Robert Ray lost his lovely wife Deloris Jo in 2014.

He has had a terminal illness for 15 years, giving up on modern medicine a few years ago. He takes care of himself in the home he and Deloris Jo built in 1960.

Photos, plaques, and cowboy paraphernalia are all over the home reminding him of their life together.

Robert Ray and Deloris Jo were blessed with a daughter, Cathy Jo; son, Bobby, three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. They frequently look on him or call to be sure he is safe and well.

Robert Ray has wonderful memories that comfort him as he relaxes in his favorite chair. He has earned his rest after a life well lived. Robert Ray Smith was a cracker cowman at 15. At 91 he is still a cracker cowman in his memories.



His wife Deloris Jo.



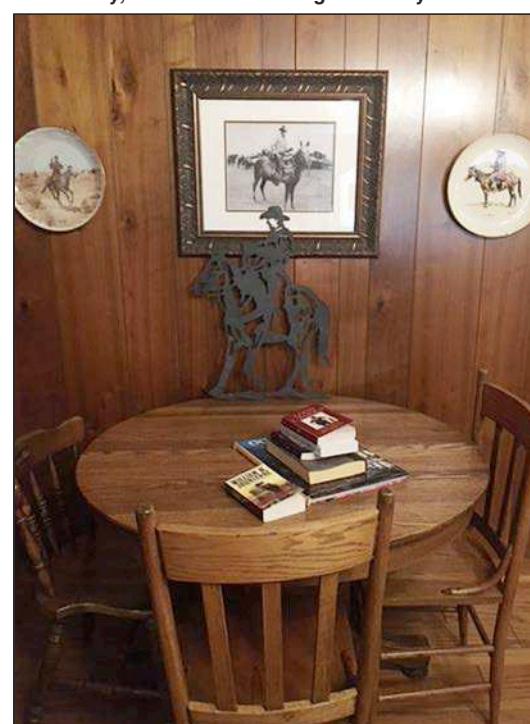
He loved to hunt, fish and lasso calves.



Robert Ray played football for Hardee High School.



Robert Ray, Deloris Jo and daughter Cathy.



His home is his Cowboy Castle.

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Kitchen Diva

By Angela Shelf Medearis

Tomatoes With A Southern Drawl

Tomatoes are some of the most popular garden vegetables in America. Scientifically, tomatoes are classified as a fruit, but since they don't contain the sweet flavor of most fruits and are typically used in savory dishes, they are legally classified as a vegetable.

Tomatoes date back to the Aztecs, circa 500 AD. After centuries of cross cultivation and new varieties, they made their way to Europe in the 1500s. Ironically, the nobles, who ate tomatoes from their pewter plates, suffered from lead poisoning. It was the acidity in the tomatoes that caused the lead to leech out. However, the commoners, who ate off wooden plates, were not affected.

The myth about tomatoes being poisonous continued for years until it was debunked by Robert Gibbon Johnson, an American farmer, historian, horticulturalist and judge who lived in Salem, New Jersey. He is best known for supposedly publicly eating a basket of tomatoes at the Old Salem County Courthouse in 1820 to demonstrate that they were not poisonous.

Today, Americans consume more than 80 pounds of tomatoes each year in a variety of ways, both fresh and canned. Fresh is best, and the flavor of tomatoes is at its peak when they are vine-ripened and in-season. If fresh tomatoes aren't available, processed, canned tomatoes can be a good choice for most recipes.

One type of canned tomato that is used by chefs the world over is the Italian, San Marzano variety. San Marzano tomatoes are celebrated for the best tomato sauce in the world! This variety is named for the town where they are grown, San Marzano sul Sarno. They've been commercially popular since around 1875, when the first cannery started and San Marzanos were shipped throughout Europe.

San Marzano tomatoes originated near Naples, Italy, where they thrive in the Mediterranean microclimate of the Campania region and the nutrient-rich volcanic soil from Mount Vesuvius. Similar to French Champagne, there is a protected variety of San Marzano tomatoes that are grown under strict regulations, ensuring that only growers within a defined area can sell tomatoes labeled as San Marzano.

Traditionally, all San Marzano tomatoes come from



Obituaries

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 Cattlemen'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., and 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 at 10 a.m. 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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Italy and are typically only found canned in the U.S. However, there also are varieties grown in the United States and Mexico that are classified as heirlooms. San Marzano tomatoes are available mid- to late summer at local farmers markets, and can be found canned year-round.

This variety of tomatoes is ideal for making tomato sauces and are the only variety that can be used for a truly authentic Neapolitan pizza.

This recipe for Italian Tomato Marina Sauce With Southern Cheese Dumplings combines the best tomatoes of southern Italy with a dumpling typically used in American South recipes with delicious results!

TOMATO MARINA SAUCE WITH CHEESE DUMPLINGS

If you can't find (or afford) San Marzano tomatoes, American Red Pack or Red Gold canned tomatoes are a delicious substitute.

1 (28-ounce) can whole, peeled, San Marzano or Red Pack (or Red Gold) tomatoes

2 tablespoons vegetable oil or butter

2 tablespoons finely chopped onion

2 tablespoons finely chopped green bell pepper

2 tablespoons finely chopped celery

2 tablespoons dried Italian seasoning mix

2 tablespoons garlic

2 tablespoons flour

1 bay leaf

1 teaspoon brown sugar

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/8 teaspoon ground cloves or nutmeg

DUMPLINGS

1 cup flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

Bible Trivia

By Wilson Casey

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

2. Who asked God, "Why is pain perpetual, and my wound incurable?" Moses, Jeremiah, Abraham, Noah

3. Where is "For whatsover man soweth, that shall he also reap" found? Ephesians, Colossians, Galatians, 1 Timothy

4. With what did the seraph touch the frightened Isaiah's mouth? Unclean finger, Sod, Live coal, Holy water

5. From Proverbs 15, what does a soft answer turneth away? Harm, Wrath, Lust, Tears

6. How many angels rescued Lot and his family from Sodom? 2, 7, 13, Hundreds

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Jeremiah; 3) Galatians; 4) Live coal; 5) Wrath; 6) 2

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CITY OF WAUCHULA
S/Keith Nadaskay
Chairman
Community Redevelopment Agency

ATTEST
S/Holly Smith
City Clerk



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CITY OF WAUCHULA
S/ Richard K. Nadaskay Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST
S/Holly Smith
City Clerk



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County Proposes \$61 Million Budget

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

After being presented with a budget built on a 9.46 percent tax increase, county commissioners cut the Sheriff's Office request for a \$1.6 million increase and proposed leaving the millage rate the same as last year at 8.991, or \$8.99 per \$1,000 of taxable values.

Taxable property values across the county increased nearly \$60 million to \$1.60 billion, which will generate an additional \$557,540 in ad-valorem proceeds at the current tax rate.

All county employees are poised to receive a five percent raise, which includes a 2.5 percent cost of living adjustment and a 2.5 percent step increase.

Health insurance costs countywide rose two percent while property insurance increased seven percent.

Hardee County Sheriff Arnold Lanier was seeking an \$11.5 million budget allocation, up \$1.6 million from the current budget of \$9.7 million.

Commissioners ultimately

agreed to give Lanier a \$521,065 increase over last year, which was nearly all the additional revenue from the rise in ad-valorem proceeds.

Lanier told commissioners he is losing deputies to surrounding counties and was struggling to attract new hires. He was proposing a hike in starting salaries from \$34,600 to \$40,900, along with bumping up salaries for existing employees to make it comparable with new hires.

Commissioner Colon Lambert, who led the discussions to keep the millage rate the same, felt the sheriff's budget should be proportionate to the county's total budget.

"If we allow a substantial increase to his budget, it has to come out of another budget or we have to raise taxes," he said.

Lanier said having a lower millage rate is crucial for the local economy to be able to grow. "The millage rate either drives people here or it drives them away," he said. "It's one of the first things people ask me when they are looking

at buying property here."

Commissioner Sue Birge agreed with Lambert's assessment, adding that the proposal "gives the sheriff everything we can."

Commissioners left all other budgets as presented by county staff, which were mostly funded at prior-year levels with a few modest increases after insurance adjustments and the five-percent raises were factored in.

Commissioner Mike Thompson wanted to advertise a millage rate of 8.999, a slight increase over the current year, with the option of lowering the rate during final budget adoption hearings in September.

Commissioners have the option of lowering the tax rate once it has been advertised, but they cannot raise it during the final two hearings.

"I would like to propose advertising the TRIM (Truth In Millage) notice with an 8.999 millage rate, and would be perfectly happy setting the final rate at 8.899 mills come September," he said.

He expressed concern over the fund balances and contingency levels, which he called "dangerously low" if the county experienced another storm or other large unexpected expense.

After Lambert made a motion, it passed 4-1 with

Thompson opposing.

Public safety, which included the sheriff's budget, emergency medical services and emergency management, consumes more than \$14 million in the proposed budget and almost all of the proceeds from ad-valorem taxes levied on real and tangible property across the county.

General county government, which includes all departments and constitutional offices, is budgeted at \$6.7 million for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Transportation projects, which are funded entirely by state grants, will be more than \$15 million next year.

Fire control, funded through special fire assessments, will be \$3.35 million.

The Wauchula Hills water and wastewater projects, also funded exclusively with state grant funds, will have nearly \$6 million in projects coming on line next year.

Contingency funds across the entire budget will be around two percent, well below the recommended five percent level.

Fund balances, which fund the budget with cash carryforwards for the first few months until taxes are collected, will be around eight percent, below the recommended level of 10 percent.

Crop Update

July 30, 2018

General: According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 29, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in Dry Tortugas (Monroe County) to 7.2 inches in Winter Haven (Polk County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.3°F in Moore Haven (Glades County) to 86.5°F in Marco Island (Collier County).

Citrus: Average or slightly higher than average temperatures remained constant the entire week in the citrus producing region. Afternoon highs were in the high 80s to low 90s, with a couple extremes in the mid 90s. The warmest temperature recorded was in Palmdale (Glades County) at 96°F. Tropical moisture and rain showers on several days resulted in above normal precipitation for much of the citrus producing region during the last week. Several locations in the central and northern areas received between 2 and 4 inches of rainfall. In the northern area, the most rainfall was in Dade City (Pasco County) at 7.2 inches, and in the central area, Winter Haven (Polk County) had 6.6 inches of rainfall. According to the July 26, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region remains drought free.

Care takers continued normal maintenance and spray programs, consisting of applying summer oils, treating for greening, fertilizing and mowing. Irrigation was less regular in counties where it rained several days during the week. In areas where owners are taking care of their groves, the fruit and trees look good, and growers are optimistic about the upcoming crop.

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

Livestock and Pastures: Pastures in Polk County are growing well with the recent rainfall. Some flooded areas were noted in Hernando and Sumter County. Cattle condition improved slightly from the previous week.

Field Crops: Hay was cut this week in Dixie County but the rain prevented cutting in Lafayette Count and delayed producers in Levy County. Field corn was harvested in Dixie County and will begin soon in Suwannee County. Some peanuts are beginning to suffer from the excess moisture in Levy County. Sugarcane continues to thrive.

It took 17 years to create and fund the idea of the interstate. Two members of the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads presented a report to Congress in 1939 that detailed the need for a non-tolled road system in the U.S. It wasn't until the act of 1956 that funding was finally allocated to its construction.

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Pursuant to F.S. 197.512
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Sole Crushers Take Honors At Championship

The Hardee Sole Crushers were well represented earlier this month at the AAU Primary Club Championship at the ESPN Wide World of Sports at Walt Disney World in Orlando.

Three members of the travel track and field squad earned eight medals at the July 7 event that caps the sport's summer travel competition season.

Isabella Mier, 5, earned three medals.

Mier took third in the shot put with a distance of 6'11". She was also third in the long jump after recording a 6'7" effort. The youngster also took

third place honors in the 800 meter with a time of 4:03.83.

Amelia "Nuggie" Roberts, 6, also earned three medals.

Roberts was second – the delegation's top effort – in the shot put with a distance of 10'8". She earned a sixth place finish in the 800 meter with a time of 3:28.21. She claimed 10th place honors in the long jump with a 7'5" effort.

Shanah Virgile, 8, claimed two medals.

Virgile was sixth in the 1,500 meter with a time of 6:15.26. The youngster also claimed 15th place in the 800 meter event with a time of 3:12.37.



COURTESY PHOTO

Isabella Mier, Amelia Roberts, and Shanah Virgile with coach Regan Davenport following the AAU Primary Club Championship earlier this month.



Isabella Mier and Amelia Roberts mug for the camera as they display their championship medals.

Stump The Swami

By John Szeligo

C-USA Will See Growth At FAU

Well football fans, it is time to take a look at the conference races in which the Florida Teams will be competing.

We will start with Conference-USA this week. Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and Florida International University (FIU) both are in the East Division of C-USA. Next up will be the American Athletic Conference (AAC) where both University of South Florida (USF) and University of Central Florida (UCF) are forces to be reckoned. Following these articles will be the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) with Miami and Florida State University (FSU) primed to make a run. The final conference article will be the Southeastern Conference (SEC). The Florida Gators — with 19 starters returning — are optimistic for the 2018 season.

Let's get to it.

Conference-USA stretches from El Paso, Texas, in the West, to Miami in the southeast, and north to Huntington, West Virginia.

The conference has 14 member schools spread across nine southern states. Nine member teams participated in 2017 Bowl Games (winning four) and led by Marshall's impressive win in New Mexico over Colorado State. Marshall has won six straight bowl games which is the longest bowl winning streak at present. The conference has two divisions with a championship game.

The 2017 season saw FAU's Owls — led by new coach Lane Kiffin — win the school's first conference title after finishing 11-3 that included a 50-3 victory over Akron in a bowl game. The Owls had three previous seasons with 3-9 records.

FIU welcomed new coach and proven winner Butch Davis in 2017. The Panthers responded with an 8-5 record and a bowl appearance. While most prognosticators are high on FAU, FIU reviews do not see the Panthers coming near their record of last season.

Now, let us take a look at how the Swami sees C-USA finishing in 2018. We will start with CUSA East Division containing the Florida schools along with Charlotte, Old Dominion, Western Kentucky, Middle Tennessee and two-time National Champion Marshall. C-USA is more than likely a two-team race between Marshall and FAU. The focus will be on those teams.

Conference — USA East Division



1. Marshall — The Thundering Herd heads into the season primed for a banner campaign. The squad returns 19 starters — including the entire offensive line blocking for an experienced running back corps led by Ft. Meade's Tyler King who had 820 yards and seven TDs and Keion Davis who added 812 yards. Quarterback Chase Litton is gone to the Kansas City Chiefs, but transfer Alex Thomson, who picked Marshall over Tennessee, will ease the loss. Isaiha Green looked impressive in the spring as well at quarterback. Whichever one is throwing the ball will have the best receiving corps in the conference led by likely first-round pick Tyree Brady. He had 62 receptions for 942 yards with a 15 yard per catch average in 2017. Xavier Gaines, Lake Wales, is at tight end along with Cody Mitchell. The defense was ranked 24th in the nation in 2017 and returns nine starters. Ryan Bee is an All-American Candidate on the DL. The line backing corps can be described as "SEC like". The secondary is the best in C-USA as well. Ty Tyler and Nirion Washington add local flavor to the Herd also. Both are from DeSoto County. Schedule — The Herd has a demanding schedule with a trip to South Carolina to face the Gamecocks early. They are undefeated in Williams-Bryce Stadium having beat University of Southern California, 24-21, in 1998, on a last second field goal. North Carolina State visits Huntington in September as well. October 20th is the day FAU comes to Marshall. Expect a sellout and a Herd victory en route to a 12-1 and an extension to seven bowl wins.



2. Florida Atlantic University — The Owls have Lane Kiffin with a new 10 year contract and a C-USA championship in 2018 under their belts. They will be led by All-American running back Devin Singletary who rushed for just under 2000 yards last season. The offensive line returns the tackles but has holes to fill. The quarterback could be FSU transfer De'Andre Johnson. He will have some good receivers to throw to in Harrison Bryant at tight end, Willie Wright, and West Virginia transfer Jovan Durante. Defensively the Owls return 10 starters. Games at Oklahoma, Middle Tennessee, UCF and Marshall will test this team in 2018.



3. Middle Tennessee — Rick Stockstill, former Georgia quarterback, has another solid team led by his son Brent, at quarterback. He threw for 1,600 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2017 despite being injured. The Blue Raiders have solid receivers and running backs. This team could get a bowl bid but play a tough out of conference schedule with games against three SEC teams (Vanderbilt, Georgia and Kentucky).

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4. Old Dominion — Could have a winning season but 6-6 looks more probable.



5. Florida International University — Returns 11 starters but Butch Davis has more of a wild card team than a proven winner in 2018 — 5-7 looks realistic.



6. Western Kentucky — Hilltoppers have fallen since Jeff Brohm left for Purdue. It is doubtful they can repeat their 7-6 season in 2018.



7. Charlotte — Returns 18 starters but that may be the bad news. They were 1-11 last year. Don't look for much improvement in 2018.



Conference — USA West Division



1. North Texas — The Mean Green made it to the C-USA title game in 2017 and could repeat in 2018 with 17 starters set return. This team can put up points but have had problems allowing just as many.



2. UAB — Blazers will have North Texas looking over their shoulders along with Louisiana Tech. The West is a three team race in 2018. UAB has recovered from the end of the program a few years ago rising to challenge again. They also return 17 starters.



3. Louisiana Tech — 15 starters return and projections are for Louisiana Tech, North Texas and UAB to all win eight games. How that shakes out in the tie-breakers will determine the fate of all three.



4. Southern Miss — Golden Eagles only return nine starters but this team is still in the hunt. They could be a spoiler on both sides of the conference. Expect to see them in a bowl game again — 7-5 with a bowl in 2018.



5. UT-San Antonio — Used a great defense to go to a bowl game in 2017 but have too many loses on both sides of the ball to repeat that success in 2018.



6. Rice — Only returning five starters on each side of the ball and playing a tough schedule will see the Owls finish near the bottom with a 2- or 3-win season.



7. UTEP — Coming off a 0-12 season with 12 starters returning, things do not look any better for new coach Dana Dimel who comes in from Kansas State. The Miners are not favored in any game this season. Their best odds are against Northern Arizona in the opener.

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I have a problem understanding this generation. I have worked all my life. That is how I got paid and how I have been able to live.



As Seen From This Side

By Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips

Wauchula

I look around and everywhere I see an empty store for a few weeks, then there is suddenly an exercise store. Call these stores what you may, but it just doesn't make sense.

I received pay for picking up items and putting them somewhere else. Now people pay those stores to let them pick up items and put them back down in the same place.

It just doesn't make sense. Think about this. It really sounds stupid. Get paid to do it or pay someone to let you do it. For me I'd rather be the one getting paid.

Dunkin Donuts is finally going to do something with the worst-tasting coffee I have ever tried to drink. They are now going for the town drunks by putting alcohol in some of their coffee.

Neither will be satisfied. The beer is six percent, and the coffee is just coffee flavor—no caffeine. Wonder how long this will last?

That's like Johnny putting flea and tick drops in his beard. Of course, I have seen some that needed it on their head and beard. Why wear one if you don't want it to improve your looks?

Johnny was one-quarter Cherokee and from age 10 he would not get his hair cut. That is, until it got caught in some farm equipment. He kept it below his shoulder blades, usually in a single braid.

One day he and his birddogs were visiting across the country on an organized hunt. The trouble was it was one of the worst flea seasons in years. He and his dogs were inundated with far more fleas than the liquid could handle. It kills after the bite.

After a quart of flea soap and showers he seemed to have all the dogs flealess, but it is true if you see one somewhere else you will feel them crawling on you even if there is none.

Cindy walked in and saw him put-

ting flea drops in his beard and on his neck. She informed him it would be separate beds and bedrooms for a few days.

He tried explaining that he had not seen one since he took two showers. This was just a precaution. She said yes, that was what she was doing—taking a precaution.

He was just like all of us men. The more he tried to explain the more ammo she had to use so he just gave up and slept on the couch watching TV.

Back in the '50s you only had three channels until they added another knob separating UHF from VHF, adding two more channels. If the president was on you had only the ones (all of them) he was on.

I have a suggestion for the NFL's fines for the "kneelers." Give them a three-year suspension with pay. Thus they can't play football with any team while under suspension.

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Not taking super food?

I think I may be getting on a first-name basis with the young deer. Three came up from the state park, walked beside my vehicle as I left it to go to the porch where I went and sat down in a chair.

They proceeded to the edge of the street and began eating while I took pictures of them. One stopped eating as if posing for her photo.

My little one-eyed dog tries to make them run. They think he is somewhat strange and hesitate to run while they try to figure him out. I keep telling him their hoofs can cut him in two, but they let him within three or four feet before they decide to leave.

I am going to start trying to hand-feed them. They know they are safe. They have the run of the neighborhood and go down to Duck River to get water.



Ladies, I guess you could say this column is written with you in mind. I also know if you live alone there are certain chores that need doing such as mowing, weed eating, and trimming those low hanging limbs that catch your hair or clothes when you walk under the tree.

So you either do it yourself, pay someone to do it, or ask for help from family and friends. I hate to ask for help so I have figured out how to do most of these things myself.

Get yourself a push mower if you are so inclined. Look at the benefits. You get your yard mowed, you don't have to pay someone to mow it, and you get a whole body workout.

I bought an electric weed-eater because it is smaller than the gas ones. I just weigh 116 pounds, so the big one would have probably drug me all over the yard. My little electric Black and Decker weed-eater does the job, and I can handle it just fine.

I also have a small electric chain saw I bought at a yard sale for eight dollars. I was asked, "What are you gonna do with a chain saw?" True, I had never used one, but I could see all kinds of possibilities to having one of my own.

I did have a lot to learn though. The first time it got stuck in a limb, and I had to figure out how to get it out. The chain got too loose, had to figure out how to tighten it back up. It was a learning experience to say the least, with safety always at the forefront of learning what I could do with my saw.

I am saying, "If you find yourself alone when you used to have someone to do these things for you, you can do whatever you put your mind to."

You will find you have strengths and talents you never knew you had, and you will become stronger and more self-reliant as time goes by. Just say to yourself, "I can do this. I will do this." *Jonell Peavy lives in Avon Park and can be reached at 863-453-3589.*

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What Would Conrad Schuck Do?

Back when I was a little kid of 10 or so — we're talking about maybe 1951 — one of my great adventures was to ride my bicycle a couple of miles to the Wonder House on the south side of Bartow and see the wonders that were aggregated there.

It cost a nickel to get into the ground floor of this four-story domicile and see dead snakes preserved in gallon jars of whatever dead snakes are preserved in.

Until last week, I considered myself to be one of Bartow's

that he had only a few months to live, perhaps a year if he moved to Florida.

Being nobody's fool, he moved to Florida with his five sons and four daughters (a tenth child had died in infancy) and set out to build his dream house. He lived another 40 years.

An inventor of no small imagination, he built a home that was described, among other things, as "The House of a Thousand Gadgets."

Rock quarried from the north side of the house was

home had a balcony with an outdoor bathtub.

In addition to its four floors, it had a basement and a sub-basement.

In its earlier days, it sometimes was referred to as "The Crazy House" by people who declared that the person building it must be crazy.

It had a mirror on the top of the chimney which directed sunlight into a mirror in the fireplace three floors below, which then focused light onto a prism which could be adjusted to project a variety of colors into the living room.

Given Conrad's German heritage, this device was believed by some to be used to signal Germans. He was arrested and jailed for three days during World War II, then released.

The FBI issued a press release declaring that Conrad Schuck was not a German spy.

Though there are different dates given as likely completion, the present owners believe construction ended in 1941.

Conrad lived in another house diagonally across the street from his Wonder House (it drew its name from a Ripley's Believe It or Not feature) and never lived in his remarkable creation.

Its first resident was Lucy DuCharme, who bought it in 1964. Given her flair for the dramatic in any activity she undertook, she was known with affection as Lucy B. DeMille.

Since Lucy's death, the house has been purchased and abandoned by two purchasers who were unable to take on the investment to renovate it.

Drew and Krislin have un-

dertaken to restore it to its one-time grandeur, undeterred by water leaks, termites, and the damage inflicted by vandals.

Their goal, they say, is to not to create a Wonder House of their own imagination, but to ask themselves at each juncture in the restoration process, "What would Conrad Schuck do?"

S.L. Frisbie is retired. He and Mary visited Lucy in her show-

place home several times. She once confided to them that she had given consent to filming of scenes for a first run movie on the grounds. Unknown to her, the movie was the story of a priest who recruited altar boys as sexual conquests. The Wonder House scenes were filmed beneath one of the two bridges over the pool in front of the house. Lucy referred to it as "that wretched movie!"



Thinking Out Loud

By S.L. Frisbie IV

Florida Newspaper Hall Of Fame Member,
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foremost authorities on the Wonder House, based on stories told to me by Dad and a number of stories published by our newspapers and others.

After hearing the present owners — Drew Davis and Krislin Kreis — speak to Rotary last week, I realize the paucity of my knowledge.

Long-time Bartowans know the basics: in 1926, Conrad Schuck, who lived in Pittsburgh, was told by his doctor

used to create a swimming pool (some call it a moat) in the front yard, and provided part of the building material for the house.

The design included a natural air conditioning system that involved capturing rainwater and flowing it through hollow concrete columns built into the walls.

There were porches on all four sides of the house. Every bedroom in the four-story



Wonder House, Bartow.

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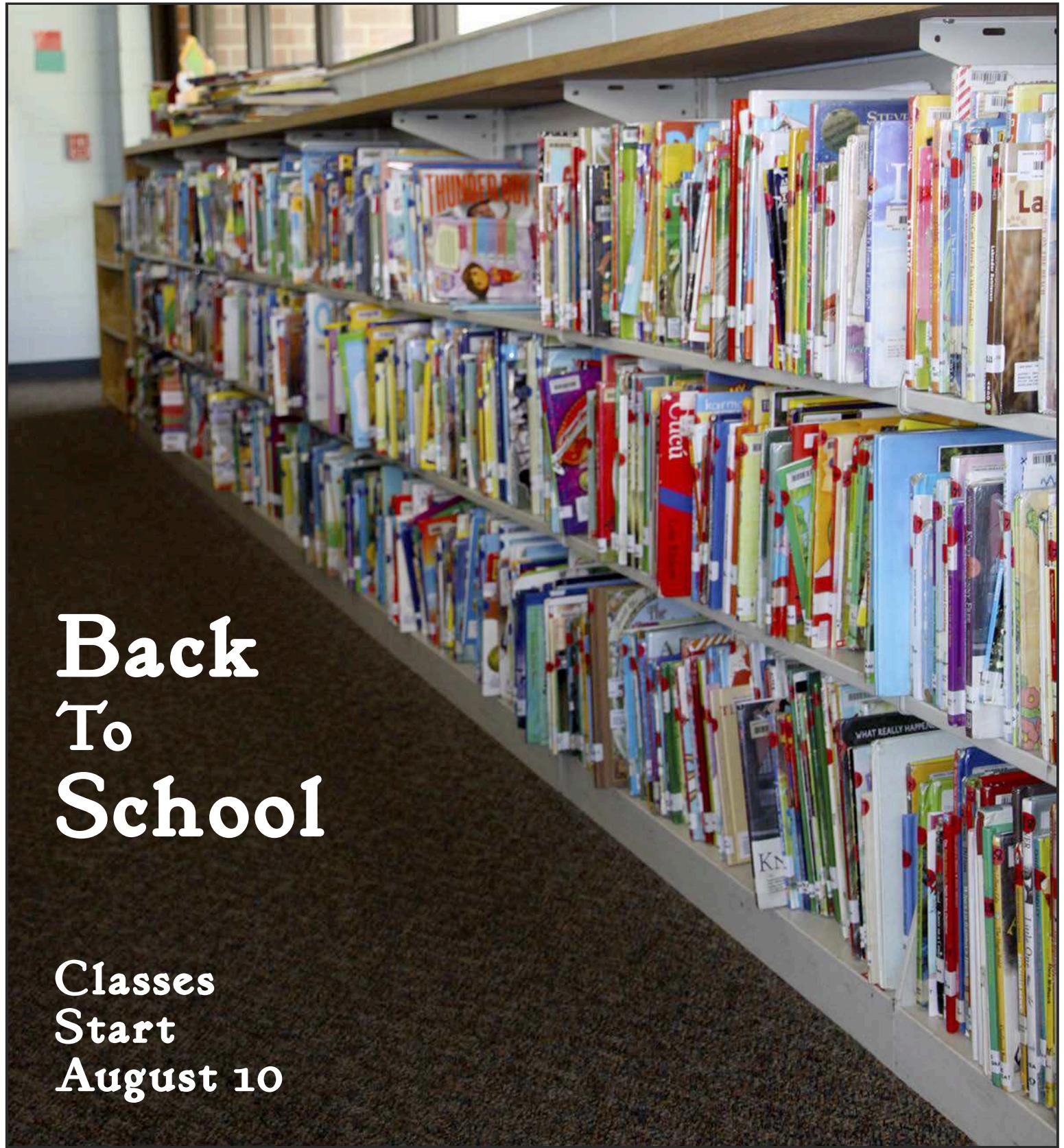
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From The Superintendent ...

To the Citizens of Hardee County:



Whether you are a 5-year-old child starting kindergarten, a high-school senior anticipating his or her last year of school prior to graduation, or a school-district employee busy with last-minute details, there is a tinge of excitement in the air as the Hardee County School District prepares to begin another school year.

With teachers, administrators and support staff returning back to work on Aug. 2, there will be just a few more days to get prepared for the 5,300 students who will arrive on Friday, Aug. 10, for the 2018-19 school year.

This summer has been our busiest in many years, as we have had several major structural repair and renovation projects in place at Bowling Green Elementary, new cafeteria roof; North Wauchula Elementary, new main water line installed; Zolfo Springs Elementary, new main water line installed; and Hardee Senior High School, auditorium renovation as a result of Hurricane Irma.

School safety and security projects are also in full swing at each school, with the addition of new fencing, replacement and addition of security cameras, relocation of the school resource officers at the high school, and the installation of a security gate at North Wauchula Elementary School.

Additional maintenance projects throughout the school district include a facelift in several areas of the football stadium along with cleaning, painting and general maintenance at all schools.

The entire administrative staff will be returning for the upcoming school year.

Hilltop Elementary School will implement a new dean position that will be filled by former guidance counselor Donna Parks, Ray Rivas will be the new dean at Bowling Green Elementary School, and Dr. Marcus Jenkins will replace Ray Rivas as a dean at Hardee Junior High School. Jessica Gilliard has been hired as the graduation coach at Hardee Senior High School, moving over from Hardee Junior High School.

The A.V.I.D. (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program continues to expand academic and college opportunities for students at both Hardee Junior High School and at Hardee Senior High School, and North Wauchula Elementary School will become our school district's first elementary school to participate in this program in the fall.

The high school will expand its highly successful algebra program, Agile Minds, to more students and teachers, and teachers and administrators from each of our district's schools have been attending training sessions and professional development classes throughout the summer.

With the highly successful results of the 2018 Florida Standards Assessments behind us, the Hardee County School District will continue to seek improvement and academic excellence for each of our students.

I am looking forward to another year of "Wildcat Pride" in the classrooms, on the athletic fields, and among all of the activities in which our students take part.

Wishing nothing but the best to our students, teachers, administrators and support staff in the upcoming school year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature of Bob Shayman in black ink.

Bob Shayman, Superintendent of Schools

ON THE COVER ...



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Stacks of knowledge and entertainment await students at Wauchula Elementary School and throughout the district as media centers prepare for small hands to grab big adventures.

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Help Your Child Adjust To School Transitions

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

Whether it's entering kindergarten, moving to a new school or starting their freshman year at HHS, adjusting to a new campus can be stressful for students.

So how can you help?

Even though you can't follow your child to class and make sure everything's going well, there are plenty of ways to make the transition smooth and even enjoyable.

Starting Kindergarten

Starting kindergarten can be scary for children. Carey Crawford, a school counselor at Bowling Green Elementary, offers some advice to parents of kindergarteners:

Help your child mentally prepare by touring the school together and meeting the teacher before school starts. Be openly enthusiastic during that time to show your youngster that there's nothing to be anxious about.

If possible, try to introduce your kindergartener to some future classmates so there are familiar faces on the first day.

Discuss school with your child. Listen to any concerns and let your youngster know that it's normal to be concerned about a new experience. Answer all questions in a positive way, and share some happy memories from when you were in school.

Reassure your child that even though kids go to school during the day, they come home to their parents every afternoon.

Attend school functions and stay connected with your child's

teacher throughout the year; let the teacher know if you have any questions or concerns.

Help your child with homework, and do other educational activities together. If you have older children, encourage them to participate as well. Being involved with your children's educations can be a huge contribution to their success.

New Grade, New School

Starting at the junior or senior high is a major milestone, but how do you keep the excitement stronger than the stress?

Dr. Michele Polk, principal at Hardee High School, urges parents to attend parent events at the schools. The junior high will be hosting a sixth-grade parent night and the senior high will hold a separate parent night for each grade.

Polk also encourages parents to monitor their children's school attendance. Checking report cards and holding your children accountable is an important step in encouraging success at the next level of schooling.

Hardee Junior High Assistant Principal Gilbert Vasquez says that reading the student handbook is a good way to help incoming sixth-graders prepare. And learning the school's dress code will help with back-to-school shopping.

Parents of high school students can also sign up for "Remind" text messages from Polk, which will include dates of parent nights. Instructions for signing up will be available in the school's parent packet.

And if you have any concerns about your child, contact the school's guidance department. They can help you schedule a meeting with your child's teacher(s).

A New District

While moving to a new school district can mean the opportunity to make new friends, it is often stressful for children.

Dr. Sheryl Mosley, HJH principal, recommends that parents schedule a time to tour the school with their children before the first day of classes if possible. Getting your child familiar with a new

school without hundreds of other students around can help minimize first-day stress.

Even if you're changing districts in the middle of a school year, Crawford urges parents to schedule a meeting with the new teacher and a tour of the new school.

You can also check the school's website for information like the dress code, supply list and current events.

Show enthusiasm about the school change and discuss it with your children. Let them know that it's OK to feel the way they feel and that those feelings will gradu-

ally subside.

And assure your kids that they'll be able to stay in touch with their current friends and make new friends.

Help your children fit in by making sure they're prepared for classes like art, music and physical education. And look for extracurricular activities your kids are interested in.

If you're concerned about your kids adjusting, contact the school counselor so you have someone at the school that can check on them periodically. Communication with your children's teachers is also important.

Save While Shopping With Sales-Tax Holiday

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

Looking to save money on school clothing and supplies?

Florida will observe a statewide back-to-school sales-tax holiday this Friday through Sunday.

The sales-tax holiday will allow you to do most, if not all, of your back-to-school shopping without paying any sales tax. That's an automatic seven percent savings!

The holiday will apply to any school supplies that cost under \$15. That's \$15 per individual item, so you can buy as many school supplies as you want in one trip.

Eligible supplies include such items as transparent tape, colored pencils and crayons, pencils and pens, markers and highlighters, erasers, glue and paste, folders and binders, composition books, notebooks and notebook paper, legal pads, construction paper, poster board and paper, calculators, rulers, protractors, compasses, scissors, blank computer disks and lunch boxes.

But, there are some office supplies that are not tax-exempt. These include computer and printer paper; correction tape, fluid or pens; staplers and staples; masking tape; and most books.

Many clothing items, footwear and accessories that cost under \$60 each will also be tax-exempt. The clothing category includes typical items, but also unusual or unexpected ones such as bibs, aprons, hair bows, diapers, shoe inserts and formal clothing.

This category also includes bags like backpacks, purses, diaper bags, fanny packs and even wallets. It does not include garment bags, briefcases or suitcases.

Accessories like watches, umbrellas and jewelry and activity footwear like rollerblades or swim fins will not be tax-exempt. Certain types of clothing won't qualify either, like athletic gloves and pads, life jackets, and sports helmets.

The Florida Department of Revenue has an extensive list of items that are not tax-exempt, so check online at floridarevenue.com before you shop.

And here's an important note on coupons: If you have a manufacturer's coupon that lowers the price of an item below the cutoff dollar amount, you will still have to pay tax. But, if you have a store coupon that lowers the item's cost below the cutoff, you will not have to pay tax.

There's good news for online shoppers as well. You can order tax-exempt items online during the holiday. But there are a few things you should know:

The company you order from has to accept your order before the tax holiday ends, so make sure you don't do all your ordering at 11:59 Sunday night.

If you order items but request to delay the shipment until after Sunday, you won't get the tax exemption. Don't worry though — if the company delays shipping but you aren't the one who requested it, you'll still get the exemption.

Shipping and handling costs will be calculated into the total cost of each item. If the shipping cost puts you over the cutoff price, the item will not be tax-exempt. You can visit floridarevenue.com for more information on how to calculate the total cost of items you purchase online.

Most stores in Florida are required to participate in this sales-tax holiday, but a few are exempt or aren't eligible, so check before making your purchases if you aren't sure.



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NWES Taking A 'Quest For Success'

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

You don't need to fight a dragon in a castle to go complete a quest.

At least not at North Wauchula Elementary, which is following a royal theme this year.

And the school will provide help as the students journey through the school year.

NWE is the first of the county elementary schools to join the junior and senior high schools as an Advancement Via Individual Determination school. That means they'll be working on college and career prep by focusing on WICOR — writing to learn, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading — strategies in all their classes.

Fifth graders will visit South Florida State College on a field trip to learn more about college options.

Some of the younger students will be introduced to more complex and quality literature texts this year, and the school is purchasing a new vocabulary program.

And R.E.A.C.H. — realizing excellence through advanced academic curriculum of Hardee — classes, which help challenge the most advanced students, have expanded to cover fifth grade.

New technology to support the school's quest for success includes a full class set of Google Expeditions Virtual Reality Headsets for virtual field trips, a poster maker and a 3D printer.

There are three new extracurricular options for students: K-Kids Club, a service club developed by Kiwanis International; Heart & Sole Running Club; and a student-run branch of Suncoast Federal Credit Union.

The school will be seeing several staff changes this year.

New first-grade teacher Cristina Gallegos is transferring in from Hilltop Elementary School. And transferring from Wauchula Elementary School for the second-grade R.E.A.C.H. position is Mary Idsardi. Vickie Conerly and Sherri Himrod are moving from fourth to second grade this year.

Third grade will have three new teachers: Priscilla Bowes, an SFSC graduate, and Alecia Hughes and Mary Rodriguez, both transferring from WES.

Coming from HES to teach fourth grade are Amy Franks and Lisa Spencer. A new fifth-grade teacher is Alexi Ozuna, SFSC graduate. Nicole Keen, who taught fourth grade last year, will be a fifth-grade R.E.A.C.H. teacher.

Peggy Chaney, who taught second grade, retired this year. And media specialist Pam Justice, second-grade teacher Kim Hanshaw and fifth-grade teacher Amy Paris will be transferring to other district schools.



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER McCONKEY

Custodians Maria Carrera (left) and Amber Kelly prepare rooms for students' return.

Linda Hernandez, who is returning to the district, will be a media specialist. And joining as an Exceptional Student Education teacher is West Virginia University graduate Katelyn Reader.

Parents who want to help the school's quest for success by joining the PTO can attend an organizational meeting on Aug. 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria or contact the school office.

While the school won't be guarded by a moat, a new security gate will be installed. This way, visitors will need to use an intercom with the office to enter the

school, making the campus safer and easier for students to move around.

The school is also going to be getting new cafeteria tables and seating at some point during the school year.

Parents who want to help the school's quest for success by joining the PTO can attend an organizational meeting on Aug. 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria or contact the school office.

Open house will be Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 10 to noon. Parents should bring IDs.

To avoid long lines, come by the school office to pick up an

emergency care card. Fill it out and get it notarized before open house, and you can use the express line.

And if you have a kindergartner or a child who is new at NWE, come to the office to register before open house. Office hours are Monday-Friday 7-3.

If you drive your children to school, make sure you do not drop them off before 7 a.m. If you want them to eat breakfast at school, they'll need time to get to the cafeteria by 7:20, and all students need to be in class by 7:35. You can pick your child up after school at 2 p.m.



Office manager Haley Tyson is getting files ready for the first day of school.

TAKE NOTE Wauchula Elementary School	Open House <u>Wednesday, Aug. 8, 10-noon</u> School Hours <u>Breakfast: 7:00-7:20 a.m.</u>	Drop Off: <u>No earlier than 7 a.m.</u> Must be in class by 7:35. Pick Up: 2:00 p.m.	PTO Info <u>First meeting is Aug. 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.</u> <u>If you can't attend it, contact the school office for info on joining.</u>
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Principal Jessica Gray stands next to a new mural in the school. The mural was painted by Assistant Principal Tamara Taylor-Camilo, retired WES art teacher Donna Patterson, and NWES office secretary Susan Brewer.



Cody Rieder, who will be going into sixth-grade this year, is helping Mary Idsardi get her castle ready. The castle fits North Wauchula Elementary's royal theme. He is the son of Haley Tyson, who also works at the school.

North Wauchula Elementary Supply List

KINDERGARTEN

- 4 packs 24-count crayons • 1 box of colored pencils
- Small Fiskars blunt-tip scissors • 2 large pink erasers • Pencil box
- 2 packs of 2 Ticonderoga "My First" pencils
- 8 glue sticks • Hand sanitizer • 1 pack of copy paper
- 1 box of tissues • 1 pair of earbuds • Disinfectant wipes
- Girls - 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags
- Boys - 1 box of quart-size Ziploc bags

FIRST GRADE

- Backpack (non-rolling) • Large pencil box
 - 1 box of No. 2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
 - 2 large Elmer's glue sticks • Scissors (blunt tip)
 - 1 box of 24 crayons • 2 plastic folders with pockets
 - 1 1-inch 3-ring binder with clear plastic front pocket
 - 2-3 large pink erasers • Disinfectant wipes
- **Wish List:** Ziploc bags, colored copy paper, cardstock, sentence strips, tissues, large hand sanitizer

SECOND GRADE

- Backpack (non-rolling) • Scissors (blunt tip)
 - 24 No. 2 Pencils (no pencil sharpeners) • 4 glue sticks
 - 1 box of crayons (24 or less) • 2 large pink erasers
 - 1 pack of cap erasers • 1 1-inch 3-ring binder
 - 1 red spiral notebook • 1 blue spiral notebook
 - 1 package of wide-ruled notebook paper
- **Wish List:** Snack, quart and gallon Ziploc bags, dry-erase markers, disinfectant wipes, tissues, large hand sanitizer

THIRD GRADE

- 1 1-inch 3-ring black binder with clear plastic front pocket
 - 2 1-inch 3-ring binders of any color • Backpack (non-rolling)
 - 4 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper • 2 large pink erasers
 - 1 large zippered pencil pouch • 72 No. 2 pencils (2 a week)
 - Colored pencils • 4 dry-erase markers
 - 1 ruler with inches and centimeters • Yellow highlighters
 - 4 glue sticks • 1 bottle of glue • Scissors
- **Wish List:** Disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, Ziploc bags

FOURTH GRADE

- 1 1-inch 3-ring binder • 1 large zippered pencil pouch
- 1 set of notebook dividers with 8 tabs • Scissors
- Colored pencils • 1 pack of cap erasers • Highlighter
- 2 dry-erase markers • 2 packs of sticky notes
- 3 packages of wide-ruled notebook paper • 2 glue sticks
- 48 No. 2 Pencils • Pencil sharpener • 2 spiral notebooks
- 2 plastic folders with prongs

FIFTH GRADE

- 1 1-inch 3-ring binder • 1 2-inch 3-ring binder
- 1 package of 5-tab dividers • Loose-leaf notebook paper
- 2 composition books, lined paper • 1 package of erasers
- No. 2 pencils (no mechanical) • Colored pencils • Scissors
- Zippered pencil pouch (for binder) • 2 large glue sticks
- 2 dry-erase markers • 1 pair of earbuds • Highlighters
- Boys - 1 pack of 3x5 index cards
- Girls - 1 box of Ziploc bags

**"Learning is a treasure
that will follow its
owner everywhere."**

— Chinese Proverb

Education Is A Super Power At BGE

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

The teachers at Bowling Green Elementary will be suiting up this year to continue their tradition of teaching like superheroes.

And to keep their teaching skills strong, the teachers will be reading the book "Teach Like a Superhero!" by Brent Hand.

Students and their parents can come meet their super-teachers at open house on Thursday, Aug. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The team of heroes is strong this year, with former assistant principal Stuart Durastanti stepping up to fill the role left by principal Kathy Clark's retirement. And he's receiving strong support from new dean Ray Rivas.

There have been some changes among teachers as well. New kindergarten teacher Kristen Villafranca will be filling the void left by the retirement of Renee Heither.

In the fourth-grade, former BGE intern Noemi Molina will be stepping into the math position left vacant by Daniel Witt, who is moving to the third-grade team. Third-grade teacher Janice Bass is retiring.

And helping students stay

strong as superheroes will be coach Rob Davis, who is taking on Phil Rasmussen's role, as Rasmussen is retiring.

Like any good superhero team, the school staff has a plan to help students do their best. The goal is to get the school back up to at least an overall B grade.

The third, fourth and fifth grades will have a literacy block each day, when paraprofessionals and special area teachers focus only on helping students through individual instruction.

For students who need some additional support with their math and reading, the after-school program will begin in October. Third through fifth graders can stay after school twice a week to receive more help with those subjects.

And just like many superheroes, the teachers will have plenty of super technology to help them out. The school has added 50 Chromebooks for students to use, and every regular classroom will have an interactive board.

Students can also look forward to something more traditional but just as exciting – new playground equipment will be added during the school year.

The school is also redoing the

cafeteria roof.

Of course, there are fun after-school activities for students to look forward to. This year, BGE will have a Student Council, a writing club, a pep squad, a book club, and the Elementary National Honor Society.

And as some reminders to parents:

School starts at 7:30, so if you're driving your kids to school, drop them off between 7 and 7:25, not before 7 as there will be no supervision.

A PTO is organizing, and

would welcome your participation. The first meeting, on Aug. 15, will be held at 6 p.m. If you're interested in joining, contact President Ashley Faulkner Brown at ashley.bgepto@yahoo.com or 781-7514, or visit the group's table at open house or orientation.



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER McCONKEY

As the new school year approaches, teachers are working hard to get ready. Above are third-grade teachers Brittany Derringer, Daniel Witt, Melinda Lackey, Christina Butler and Amy Wilson.



Bowling Green Elementary's superhero theme is inspired by the staff, who the administrators say teach like superheroes. Standing next to the school's board of heroes is office manager Darlina Conerly.

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New Administrators Lead BGE This Year

By JENNIFER McCONKEY
Herald-Advocate Intern

A new school year means taking on new roles, at least for Stuart Durastanti and Ray Rivas.

Durastanti is moving up from assistant principal to principal after the retirement of Kathy Clark.

And coming in as a new administrator is Rivas, who will be dean this year.

Although he's new to the school, Rivas is not new to the district. He is transferring in from Hardee Junior High, where he worked as dean of students last

year. Prior to that, he taught physical education at Wauchula Elementary for nine years.

Rivas also has coached football at Hardee High for 10 years, girls' softball at HJH for two years and just finished his third year as head coach at HJH.

Outside school, Rivas serves as the Hardee County Youth Sports Inc. president. He says he wants to be involved in the community, both in and outside of sports.

"I'm here for the kids," he says.

Rivas earned his Associate's Degree from South Florida State

College and earned a Bachelor's Degree in organizational management from Warner University. He received his training through the Heartland Educational Consortium's alternative certification program. He's starting a Master's Degree program in educational leadership this year.

Even though school hasn't started yet, Rivas is already working on ways to encourage good behavior in students. He came up with "Panther Tickets," which will allow students who show good behavior to enter a drawing each Friday.



Newly appointed Principal Stuart Durastanti (left) and Dean Ray Rivas stand beside their freshly painted school sign, which was donated by Mosaic.

TAKE NOTE Bowling Green Elementary School	Open House Thursday, Aug. 9, 1-3 p.m. School Hours Drop Off: 7-7:25 a.m./no earlier than 7 Pick-up: 1:45 p.m.	PTO Info First meeting is Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. Meetings will be third Wednesday of each month. Visit table at open house,	or orientation, or contact President Ashley Faulkner Brown at ashley.bgepto@yahoo.com or 781-7514 to join.
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Bowing Green Elementary Supply List

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 pack of plain yellow or orange pencils • 8 glue sticks
- 1 pair of blunt-tip scissors • 2 large pink erasers
- 4 boxes of 8- or 16-count Crayola crayons
- 1 supply box (not zipper case) • Large towel (no mats)
- 1 backpack (large enough to hold a notebook)
- 1 pack of dry-erase markers (black only)
- Girls - 1 box of quart-size Ziploc bags
- Boys - 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags

FIRST GRADE

- 2 boxes of 16 crayons • 1 pair of blunt-tip scissors
- 2 boxes of No. 2 pencils (no mechanical) • 2 hand sanitizers
- 1 pack of dry-erase markers • 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 box of quart-size Ziploc bags • 1 pack of cap erasers
- 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags • 2 composition books
- 1 red folder with prongs and pockets • 1 supply box
- 1 blue folder with prongs and pockets • 1 backpack

SECOND GRADE

- 4 packs of No. 2 pencils (no mechanical) • 2 glue sticks
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons • 1 pack of highlighters
- 1 pair of blunt-tip scissors • 1 pack of pencil-top erasers
- 2 packs of wide-ruled loose-leaf paper • 3 spiral notebooks
- 5 folders (3 prongs with 2 pockets) • Hand sanitizer (12 oz.)
- Boys - 1 pack of thick dry-erase markers • 1 Ruler (in/cm)
- Girls - 1 pack of thin dry-erase markers • 1 1-inch binder

THIRD GRADE

- 6 pack of No. 2 pencils (no mechanical) • 2 packs crayons
- 5 plastic pocket folders with prongs • 2 spiral notebooks
- 2 packs pencil-top erasers • 1 pack dry-erase markers (black)
- 2 pks. wide-ruled loose-leaf paper • 1 pair blunt tip scissors
- Hand sanitizer • 1 ruler • 1 Clearview binder 1 inch
- 4 glue sticks • 1 pkg. colored pencils - no markers
- Supply/crayon box

FOURTH GRADE

- 5 folders (3 prongs with 2 pockets) • 1 - 1 subject notebook
- 2 pks wide-ruled loose-leaf paper • 3 pcks pencil top erasers
- 2 pcks of No. 2 pencils (no mechanical)
- 2 hand sanitizers
- 1 - 1 inch binder
- 1 pair blunt-tip scissors
- 2 pcks of dry-erase markers

FIFTH GRADE

- 36 pencils • 4 folders (3 prongs with 2 pockets)
- Crayons or colored pencils (no markers) • Hand sanitizer
- 1 pkg. wide-ruled loose-leaf paper • 4 large pink erasers
- 1 pair blunt-tip scissors • 1 pack dry-erase markers
- 1 pack of 100 index cards



Students Are Superheroes At HES

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

They might not be a Spiderman, but kids at Hilltop Elementary this year are superheroes in their own right.

The school's superhero theme is built on its motto, "Knowledge Is Power."

And it's already off to a great start: Last year, HES received the Exceeding Expectations Award to acknowledge that student achievement went above expectations.

Safety is important to superheroes and HES, so the school is adding a barrier fence along the sidewalk all the way to Keeton Road to protect students who walk to school. The school will also be locking the exterior entry drive-through gates after the tardy bell rings, so no one can enter campus without coming through the front door.

The school will be emphasizing reading again this year. Principal Beverly Cornelius says their "goal is for each student to become the best reader they can be to become successful."

And HES will be expanding the Top Score Writing program this year from just fourth grade to grades 2-5. Top Score Writing helps students prepare for the state writing test.

This will be the first full year with S.T.E.M. — that's science, technology, engineering and mathematics — labs for kindergarten classes. The labs were imple-

mented during the middle of last year and allow students to do science activities.

But HES doesn't just want students to do well academically; Cornelius says their goal is for students to excel both academically and socially.

For super-students who work hard to strengthen their power through knowledge, the school will be bringing back National Junior Honor Society.

And even superheroes need to have fun — HES has enlarged the playground!

This year there will be several changes in staff at the school.

Donna Parks will be officially taking on the title of dean this year, a position that the school didn't have last year. The district added the position because HES was its only elementary school without an assistant principal.

Filling the guidance counselor position left vacant by Parks will be Kelly Daane, coming from Zolfo Springs Elementary, who will also be leading the school's National Junior Honor Society.

Joining HES as a literacy coach is Pam Justice, transferring from North Wauchula Elementary. Coming in from Hardee Junior High is Kris Harden, who will be an Exceptional Student Education resource teacher. And coming out of retirement to teach first grade is Dottie Brownlee.

Hannah Benavides from Bowling Green Elementary and Missy

Sperry will be coming in as second-grade teachers. Jessica Banda will be returning to the district as a fifth-grade teacher.

Ali Terrell, who was an ESE resource teacher last year, and Tammy Miller, who was a literacy coach last year, will be teaching third grade. Sabrina Tyler is switching from second to first grade, and Lisa Spires is switching from fifth to second grade.

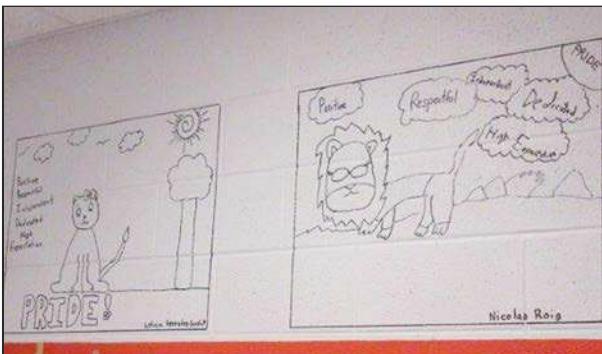
HES is planning to start a PTO this year. If you're interested in joining, you can sign up at open house.

Open house this year will be on Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. Bring your ID and come to the cafeteria when you arrive.

You can come to the school office before open house to get an emergency care card. Bring it filled out to open house to get it notarized.

If you have a kindergartner this year, make sure you bring your child's shot record, physical, birth certificate, proof of residence, and Social Security card when you come to enroll. It's best if you do this before open house.

If you're driving your super-students to school or letting them walk this year, here are the drop-off and pick-up times. The gate opens at 7 a.m., and students need time to get to class before the tardy bell at 7:35. Breakfast is served from 7 to 7:20. You can pick your student up from 1:50 to 2 p.m.



Art teacher Gretchen Mason is adding student art to the walls of HES. Each year, she takes one piece of student art from each grade and paints an enlarged version on the walls. The art pieces show how the students see their school.

Friday, August 10

We wish all students and staff a safe and eventful year!



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Getting ready to welcome students back to HES are (from left) Dean Donna Parks, Principal Beverly Cornelius, guidance counselor Kelly Daane and literacy coach Pam Justice.

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Hilltop Welcomes New Dean

By JENNIFER McCONKEY
Herald-Advocate Intern

Hilltop Elementary School has a new administrative position, but the person filling it is familiar to the school.

Donna Parks, who worked as HES guidance counselor last year, will be taking on the role of dean for the upcoming school year.

As dean, Parks will work closely with Principal Beverly Cornelius. Parks served as guidance counselor last year and was already filling a very similar role to what she'll be doing this year, so her transition to dean should be a smooth one.

Parks has a Master's Degree in educational leadership and a Master's Degree in curriculum and assessment.

In addition to working as HES's guidance counselor, Parks also has experience teaching at the junior- and senior-high levels.

School Starts August 10

TAKE NOTE
Hilltop Elementary School

Open House
Wednesday, Aug. 8, 4-6 p.m.

School Hours
Breakfast: 7:00-7:20 a.m.
Drop Off: No earlier than 7 a.m.
Must be in class by 7:30
Pick Up: 1:50-2:10 p.m.

PTO Info
HES will be creating a PTO this year.
You can sign up at open house.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

—Nelson Mandela

Hilltop Elementary Supply List

KINDERGARTEN

- 2 pkgs of pencils (fat pencils if possible)
- 4 boxes of crayola crayons
- 1 pair of Fiskars blunt-tip scissors
- 2 Composition notebooks
- 1" 3 ring white binder with clear pocket on front
- 2 containers of disinfectant wipes
- 1 box Ziploc quart-size bags (girls)
- 1 box Ziploc gallon-size bags (boys)
- 1 fat eraser
- 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- Towel or mat
- 3 3-prong folders with pockets
- 1 backpack no wheels

FIRST GRADE

- 2 boxes of 24 Crayola crayons
- 4 large pink-wedge pencil eraser
- 3 glue stick (no glitter)
- 24 plain yellow No. 2 wooden pencils
- 2 single subject spiral notebooks
- Book bag (no wheels please)
- 4 3-pronged folders with pockets
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 Composition books
- Plastic Supply/Pencil box

Optional

- * 1 box quart-size Ziploc bags
- * 1 8 oz. bottle of hand sanitizer
- * 1 craft item (such as glitter, pipe cleaners, buttons, ribbon, yarn, stickers, etc. to help with special projects)
- * 1 box of baby wipes

SECOND GRADE

- Small pencil bag or box
- 4 packs of No. 2 plain pencils (no mechanical)
- 1 pack of crayons
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 pocket folders with middle brackets (paper-solid colors)
- One 1-1/2 inch binder
- 1 composition book
- 3 packages of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 2 highlighters
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 1 dry erase board eraser
- Bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 pack of 4 large pink erasers
- Student scissors (small)
- 1 red folder with holes
- 4 cap erasers
- Sleeve protectors
- 1 hand sanitizer
- 1 book bag (not rolling)

THIRD GRADE

- 2 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- Scissors
- 5 spiral notebooks (not composition notebooks)
- 2 pack of 12 pencils (not mechanical)
- 1 green folder with holes
- 1 1-1/2- or 2-inch 3-ring binder with pockets
- 1 multi-colored pack of highlighters
- 1 pack of colored pencils
- 1 pencil pouch
- 8 glue sticks
- 4 cap erasers
- 1 red folder with holes
- 4 sleeve protectors
- 1 hand sanitizer
- 1 book bag (not rolling)

FOURTH GRADE

- 2 packs of pencils (not mechanical)
- 1 1-subject spiral notebook
- 1 pack of index cards
- 1 package of 8 plastic-tab pocket dividers
- 1 pair of earbuds/headphones
- 1 pack of cap erasers
- 2 black dry-erase markers
- 2 packs of lined paper
- 1 pack of colored pencils
- 1 2-inch binder
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 hand sanitizer
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 container of disinfectant wipes
- 3 pocket folders with prongs (yellow, blue and a color of your choice)

FIFTH GRADE

- 1 2-inch 3-ring binder
- 2 3-prong folders (one must be blue)
- 3 12-packs of No. 2 pencils (no mechanical)
- 4 different-colored highlighters
- 4 packs of notebook paper
- 8 glue sticks
- 3 composition notebooks (3 different colors)
- 1 pair of earbud headphones
- Reusable water bottle
- Boys - 1 container of disinfectant wipes
- Girls - 1 box of adhesive bandages or 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- 1 pack of red-ink pens
- 1 small pack of fine-tip markers
- Pencil bag
- 1 spiral notebook
- Cap erasers
- 4 dry-erase markers



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WES Is Helping Students Get Places

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

You are capable of achieving any job, any goal and any dream.

That's what Wauchula Elementary Principal Sonja Bennett says she wants her students to learn this year.

The school's theme is "We're Going Places," and its motto is "Our world is big, our future is bright, we've set our goals and they are in our sight."

Bennett wants students to "connect learning to their future success."

One of the ways WES plans to do that is by emphasizing goal setting. In fact, the school's hashtag for the year is #goalgetter.

Staff goals are "to help every student reach grade-level proficiency" and "to help them connect to school and enjoy learning." Teachers want to increase student achievement by focusing on improving their instructional strategies through book studies and extra training.

This year, the school will be providing small-group math reme-

diation for fourth and fifth graders who need some help.

The school will have some physical changes, too. A condemned building was demolished over the summer and the flag pole is being moved away from the office doors. The Bobcat's Den is also being upgraded, and the front office is scheduled to be updated over Christmas break.

And there are some staff changes as well. Candace Conerly is leaving the first grade to work as the school's media specialist as Mary Idsardi is transferring to North Wauchula Elementary. Ja-neen Gibson is moving from fourth grade to art since Donna Patterson is retiring, and Kim Tyson moving to reading remediation teacher. Last year's reading remediation teacher, Amy Monts-DeOca, is leaving the district.

Second-grade teacher Mary Rodriguez will be transferring to NWE this year and third-grade teacher Jill Tyson will be moving to Hardee High.

New to the school and the district are first-grade teachers

Christina Duncan, Brandi Lefevre and Staci Peterson and third-grade teacher Randa Kellogg.

Coming in as a third-grade teacher from Hilltop Elementary is Cassidy Abbott. And joining as a full-time fifth-grade teacher is Brittany Mishoe, who subbed at WES last year.

Taking on the role of Exceptional Student Education resource teacher and working in remediation of skills is Guille Trevino, who is returning to the district after taking a year off. And returning to the county is HHS graduate Erica Stewart, who will be joining the team as a paraprofessional after working in Orlando.

The school will be welcoming a new school resource officer, Ofc. Rene Benavides, who will be joining Ofc. Amy Drake.

There are some important school policies for parents to note.

If you bring your children to school, you can drop them off as early as 7 a.m. Breakfast is served until 7:20, and your kids will need to be in class by 7:35.

Students can be picked up at 2

p.m. The school encourages parents to wait until at least 1:45 p.m. to arrive in the pickup line.

And there is a policy change for picking your students up from school this year – no dismissal changes after 1:30 p.m. So if you want your child to get home a different way than normal, make sure the school knows before that time.

Another change is that students with more than 15 absences during the school year won't be allowed to go on off-campus trips.

Students will be able to look forward to two new extracurricu-

lar options: several art events held throughout the year and a leadership program available to fifth graders.

Meet Your Teacher will be Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. To avoid waiting in long lines, Bennett urges parents to come to the office during the summer to fill out their emergency care cards.

If you're interested in participating in the school's PTO, you can stop by the table at Meet Your Teacher. The PTO holds meetings once a month.



Guidance counselor Dena Patterson has been busy inputting student information to get class lists ready.



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WES Principal Sonja Bennett wants to help her students "be self-confident learners and see themselves as capable of graduating high school, going to college or a trade school, or landing their dream job."

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Third-grade teacher Randa Kellogg is getting her classroom ready with help from sons Jett (left) and Jace. Jett will be a fifth-grade student at WES and Jace will be entering the eighth grade at the junior high.



CLEANING UP CAMPUS



COURTESY PHOTO

The former four-room building at Wauchula Elementary School, which has been vacant for more than 10 years, was demolished over the summer. The Florida Department of Education condemned the building in May, and Principal Sonja Bennett is excited that it's no longer on campus. She says it posed a security risk, because someone could have attempted to hide in the building or children could have tried to sneak in. Bennett has several remodeling ideas she hopes will happen over the next few years, and removing this old building is a good first step.

Wauchula Elementary Supply List

No rolling book bags in kindergarten or first grade.

KINDERGARTEN

- 4 Ticonderoga My First Pencils (fat pencils) • 8 glue sticks
- 1 pair of scissors • 1 pencil/crayon box • 1 pair of headphones
- 4 boxes of 24-pack crayons (no colored pencils)
- 1 towel, blanket or mat for rest time
- 1 pencil pouch with 3 holes and zipper
- 1 primary journal (not a composition book - pages have a space for a picture and wide lines for writing)
- Girls - 1 pack of baby wipes & 1 of disinfectant wipes
- Boys - 1 box of Ziploc bags (quart or gallon size) & 1 box of Kleenex tissues

Optional: • Dry-erase markers

FIRST GRADE

- 2 2-pocket plastic folders with 3 prongs (no binders)
- 2 boxes of 24 plain yellow pencils • 4 boxes of 24 crayons
- 1 pair of blunt-tipped scissors • 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- 4 glue sticks • 1 spiral notebook • 1 small pencil box
- 1 pair of earbuds/headphones • 4 large pink erasers
- Girls - 2 packs of baby wipes and 1 box of quart-size Ziploc bags
- Boys - 1 container of disinfectant wipes and 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags

SECOND GRADE

- 2 boxes of Ticonderoga pencils • 4 boxes of crayons
- 3 packs of pink erasers (not cap) • 1 pair of student scissors
- 3 2-pocket plastic folders with 3 prongs • 4 glue sticks
- 1 pack of sticky notes • 1 pair of headphones
- 1 non-bendable ruler (inches and centimeters) • 1 backpack
- 1 pencil pouch with 3 holes (no boxes)
- Girls - 1 box of quart-size Ziploc bags and hand sanitizer
- Boys - 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags and disinfectant or baby wipes

THIRD GRADE

- 3 12-packs of pre-sharpened pencils • Large pencil pouch
- 1-inch 3-ring binder with pockets • Scissors • Sticky notes
- Crayons or colored pencils • Earbuds • 1 3-pack of glue sticks
- Erasers • 1 black dry-erase marker • 2 composition books
- Girls - 1 container of disinfectant wipes
- Boys - 1 container of hand sanitizer

FOURTH GRADE

- 5 12-packs of No. 2 pencils • Colored pencils • Scissors
- Highlighters (4 colors) • Ruler (standard- and metric-ruled)
- 5 3-prong, 2-pocket folders (red, blue, orange, yellow, green)
- 2 packs of loose-leaf wide-ruled notebook paper
- 4 dry-erase markers (any color) • Sticky notes
- 1 composition book • Earbuds or headphones or \$11
- Glue sticks • Pencil bag • 1-inch binder with clear cover
- Girls - 3x5 index cards
- Boys - 1 box of quart- or gallon-size Ziploc bags

FIFTH GRADE

- 48 No. 2 pencils • Erasers • Red pens • Markers
- Scissors • 4 packs of loose-leaf wide-ruled notebook paper
- 6 glue sticks • Pencil pouch (no crayon/pencil box)
- 1-inch binder • Multi-colored highlighters
- 3x5 lined white index cards • Earbuds or headphones
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- 3 3-prong, 2-pocket folders (1 red, 1 blue, 1 yellow)
- 3 1-subject spiral notebooks (1 red, 1 blue, 1 yellow)
- Last name A-M - quart-size Ziploc bags
- Last name N-Z - gallon-size Ziploc bags

The Race To Success Continues At ZSE

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

Zolfo Springs Elementary knows "it's not a sprint, it's a marathon," and that attitude is paying off.

As the only school in the Heartland Education Consortium to earn an "A" last year, ZSE is well along its way on the theme, "Racing To Success."

"Our staff works hard," said Principal Tammy Pohl, comparing them to a family. And they're excited to get back.

The teachers this year will be reading "Teaching in the Fast Lane" by Suzy Pepper Rollins to continue improving their instructional styles.

Pohl believes that all students can be successful. She wants the school to answer the question, "How can we get there together?"

One way they're hoping to continue along the road to success is through new technology. If funds allow for it, the school is hoping

to purchase 50 Chromebooks for the first grade and 25-30 for the second grade.

There are a few staff changes this year to note.

Juliann Hunnicutt will be joining the ZSE team as a reading remediation teacher. Hunnicutt grew up in Hardee County, and is returning to the area after working in Fort Myers.

And returning to ZSE after retiring a couple years ago is Linda Barrington. She will be working as a second-grade teacher this year.

The building has also gone through some changes, including painting and a new water line. New security cameras are also being added.

Students and parents will have a chance to meet their hard-working teachers at open house on Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. Parents are urged to bring an ID so they can get their emergency cards notarized. You will

also need to present ID to have your volunteer form notarized.

If you're interested in joining the school's PTO, you will need to fill out a volunteer form, even if you filled one out last year. The PTO will have a booth at open house where you can get more information.

And don't forget about clubs for your kids.

ZSE will be continuing its clubs for art, running, music, books and chess along with its Student Council and Safety Patrol. The school wants to make sure it has something for everyone, especially since many students don't have transportation to places like the YMCA after school ends.

For parents who do transport their children to and from school, remember that students can have breakfast at 6:50 and school starts at 7:30. School is dismissed at 1:45, so pick up your children before 2:05.



Custodians (from left) Maria Saldívar, Stacy Mushrush and Estella Meza have been getting Zolfo Springs Elementary ready for a great school year.

TAKE NOTE

Zolfo Springs Elementary School

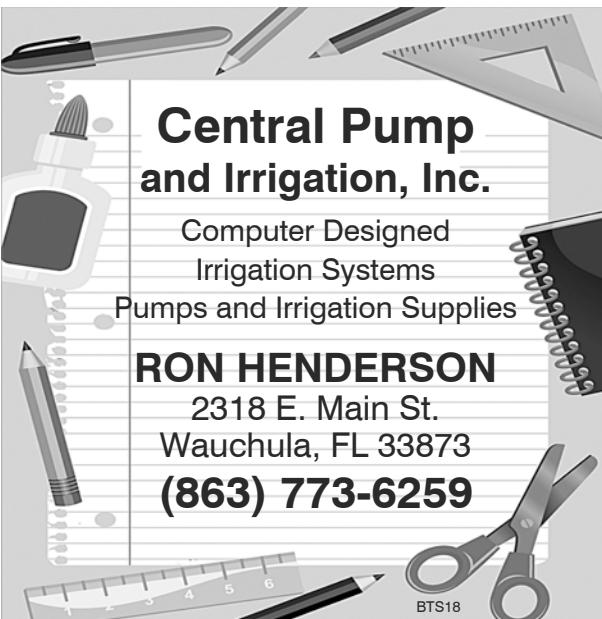
Open House
Wednesday,
Aug. 8, 1-3 p.m.
Parents,
bring your ID

School Hours
Breakfast: 6:50 a.m.
Drop Off: Must be in class by 7:30 a.m.
Pick Up: 1:45 p.m./
no later than
2:05 p.m.

PTO Info
Visit the booth at
open house for
information.
Get a volunteer form
notarized to join.



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Leading the race to success are (from left) Assistant Principal Leigh LaJeunesse and Principal Tammy Pohl.



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Zolfo Springs Elementary's theme, "Racing To Success," reminds teachers and students to keep working hard while having fun.

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Zolfo Springs Elementary Supply List

ALL GRADES

- *NO rolling backpacks *NO mechanical pencils
- *NO pencil sharpeners *NO Trapper Keepers
- *Label all of your child's supplies with child's name.

KINDERGARTEN

- 3 or 4 sharpened pencils
- 1 box of 24 crayons (not twistable)
- 4 big glue sticks (no bottles)
- Small plastic school box (no zippers)
- 4 big pink erasers
- Blunt-end scissors

FIRST GRADE

- 1 backpack
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 24 No. 2 pencils
- 2-pack of yellow highlighters
- 1 box of disinfectant wipes
- 1 supply box
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 3 small-tip dry-erase markers
- Girls - 1 box of quart-size Ziploc bags
- Boys - 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags
- 2 big glue sticks
- 2 big erasers
- 1 composition book
- 1 1-inch 3-ring binder

SECOND GRADE

- 1 24-count box of Crayola crayons
- 1 pair of Fiskars scissors for kids (pointed tip)
- 10 glue sticks
- 3 plastic folders with prongs and pockets (1 red, 1 blue, 1 green)
- 2 large white erasers
- 1 ruler (inches and centimeters clearly marked)
- 2 highlighters (any color)
- 1 pack of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 1-inch 3-ring binder
- 30 sharpened pencils
- 1 backpack
- 1 pencil box for storage
- 3 spiral-bound notebooks
- 1 pack of dry-erase markers
- 1 pencil pouch
- Boys - disinfectant wipes
- Girls - hand sanitizer (8 oz. or larger)

THIRD GRADE

- 2 spiral-bound 1-subject notebooks
- 2 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 2 plastic folders with prongs (orange and blue)
- 2 24-packs of No. 2 pencils (restock as needed)
- 1 24-pack of Crayola crayons
- 1 12-pack of Crayola colored pencils
- Pencil pouch with holes for binder
- Scissors
- Clipboard
- 1 6-pack of glue sticks
- Pump hand sanitizer
- 1 1-inch binder with clear front sleeve

FOURTH GRADE

- Continuous supply of yellow No. 2 pencils
- 6-8 glue sticks
- 4 plastic folders with 3 prongs and pockets
- 2 packs of cap erasers
- 1 1-inch 3-ring binder
- Headphones
- Highlighters
- Scissors
- Crayons and markers
- 5 spiral-bound notebooks
- Clipboard
- Dry-erase markers
- 2 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- Girls - quart-size Ziploc bags
- Boys - gallon-size Ziploc bags

FIFTH GRADE

- 4 glue sticks
- 4 spiral notebooks
- 4 packs lined notebook paper
- 1 pack of index cards
- 2 yellow highlighters
- Disinfectant wipes
- 1 composition notebook
- 5 dry-erase markers
- 1-inch binder with plastic cover
- Sticky notes
- No. 2 pencils
- Gallon-size Ziploc bags
- Earbuds or headphones
- Scissors
- Cap erasers

Alane Academy Grows Along With Students

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

Alane Academy is getting ready for a new year of learning.

Unlike the public schools, Alane will be starting classes on Aug. 13, which is a Monday.

Open house will be next Thursday, Aug. 9, from 4 to 6 p.m. That's when you'll get to meet your teacher and pick up your uniforms.

It's also when you get to see the big reveal of your classroom theme. Principal Julie Poucher Taylor says she and the teachers are excited for the reveal.

The school's overall focus, though, is on leadership and character development.

Taylor wants her students to be leaders in whatever area they find themselves, and knows they need good character development for that to happen.

In addition to spending 10-15 minutes a day directly teaching about good habits, Alane staff work to integrate those lessons into the rest of the day. They want to carry the school's core values throughout all parts of school. Taylor encourages respect between students and teachers.

That doesn't mean they put academics on the back burner, though. Last year, Alane's Stanford Achievement Test scores showed that the school's average was above the national average.

This year, Alane is expanding its art program. Depending on grade level, other new additions are agriculture experience, Spanish, and keyboarding.

And there will be a new music program that includes digital and animated lessons. It will teach stu-

dents about reading, composing, performing and responding to music.

Taylor plans to continue having community members come to the school to teach the kids about their careers in addition to taking students on a couple of educational fieldtrips.

Alane has two new teachers this year.

Candice Lozano will be teaching pre-K, which she has 10 years of experience with. And Claire Thomas will be taking over the virtual lab. She has experience facilitating Florida Virtual School for homeschooled and teaching in public school.

As a reminder to parents, drop-off time is from 7:30 to 7:45 a.m. and pick-up time is from 2:15 to 2:30 p.m. If your children are staying for after-school care, you'll need to pick them up by 5 p.m. at the latest.

And note that the mandatory parent-teacher conferences will be the weeks of Oct. 22 and March 25.

While most grades are already full for this year, if you're interested in enrolling your child at Alane, you can still call or email the school to check availability.

Alane Academy has experienced huge growth in enrollment since it opened in 2011 as an elementary school and had nine students. Now, Alane has between 60-70 students from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

Taylor says she's very blessed by the growth, but that they're outgrowing the school.

While she hasn't decided what she's going to do about that issue yet, she wants parents and students to know that whatever she decides, she always plans to keep the charm, culture and special feel that Alane Academy has.



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Principal Julie Poucher Taylor is excited for the new year and new staff members.

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Teachers Tonya Barwick (left) and Kaylynn Pearlman are preparing for the new school year.

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4 New Coaches Join Wildcat Roster

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Wildcats will have a pack of fresh faces on the sidelines this year.

The Lady Wildcats will see new coaches in golf, soccer and volleyball, according to Travis Tubbs, athletic director of Hardee Senior High School.

The Wildcats will also have a fresh face with the hiring of a new track coach, Tubbs said.

Volleyball

Erica Roberts will be taking over the head-coaching duties for the volleyball squad.

Roberts, who lettered in volleyball at Hardee High, ascends to the high school post after a stint as assistant coach for the volleyball squad at Hardee Junior High School.

"One big goal that I would like to bring is building a sense of openness, communication and family," Roberts said.

Roberts will also be joining the teaching staff at the junior high in the sixth-grade math department.

Soccer

Nikki Rast brings years of youth sports experience to the pitch as she begins her tenure as the head coach of the Lady Wildcats soccer program.

Rast began her coaching career with the Hardee County Family YMCA, where she led her daughter's soccer squad for five seasons before being asked to take the helm of the Lady Wildcats' junior varsity soccer program.

"During this time, I realized how developmentally behind girls soccer was from the local district areas," Rast said.



Working with coach Israel Torres, coach Chris Bishop and the YMCA, Rast helped found an all-girls league.

"The first year was quite successful as we had nearly 40 girls participate," Rast said. "The focus was to isolate the girls and allow them to become comfortable with our coaching philosophy and develop as a group without the high competitiveness that the boys bring."

Rast ran a "ball skills" practice through the summer that was open to all junior- and senior-high school-aged girls and focused on the basics of "dribbling, passing, first touch, turning with the ball, and shooting properly."

"My job is to make a safe, fun, interesting, and challenging environment where these girls can learn the game and develop quickly," Rast said. "In short, we

are in an extremely competitive district, the goal is to compete successfully, not strictly to win. Winning or losing is simply a bi-product of playing the game."

Track

Ernest Graham has been hitting the ground running as the new head coach of the Wildcat track and field program.

Graham, as a volunteer, logged hundreds of hours the past two seasons assisting Hardee High with its track-and-field program.

Succeeding Rob Beatty in the head-coaching slot, Graham has taken an active role in petitioning The School Board of Hardee County for im-

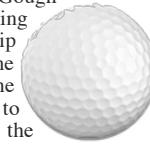


proved – and safer – playing conditions for the squad, and called for officials to examine the possibility of installing a regulation rubberized overlay on the track at Wildcat Stadium.

The founder of the local summer travel track-and-field squad, Graham is the father of Alexis Benjamin-Graham, who earlier this year claimed Hardee High's first state title in shot put.

Golf

The Lady Wildcats golf team is also teeing up with a new head coach.



Jennifer Gough will be taking over leadership duties of the squad as the team returns to the links for the fall season.

Yes, Virginia, There Is A Free Lunch

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

If feeding your kids healthy meals is difficult in your home, don't worry.

Free breakfasts and lunches will continue to be available to all Hardee County School District students this year. These meals are designed to meet the health standards of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

There's no application unless your child has a special food requirement, like a food allergy or physical condition that limits certain foods. You can find forms for food needs on the district's website.

The school district will provide free meals regardless of a child's dietary restrictions – just make sure to let the school know what your kid needs.

And, of course, if you would rather pack your children's lunches, that's no problem. Kids aren't required to eat the school meals.



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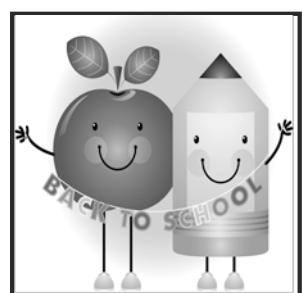
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Marching Band Dreams Of Nightmares

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

The marching band at Hardee Senior High School is getting ready for an exciting season of scary music.

Its show this year is called "Worst Nightmare," and performances will consist of scary film music, including selections from "Psycho," "Sleepy Hollow," "Spiderman" and "Tales from the Crypt."

This year's show is going to have a lot of visual elements with the students' movement, says band director Jason K. Thompson. In fact, he says he's planning the most exciting halftime show since he's been at the school.

The band, which has about 50 members, began full practice on Wednesday. In addition to these August practices, the drumline had some practices in June and the color guard started practice in July.

"I wish people could see how hard the kids work, especially when it's hot," says Thompson.

Not only do the members need to learn the marching pattern and movements, they also need to memorize all of their show music,

including music for their pregame show.

Thompson won't allow students to use lyres — music holders that attach to an instrument or wrist — after the first couple of games, and doesn't like letting students use them at all. That's because the band is also preparing for competitions, where marching bands are expected to have all of their music memorized.

The band will be attending three competitions this season. The regional competitions will be at Durant High School in Plant City on Sept. 29 and West Port High School in Ocala on Oct. 20. The district assessment will be at Lakewood Ranch High School in Bradenton on Oct. 27.

While Thompson is the only full-time marching band staff member, there are several others helping the band prepare. Color guard coach Meagan Yopp, drumline coach David Adams and visual tech Allison Yopp are all working with the band this year.

And leading the band onto the field will be two drum majors: senior Alejandra Ramirez and junior Isaac Estrada.



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The color guard started practicing in July, before band camp started this week. Color guards are able to add visual elements to a marching band's show that other members can't do with their instruments.

Wildcats Seeking Third Straight District Crown

By MICHAEL KELLY

Herald-Advocate Intern

The 2018 Hardee Wildcats had a "really good" summer, according to third-year Head Coach Brian Kemp, as the team turns its attention to the upcoming season and pursuing its third straight 5A-District 11 Championship.

Standing in its way will be Bradenton Bayshore, Sarasota Booker, Lemon Bay, Bradenton Southeast and the arch-rival DeSoto Bulldogs.

Kemp said the players have put in a lot of work this summer, and he feels it has been the best off-season program since he returned to his Alma Mater as head coach in 2016.

After the spring game, he gave all players and coaches three weeks off before beginning summer weightlifting and conditioning work.

And work they have, Kemp said, since returning for four days a week of weightlifting and conditioning on June 10.

"You can really see the changes

in their bodies," Kemp said, anxious for the season to begin. "The players have been very committed and it shows."

Leading the way for the Wildcats are 16 seniors who are hungry to take the program further into the playoffs after being bounced in the first round each of the past two seasons.

They are Jean Youte, Sam Louis, James Pearson, Daniel Everett, Randy McLeod, Ray Zuniga, Ra'hym Lewis, Kaleb Floyd, Jacob Davidson, Jean St. Louis, Matt Tyson, Hardee Pace, Tyler Steedley, Bo Villarreal, Tom Pace and Isaac Moreno, who returned to the team this summer after missing the spring for disciplinary reasons.

Kemp said the class has a "good shot" at repeating as district champions and hopes his senior leaders of the team can learn from previous mistakes in postseason play to advance further.

The team did not attend any summer camps and instead stayed in Hardee and worked really hard

in the weight room together.

In addition to working on the field, Kemp has led the team in studying the R.E.A.L. Man program, developed by a coach, Frank DiCocco, and the H.O.P.E. Foundation to help today's youth in character development.

Kemp hopes going through the program will help his players cope better with adversity, both during the games and after their Wildcat careers are over.

The team did attend a Fellowship of Christian Athletes seven-on-seven passing competition during the end of June, and Pearson, who will be the starting quarterback after transferring to

Hardee in January, is getting more and more comfortable working with his receivers.

Fall practices got underway July 30. The first game, the Kick-off Classic, will take place at Wildcat Stadium on Aug. 17 at 7:30.

The regular season starts with Hardee's second biggest rival, the Fort Meade Miners, which will host the Wildcats on Aug. 24.

When Kemp returned to Hardee, he put a big emphasis on winning the "Highway 17" rivalry games against Fort Meade and DeSoto, and so far his teams are undefeated against both the Miners and Bulldogs.

Hardee's regular-season home games get underway with Sebring visiting Wildcat Stadium on Aug. 31 and the Avon Park Red Devils coming to town Sept. 7.

Both Highlands County teams have improved dramatically during the past several seasons, and the Wildcats will look to avenge a pair of loses from last season against the neighboring foes.

District play begins Sept. 14 when the Cats take a road trip to Sarasota to take on Booker before having a bye week on Sept. 21.

Play resumes on Sept. 28 with another district opponent in Lemon Bay visiting Wildcat Stadium.

Homecoming is Oct. 5 and Hardee will host the Bartow Yellow Jackets for the occasion.

Senior night and Hardee's last regular season home game is Oct. 12 and is against Bradenton Bayshore, a district opponent.

The final two games of district competition will be on the road for Hardee.

Southeast, typically one of the stronger teams in the district, hosts Hardee on Oct. 19 before the Wildcats travel to DeSoto to hopefully wrap up the district crown on Oct. 26.

The last game of the year is in Naples against Barron Collier on Nov. 2.

The first round of playoffs is set to begin the following week, on Nov. 9.



HJH Is Working Hard For Excellence

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

Hardee Junior High is getting ready for a new school year, and Dr. Sheryl Mosley, the school's principal, hopes that it's even more successful than last year.

Her goal for this year is for the school to be at state level or above in all subjects. The school came close to that goal last year, and Mosley wants this year to be even better.

The school, following its theme of "Anchored in Excellence," will be encouraging students to work hard by rewarding good grades.

Students who make the Honor Roll will receive a reward – and the reward is different each nine weeks, so don't quit trying after making it only once.

There will also be a different reward each nine weeks for students who meet the Accelerated Reading goal for that quarter.

And for students who are interested in career training, the school has several electives to choose from, including computer, agriculture and journalism, which is new for seventh and eighth graders this year.

Students have the option of taking Career and Technical Educa-

tion classes to become certified as administrative office specialists and agriculture associates. Eighth graders can also earn high school credit while beginning the agrotechnology and agricultural biotechnology programs.

The school also has some new staff members.

New to the district are science teachers Micaela Ford and Tiffany Browdy, English Language Arts teachers Matthew Christansen and Kathleen Jordan, math teacher Erica Roberts and dean of students Dr. Marcus Jenkins.

Transferring to HJH are science teachers Brittany Wiggins from Hilltop Elementary School and Kim Hanshaw from North Wauchula Elementary, math teacher Tracey White from HES and reading teacher Monica Block from Zolfo Springs Elementary.

Some teachers will be changing subjects: Sheena Newman and Linda Calvillo are switching from science to ELA, Daniel Estrada is switching from ELA to civics, Emily Ibanez is switching from science to civics, and Sean Brown is switching from ELA to Advancement Via Individual Determination and research.

And some teachers are leaving

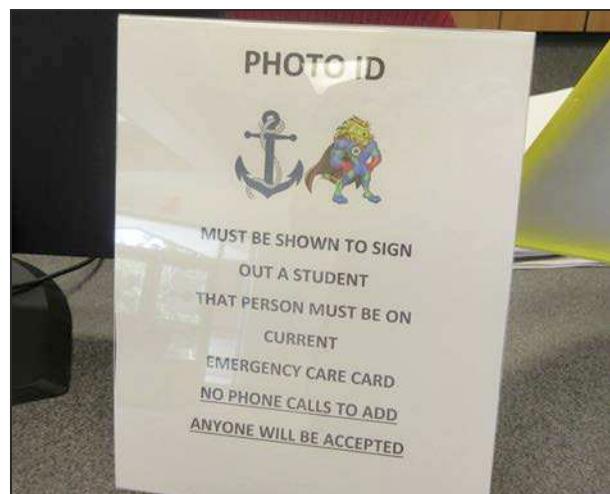
HJH. Reading teacher Yolanda Gray retired. A.V.I.D. teacher Jessica Gilliard transferred to Hardee High, civics teacher Kris Harden transferred to HES and dean of students Ray Rivas transferred to Bowling Green Elementary.

Open house time will depend on your child's grade, so make sure you mark your calendar. Seventh- and eighth-grade open house will be on Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 1 to 5 p.m. Sixth-grade open house will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to come in before open house to pick up their children's emergency care cards. These cards need to be completed and turned in at open house, so filling them out ahead of time will save you from having to wait in line as long.

And for parents of sixth graders, you can look forward to parents' night, which will be announced on the school calendar.

There's also the possibility of a Parent-Teacher Organization forming this year. Once school starts, the administration plans to ask parents if they would like to help form this organization. If you're interested, make sure to let the school know.



HJH administrators encourage parents to fill their role in keeping the school safe by following all security policies. Even if school staff members know you, you'll still need to show photo ID to sign out your student.



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER McCONKEY

Sixth-grade English Language Arts teacher Sheena Newman encourages her students during a test.





TAKE NOTE

Hardee Junior High School

Open House

Grades 7 & 8 – Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1-5 p.m.
Grade 6 – Wednesday, Aug. 8, 1-3 p.m.

School Hours

Drop Off: Must be in class by 7:30 a.m.
Pick Up: 3:00-3:20 p.m.

PTO Info

Once classes start, contact the school
if you're interested in helping start a PTO

Hardee Junior High 2018-19 Supply List

- No. 2 pencils (not mechanical)
- Paper
- Colored pencils
- Simple Basic Calculator (needs to have square root)
- Pocket folders with fasteners
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Mentors Go One-On-One With Kids

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

Hardee Junior High will be starting a new mentor program for select students this year.

The program, called "Check and Connect," will start off with 10 staff members, including teachers, paraprofessionals, deans and coaches. Each of them will take on one student to mentor throughout the school year.

The goal is for these staff members to help monitor their students' progress and encourage them academically by meeting with the students during school.

They will also work to make a personal connection with their students' families. These families will be invited to the school in August for a meet and greet, in December for a holiday event, and at the end of the school year to celebrate completing the year.

If the program goes well, the school plans to expand it to include more staff members and students later in the year. Each staff member will only take on one student at a time, though, to make sure each student involved gets enough one-on-one attention.



Assistant principals Suzanne Stagg and Gilbert Vasquez flank principal Dr. Sheryl Mosley.

HHS Offers Path To Successful Future

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

Hardee High School has been making improvements in academics and around campus.

Academically, the school has been showing signs of growth. Its letter grade went up from a D to a C last year, and the graduation rate, which has been going up the last two years, is now at 72.1 percent.

Principal Dr. Michele Polk says the school's ultimate goal "is to have every student that enters Hardee High School graduate on time with a solid plan for their future."

She encourages parents to help hold their children accountable for their schoolwork by following the 2018-19 Report Card and Progress Report dates (see calendar on page 21) and checking their grades.

The teachers will be learning more about helping students strengthen their WICOR skills, which stands for writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading. According to Meredith Durastanti, using WICOR teaching helps students with different learning styles.

The school will also continue upgrading its technology by adding new smartboards to several classrooms.

And, good news for students interested in writing, HHS will be offering a creative writing elective this year!

HHS will also continue offering students the opportunity to earn industry certifications. Electrocardiogram (EKG) Technician will be a new certification available this year. The other certifications are Food Service Management, Certified Nursing Assistant, Agritechnology Specialist, Agriculture Associate, Agricultural Biotechnology Specialist, National Center for Construction Education & Research Carpentry, Microsoft Office Spe-

cialist, Microsoft Office Specialist Master and Intuit QuickBooks.

The school will also be expanding the Agile Minds math curriculum to include more students, especially freshmen and sophomores.

And, of course, there will be some staff changes this year.

Amy Paris, who taught last year at North Wauchula Elementary, will be coming on as a science teacher. Jill Tyson will be joining HHS from Wauchula Elementary as a physical education teacher. Ana Collom is coming in as a media teacher. And Jessica Gilliard will be transferring from the junior high to work as a graduation coach.

The Social Studies Department is welcoming Joni Creed, who is transferring from Hilltop Elementary, and Nicholas Masiello and Jennifer Gough, who are new to the district.

Also new to the district this year are Cathryn Uber, who will be teaching English; Israel Pierre, who will be teaching Spanish; and Stephanie Douglas, who will be an Exceptional Student Education paraprofessional.

Physical education teacher Byron Jarnagin retired this year, and social studies teacher Rob Davis is transferring to Bowling Green Elementary.

The school will also have some physical improvements this year.

To help keep the campus secure, the school resource officers' office and the attendance office are switching places. The attendance office will be closer to the front of the school, and a fence will be added to try to keep visitors from going past that office without permission.

And to fix the auditorium's flooding problem, the school is redoing the drainage system. Once that's finished, new seating and carpeting will be put in.

You'll be able to see the cam-

pus and pick up your schedule at open house, which is Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 3 to 6 p.m. Parents should bring their IDs.

A few days before open house, the school will call parents to let them know they can come pick up their parent packets. If you don't want to wait in as many lines at open house, fill out the paperwork and get your signatures notarized beforehand.

Polk encourages parents to attend parent night. Check the date for your parent night in the "Take Note" box here.

She also strongly urges seniors and their parents to attend FAFSA Help Night on Oct. 1, 2 or 3. The event will be held at 6 p.m. on all three evenings. Those letters stand for Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

To help you remember important dates and receive other important information, you can follow the instructions in your parent packet to sign up for the principal's "Remind" messages.

School hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:22 p.m. Drop-off time is from 8 to 8:25 a.m. and pick-up time is from 3:22 to 3:45 p.m.

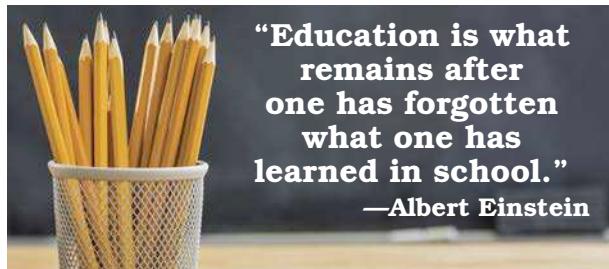


Principal Dr. Michele Polk (left) and Assistant Principal Mary Farr take a short break during a busy summer work day. They, along with Assistant Principal Ron Herron (not pictured), will be continuing their roles as administrators this school year.



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER McCONKEY

To help improve school security, the attendance office and school resource officers' office will be switching places this year. Here, (from left) Jimbo Williams, Jeff Johnson and Richard Smith are working hard to get the new attendance office ready.





TAKE NOTE

Hardee Senior High School

Open House

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 3-6 p.m.

School Hours

Drop Off: 8-8:25 a.m.

Pick Up: 3:22-3:45 p.m.

School Advisory Council Info

Parents can fill out the SAC Interest Form in the parent packet and turn it in by the deadline to have their names added to the ballot.

Parent Nights

Freshman Student: Sept. 6, 6 p.m.

Sophomore Student: Oct. 23, 6 p.m.

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- Nov. 14 – Second Nine-Weeks Progress Report
- Jan. 16 – Second Report Card
- Feb. 7 – Third Nine-Weeks Progress Report
- April 3 – Third Report Card
- April 18 – Fourth Nine-Weeks Progress Report
- June – Fourth Report Card
(available after state test results are released)

Parents, Do You Want To Be Involved?

By JENNIFER McCONKEY
Herald-Advocate Intern

While Hardee High School doesn't have a PTO, it does have a School Advisory Council.

The SAC helps build and monitor the school improvement plan, and is made up of students and parents.

If you're a parent interested in serving on the SAC, you can complete a SAC Interest Form, which will be in your parent packet. Parent packets are distributed at the beginning of the school year.

After the submission deadline, everyone who's interested in serving will have their name placed on a ballot.

Seats will be filled based on the voting results and alignment with the demographics of the school's student body. For example, if the student body is 40 percent Caucasian, then about 40 percent of the parents on the SAC need to be Caucasian also.

Students don't complete an application to join the SAC. The school looks for students who have been voted on as leaders within various clubs active on the school campus.

Hardee High School 2018-19 Supply List



All Students Will Need:

- One 3-inch ring binder (or two 2.5-inch binders) per semester
- 7 dividers (one for each of your courses)
- Pencil pouch that clips into the rings of the binder
- Notebook paper, pens and pencils
- Calendar or planner

Additional supplies will be determined by individual classroom teachers.



Teachers (from left) Nicole Aubry, Cindy Moffat, Martha Shiver, Joni Creed and Jennifer Gough are having a U.S. History planning meeting. Creed and Gough are new to HHS this year.

Homeschool: An Interactive And Social Way To Learn

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

Many people wonder how homeschooleders get enough socialization.

"That's a huge misconception," says homeschool mom Christina Pesco when asked about it. In fact, she says her family has to turn down some invitations because their social calendar is so full.

Homeschool students participate in church, library activities, sports, 4-H, music classes and homeschool groups. They also have opportunities to participate in all school extracurricular activities and field trips, and can attend

prom and a graduation ceremony at a Florida Parent Educators Association convention each spring.

Alasha Mikell, who homeschools her two daughters, says her oldest is probably more socialized now than she was while attending public school.

She says her family isn't hiding from the world; they're preparing their children for it.

That's one of the reasons some parents choose to homeschool their children. Anna Dickey says she decided to homeschool partly because she chose not to expose her kids to worldly things on the world's terms. She says her kids

get plenty of socialization and cultural exposure, but on her terms.

Pesco and Mikell also like that they can customize each of their children's lessons to fit their interests and learning styles. And homeschooling provides more hands-on, real-world opportunities to learn, says Dickey.

Homeschooling also allows more flexibility for traveling, which many homeschool families enjoy.

Jeannie Palacios says she likes teaching her kids how to learn, not just what to learn.

All four of the moms say they would recommend homeschool-

ing to other families if the parents have a desire to do it. You don't need an education degree.

"If you can read, you can homeschool," says Mikell. You just need to care about doing it.

She also encourages homeschooling parents to build a support system so you aren't homeschooling alone.

Be prepared for a lot of work, though. Pesco says that homeschooling is a job, and you need to do work, like lesson planning, even on the weekends.

Dickey says that if God gives you the desire to homeschool, He will give you the ability.

Palacios agrees. She says that if you have the desire to home-

school, you're already 80 percent of the way there.

Palacios is the director of Hardee County's Classical Conversations homeschool group. CC is an international program that lets homeschool families go through the same curriculum together and meet once a week for group classes. The CC school year will start on Aug. 13, but families can join any time during the year.

There are also many families in Hardee County who aren't members of CC, like Pesco's family. Although Hardee doesn't have a co-op (homeschool group that doesn't use a specific curriculum), Highlands County has one that families can go to.



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER McCONKEY

Alasha Mikell homeschooled her two daughters, **Morgan** (left) and **Savannah**. Morgan says her favorite thing about being homeschooled is that she doesn't get bullied and can learn more about God than she did in public school, and Savannah says "it's just fun."



Homeschoolers Khale, Morgan, and Braddock Dickey work hard to get their schoolwork done. Braddock and Khale say being homeschooled is fun, and all three agree that one of their favorite things about it is that they can spend more time with their friends.

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Adult Ed: More Than You Think

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Herald-Advocate Intern

When you hear the title "Adult Education Center," you probably think of GED classes or English classes.

But the Hardee County Adult Education Center does much more than that.

While it does offer Adult Basic Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages and General Educational Development classes, it also oversees high school and junior high Career and Technical Education, the Hardee County Recreation Complex and the district's Advancement Via Individual Determination program.

Director Meredith Durastanti says they're here to support the community.

Adults can enroll with the Adult Education Center at any point during the year. Durastanti wants people to know that earning a GED isn't easy but the reward is huge. Students need to be very committed to reach their goal.

For students who are still in school, the center still provides plenty of opportunities.

Career and Technical Education lets junior- and senior-high students take classes and become industry certified. These certifications can help increase college options and job prospects,

and can increase a student's future income.

And for younger students, the A.V.I.D. program is expanding this year from just the junior and senior high schools to include North Wauchula Elementary.

According to Durastanti, A.V.I.D. is a college-readiness program that helps students who are capable of going to college but don't have the support they need. The program helps these students by raising expectations and providing rigorous classes while providing a support system.

It also uses WICOR — writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading — teaching techniques to help students with different learning styles.

So as the new school year approaches, the Adult Education Center is excited to welcome everyone back. Even if you aren't an adult yet, you'll probably be impacted by the work they're doing.



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Adult Education Center Director Meredith Durastanti (right) says the center "is eager to welcome staff and students back to school." With her is instructor Yvonne Floyd.

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Nix Brand Names & Design Your Own School Supplies

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Kids often want brand-name folders, binders and backpacks because of the interesting designs they have.

But you can save money and make school shopping more fun for your kids by helping them custom-decorate generic items.

If you don't have the supplies you need at home, try checking with friends before buying. Or, if you get several families involved, you can split the cost of needed craft items. And make sure to check the dollar stores; they often have items you can use.

Here are a few ideas from Zolfo Springs Elementary art teacher Laura Wells to help get you

started. Just remember to be creative and have fun with it!

Fabric Items

Start with a canvas pencil pouch, backpack or lunchbox.

You can either buy an iron-on or sew-on patch, or you can cut a fun shape out of felt. If you aren't into sewing, attach the patch or felt with fabric glue or super glue.

If you have some small craft pom-poms, you can glue those on as embellishments as well.

Or, if you want something that doesn't involve glue, try using puffy paint or fabric paint to create a unique design right on the fabric.

Mosaic Collages

Just because your school tells you what color folders and notebooks to buy doesn't mean you can't make them unique!

You can add a fun mosaic collage to your folders, notebooks, binders, clipboards, tab-dividers etc. by decoupage different papers on with a sealer. And if your supply list says you need certain color binders, just use different shades and patterns of that color for the collage.

You can use scrapbook or patterned paper, cutouts from old magazines or family photos for your design. You can even use materials like ribbon, stickers, plastic gems or patterned duct tape.

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Bailey Wells demonstrates how to paint a fun design on paper using shaving cream.

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Library Offers Art For Homeschoolers

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

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Homeschoolers can look forward to another great year of art projects at the Hardee County Public Library.

"Homeschool Art" will be offered for free to all homeschool families each Tuesday, starting on Sept. 11. The lesson runs from 10 to 11 a.m.

Dee Shackleford, who teaches the classes, makes sure to choose projects that are appropriate for any youth pre-K to 12th grade. She doesn't turn away any child who wants to participate.

The crafts will include different forms of art, such as painting, coloring, creating sculptures and using watercolors.

Many of the projects this year

will be artist studies. Shackleford will teach the students about an artist, and then they will do a project imitating that artist's work.

There will also be some miscellaneous projects. One of the first crafts of the year, for example, will be bird sculptures that the students can assemble and color.

You don't need to worry about signing up — just show up, and join in!

And always feel free to check the library's Facebook page or call 773-6438 if you have any questions.

The library is located at 315 N. Sixth Ave. in Wauchula, inside the Curtis Ezelle Government Complex on U.S. 17 at Oak Street.

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Science Is In The Books!

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Each year, the Hardee County School District purchases new books for one subject. This year it was time to update the science curriculum.

The new curriculum will embrace modern technology – in addition to printed material, there will be online material for teachers and students.

The district wanted its new curriculum to cover scientific practices and big ideas, and to align with the Next Generation Sun-

shine State Standards.

The new curriculum does just that and more.

The elementary schools and junior high are looking forward to interactive hands-on lessons with their new science study plan. The teachers want their students to do more than just read about science.

And students at the junior and senior high schools will be learning with a science, technology, engineering and mathematics focus.

The senior high's new curriculum will also be focusing on standards alignment.

papers/photos however you want, then attach them to the background with sealer. Just remember to use thin layers of sealer for this project.

If you use this method to make a binder insert, make sure it's completely dry before putting it into the binder. Even if your school gives you an insert for the front of the binder, most also have a clear sleeve on the back that you can add a decorated page to.

Paint Designs

Have any shaving cream around the house?

You can spread out a layer of

shaving cream in a tray, then add some paint on top. If you want to, you can swirl the paint around to make a more abstract design.

Then, press a piece of paper onto the shaving cream. Lift the paper up, scrape the cream off, and let the page dry. When you're done, decoupage the page onto your notebook or folder.

If you don't want to use shaving cream, you can still get unique abstract patterns by splatter-painting.

Don't have any paint? Use up some old sidewalk chalk instead.

For this easy project, just put some water into a tray and scrape

some chalk onto the surface of the water. Gently lay a piece of paper on top of the water, then lift it up and let it dry.

An important note about decoupage: When you're applying a sealer over paint or chalk, either use a spray sealer or work quickly to avoid smearing the colors.

Backpack Dangles

Get creative with backpack accessories this school year!

You can use items like seashells, small pom-poms, beads, ribbons and even clay to create your own unique keychains to dangle from your backpack or lunchbox.

If you want to make your own pom-poms instead of buying some, you can use scraps of yarn to make multi-colored ones.

And if you don't have keyrings lying around, you can attach your dangles to your bag's zippers with pipe cleaners or paperclips.

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Don't limit yourself to the projects here.

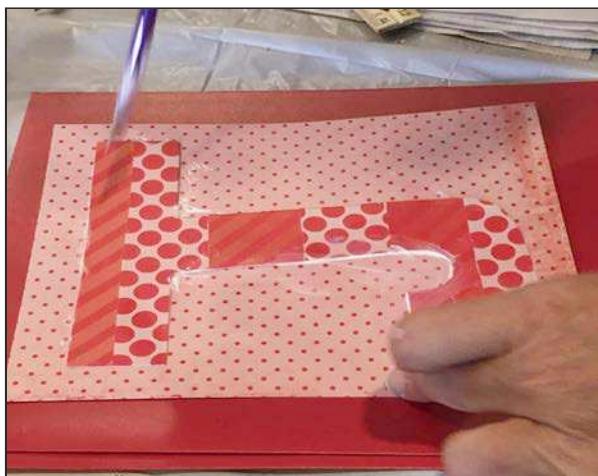
Use these ideas to jumpstart your own creativity. Try things like making ribbon bookmarks, decorating your calculator case or scissor handles with nail polish or adding colored duct tape stripes to your pencils and pens.

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Laura Wells creates this unique folder using different shades of the same color. A student could use this folder to meet an elementary school's "red folder" requirements.



If your pieces of sidewalk chalk are getting too small to use, don't throw them away. You can use them to make these beautiful covers for your notebooks or binders.

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Help Your Kids Stay Happy & Healthy This School Year

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Kids are like petri dishes, a doctor once said, referring to how many germs they always seem to carry.

So with all these little germ-spreaders heading back to school, what are some good ways to keep your kids healthy?

Mayo Clinic offers some good advice to parents:

Wash Those Hands!

It seems two questions kids are always hearing are, "Did you wash your hands?" and "Did you use soap?" That's because many parents already recognize how powerful handwashing is in stopping the spread of germs.

But that doesn't mean that kids get it.

Children should be reminded to suds up after using the restroom,

coughing, sneezing or blowing their noses and before eating anything.

And for times at school when your child doesn't have immediate access to soap and water, you can send alcohol-based hand sanitizer with them.

Parents should also teach their kids to cover their mouths/noses when coughing or sneezing, avoid people with colds when possible, and keep their hands away from their faces.

Eat Well

Do you know what each of your children should be eating to stay healthy? It's likely different for each one depending on age and gender.

Mayo Clinic provides free guidelines for the dietary needs of

children ages 2-18 on its website, for instance girls 4-8 need 1,200 to 1,800 calories a day while boys the same age need 1,200-2,000.

As kids grow, so do their caloric needs: ages 9-13 girls 1,400 to 2,200 and boys 1,600 to 2,600; ages 14-18 girls 1,800 to 2,400 and boys 2,000 to 3,200.

Those calories should come from healthy sources like lean protein; fresh, canned, frozen or dried fruits and vegetables; whole grains; and fat-free or low-fat dairy. The website specifies how much of each.

And Mayo offers some advice:

If you don't keep junk food in your home, your kids likely won't ask for it so much. This combined with a "no snacks during screen time" rule can help your kids de-

velop healthier eating habits.

Even if getting your kids to eat healthy is difficult, don't give up. Helping your children form good eating habits now is important. Check out mayoclinic.org and click on "Healthy Lifestyle."

Be Active

Physical activity is essential for your child's health, whether it's through sports or other activities.

While sports can be a great way for kids to stay active, be cautious about joining competitive team too early. Younger children should enjoy the sports they play without feeling unnecessary pressure.

For children who don't enjoy organized sports, the Mayo Clinic suggests that parents find fun physical activities they can do with their

kids, like hiking, biking, dancing or swimming.

Whether your child is on a sports team or playing tag with friends, always remember your kid's safety. For sports, make sure the coach pays attention to safety equipment, hydration, warm-up and cool-down time, injury prevention and care, etc.

Also consider your child's limitations. This is especially important around puberty – kids who are the same age might be very different in size, which can increase the chances of the smaller youth getting hurt during contact sports.

If you keep safety in mind and let your children do activities they enjoy, you should have kids who are running down the path toward good health.

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Why Is My Teen Always Tired?

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

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Adequate sleep can be a problem, especially in the teen years.

Many parents notice their teens are almost always tired, yet don't want to go to bed at a reasonable time.

So what's going on?

Because of physical changes associated with puberty, it's normal for teenagers to have trouble going to sleep before 11 p.m., John Hopkins Medicine doctors say. But that doesn't mean they need less sleep.

Teens actually need about 9 to 9-1/2 hours of sleep each night, which is more than they needed before puberty.

But with classes starting at an early hour and homework and sports to do in the evenings, it's rare to find a teenager who gets enough sleep each night.

So what can you do to help keep your teen rested and refreshed?

As the school year approaches, encourage your adolescents to start

going to bed at a time that will still work once school begins. If they're used to staying up late and sleeping in all summer, a sudden change can be a bad shock.

And don't try to talk them out of napping. It's actually healthier to take a 30- to 45-minute nap in the afternoon than to sleep in.

One technique to inspire teens to get more sleep, while also keeping them safer, is to tie sleep with driving privileges. If a teenager hasn't gotten enough sleep the night before, it won't be safe to drive that day. John Hopkins Medicine encourages parents to take away driving privileges unless their teen has gotten enough sleep.

Urging teens to do their homework before other evening activities and keeping technology out of their bedrooms are also great ways to help.

Remember that your teenagers' sleeping troubles aren't a sign of rebellion but a normal part of adolescence, and work with them to come up with a healthy solution.

SCREEN TIME How Much Is Too Much?

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

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Electronics have become such an important part of most people's lives today that it's hard for young people to imagine a time without phone and computer screens.

But is this love for electronics healthy?

According to experts at the Mayo Clinic, spending time on electronics isn't necessarily bad for school-aged children and teens. But too much or the wrong kind of "screen time" can hurt a child's mental and social development.

Since youth typically replace "real-world" activities with virtual equivalents, parents should be just as involved in their children's virtual environments as they are in their real ones. For example, if your children aren't supposed to read books with adult themes, make sure they aren't doing so online, or maybe even watching videos with those themes.

Parents of younger children should check videos, apps, etc. before giving their kids access. Specifically look for something interactive – passive viewing isn't healthy for young children.

You can also use filters or parental controls on many devices to block inappropriate content.

And as with real-world activities, make sure to participate with your children. For example, you can play video games or watch and discuss programs with your

kids.

Just don't let your children replace all of their social interactions with virtual ones.

Remember that "unplugged, unstructured playtime" is better for your kids' mental development, and it should be prioritized over screen time, the Mayo Clinic says. It's good to have designated time without electronics, especially leading up to bedtime.

And speaking of bedtime, keeping electronics out of the bedroom entirely is helpful.

Dr. Victoria L. Dunckley with "Psychology Today" says that children and teens who get too much of their social interaction online will struggle with developing healthy social skills. If your child is shy or seems to be mentally behind other children, cutting back on screen time might help a lot.

She also says that junior high is too early to have a cell phone or social media accounts. The type of brain development happening at that age does not respond well to social media. If your child keeps insisting, you might consider cre-

ating a family account so your kids can see what their friends are doing with your supervision.

For teens, Mayo Clinic suggests that parents let them participate in social media and other online relationships – if they understand what is appropriate.

Emphasize that anything they put online is public for everyone, forever. Even if the teen takes down the original post, someone else could have saved it and can republish it without the teen's permission.

And keep in mind, even for teenagers, in-person interaction is better than online, says Dunckley.

Teens with social anxiety or poor social skills often prefer virtual interactions because they can hide behind the screen. But by decreasing real-world social interactions, the teen will learn fewer social skills, creating a downward spiral of shyness and social withdrawal.

Encourage your teens to spend phone-free time with their friends and family members, Dunkley says, and they'll be happier overall.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER McCONKEY
Fourth-grader Khale Dickey plays a computer game after finishing her schoolwork. She doesn't spend all her free time on the computer, though. Khale enjoys participating in gymnastics and 4-H, among other activities.



RESTROOM RESPECT

Courtesy Photos • Montage By MARIA TRUJILLO

All restrooms need a touchup from time to time, but Zolfo Springs Elementary's restrooms now have a very special touch. PTO members Bethany Lee and Jessica "Jessie" Nord came up with the idea to promote and build students' self-esteem and character traits – painting positive and encouraging murals and messages in the restrooms. Both women, along with their children, worked hard to make a mundane setting fun and inspiring as students return next week.

KICK OFF A WINNING ACADEMIC SEASON

As summer vacation draws to a close, Mosaic would like to thank the many parents, individuals and businesses that will partner with us to support education in Hardee County during the upcoming school year. From sponsoring agricultural programs like 4H and FFA, to furthering innovative STEM learning initiatives like Solar Go Karting, we are proud to connect students with enriching opportunities that will help them—and our community—thrive.

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Knowing A Child's Learning Type Helps At School, Home

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

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When you were a student, did you ever have trouble learning from homework?

Maybe you had trouble remembering what you read in your textbook, or no matter how many times you copied your spelling words you still couldn't remember the correct spelling?

That's probably because the work didn't match your primary learning style.

Luckily, teachers today are very aware of how different learning styles can affect a student's classroom experience. They work hard to include the three main learning styles in their lessons to help every student understand, says Kerry Terrell, the Hardee School District's assistant director of Exceptional Student Education.

Those three learning styles are visual, auditory and kinesthetic.

Visual learners are more likely to learn by watching videos, using different colored pencils and high-

lighters for taking notes, looking at maps and flowcharts, making lists, looking at pictures or cartoons and moving notes around their desk to organize them. These learners are also more likely to be distracted by movement around them.

Auditory learners tend to learn best using sound, rhythm and music. This can involve making rhymes or acronyms to help memorize something, reading aloud, discussing the subject aloud and asking questions. They're more likely to get distracted by noise than other types of learners.

Kinesthetic, or hands-on, learners usually do well with writing, drawing, demonstrating a concept, using flashcards, tracing words, writing with different-sized pencils, roleplaying, moving around (including snapping or tapping their fingers) and taking notes while reading or listening to a speaker. They usually have trouble concentrating when they have to sit still and read.

So how can parents use this in-

formation?

One way is to figure out each of your children's main learning style and use that information to help with homework.

For example, if you have a kinesthetic learner, you might ask her to act out what she's reading. Or if you have an auditory learner, you can have him read his assignment aloud.

But you can also use what you know about your child's learning style to help make chores easier.

If you notice your daughter rarely does everything you tell her to do, for example, try writing it

down. She might be a visual learner, and have trouble remembering spoken instructions.

Or if your son asks a lot of questions about a list of chores you wrote, discuss it with him. He might be an auditory learner.

Ultimately, Terrell suggests that parents keep trying different things until they figure out what works. Ask your children what helps them learn. Listening to how your children explain things and what questions they ask can also help you figure it out.

Once you know your child's main learning style, though, don't

start ignoring the other two.

Kids need to learn to use all three learning styles to some extent. For example, kinesthetic learners still need to be able to sit still and take tests, and visual learners still need to pay attention when their teacher is speaking.

Use your child's main learning style while helping him practice with the other two. The kinesthetic learners might be able to tap their fingers quietly during a test or the visual learners might take notes during a lecture to reread later.

Ultimately, find a way to make learning interesting for your child.

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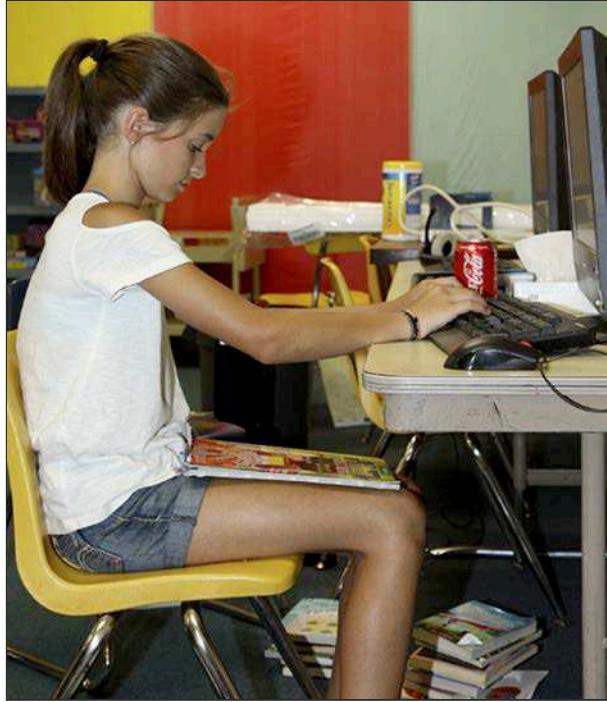


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Sometimes family members will help teachers get their classrooms ready. Here, Savannah Conerly is helping enter information for her grandmother, Vickie Conerly, who will be teaching second-grade at North Wauchula Elementary.

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Schools, Law Enforcement Working To Keep Kids Safe

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School security is becoming more and more important, and Superintendent Bob Shayman says the district is going to do whatever it needs to keep the kids safe.

The Hardee County School District is working hard with the Sheriff's Office and police departments and is following state guidelines and regulations to improve security.

Security cameras are being installed at schools that didn't have any last year, and the cameras that were already in place are being maintained.

And one of the biggest measures is that all district schools will continue having at least one school resource officer or security officer on campus.

While there are still discussions about who will pay, each school will have an officer regardless.

There will be two SROs each for Hardee High School and Hardee Junior High/Hilltop Elementary School (which share a

campus) and Wauchula Elementary School. There will be one officer per school for North Wauchula, Zolfo Springs and Bowling Green elementaries.

SROs have arrest power and their marked units parked at schools serve as deterrents against crime. They also go to football games and accompany the bus for away games.

But those aren't the only reasons they're at the schools.

Members of law enforcement want children and teens to be comfortable coming to them with concerns. Having SROs in schools helps kids become more familiar with law enforcement.

And by interacting with students, SROs can look for problem signs and intervene earlier, says Wauchula Police Chief John Eason. Deputy Schools Superintendent Todd Durden says he wants to include the SROs in their schools' threat assessment teams, which will also consist of school staff members.

Durden will receive training

and Florida Department of Education certification as the district safety specialist, then will train those teams.

And all school staff members will receive some mental health and First Aid training. This will include how to recognize signs of mental health issues.

The mental health training is part of a proactive approach to help provide services to at-risk students, according to Kerry Terrell, the district's assistant director of Exceptional Student Education.

The district is also looking to hire two social workers to help with mental health safety.

When it's needed, the district already offers individual and group counseling, Terrell says, and they have a contract with a mental health counselor. But social workers would be able to go further and work with whole families to help students.

The schools will also be teaching students about general safety, and Eason encourages parents to get involved with their kids as

well. Be aware of what they're doing online, he says.

And if you or your child sees something suspicious online, report it, say Eason and Sheriff Arnold Lanier. It's a good idea to screenshot the suspicious post if you can.

Even if you or your child see or hear something suspicious regarding another school, still report it, says Lanier.

If it's not an immediate threat, you can call the Hardee County Sheriff's Office at 773-4144, the Wauchula Police Department at 773-3265 or the Bowling Green Police Department at 375-3549. Of course, if there's an immediate threat, call 911.

You can also make reports through Facebook to WPD or the Sheriff's Office, but they don't

monitor social media 24/7, so you should call with anything urgent.

If you want to remain anonymous, you can report to Heartland Crime Stoppers by calling (800) 226-8477, texting "TIP196" and your concern to 274637, visiting heartlandcrimestoppers.com or using their "P3 Tips" app on your smartphone. Like with Facebook, though, you won't get an immediate response.

Encourage your children to talk to their SRO or a school staff member about anything that makes them concerned or uncomfortable, even if it doesn't seem like a big deal. The same goes for adults – if you see something or someone suspicious, report it.

It's better to call in a false alarm than not call and it turns out to be serious, Eason says.



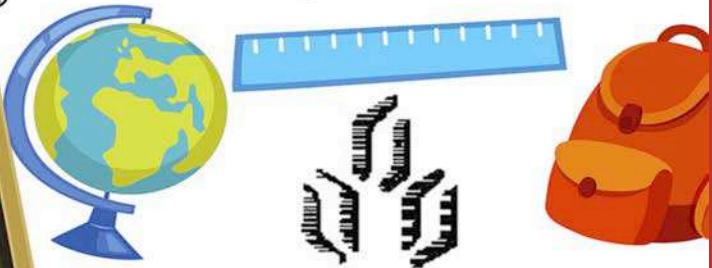
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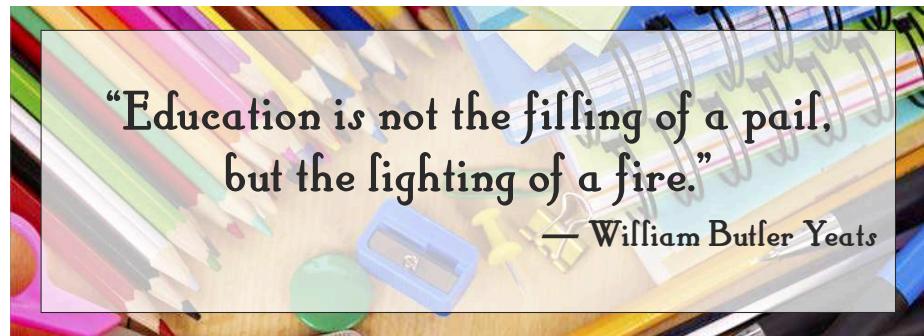
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2018 HARDEE WILDCAT VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



FRIDAY 8/17/2018	FRIDAY 8/24/2018	FRIDAY 8/31/2018	FRIDAY 9/7/2018	FRIDAY 9/14/2018	FRIDAY 9/28/2018
HOME  PORT CHARLOTTE <u>KICKOFF:</u> 7:30 <u>WHERE:</u> WILDCAT STADIUM WAUCHULA, FL KICKOFF CLASSIC	AWAY  FORT MEADE <u>KICKOFF:</u> 7:30 <u>WHERE:</u> FORT MEADE, FL	HOME  SEBRING <u>KICKOFF:</u> 7:30 <u>WHERE:</u> WILDCAT STADIUM WAUCHULA, FL	HOME  AVON PARK <u>KICKOFF:</u> 7:30 <u>WHERE:</u> WILDCAT STADIUM, WAUCHULA, FL	AWAY  BOOKER* <u>KICKOFF:</u> 7:30 <u>WHERE:</u> BOOKER HIGH SCHOOL SARASOTA, FL	HOME  LEMON BAY* <u>KICKOFF:</u> 7:30 <u>WHERE:</u> WILDCAT STADIUM WAUCHULA, FL
FRIDAY 10/5/2018	FRIDAY 10/12/2018	FRIDAY 10/19/2018	FRIDAY 10/26/2018	FRIDAY 11/2/2018	PLAYOFFS
HOME  BARTOW <u>KICKOFF:</u> 7:30 <u>WHERE:</u> WILDCAT STADIUM WAUCHULA, FL HOMECOMING	HOME  BAYSHORE* <u>KICKOFF:</u> 7:30 <u>WHERE:</u> WILDCAT STADIUM WAUCHULA, FL SENIOR NIGHT	AWAY  SOUTHEAST* <u>KICKOFF:</u> 7:30 <u>WHERE:</u> SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL BRADENTON, FL	AWAY  DESOITO* <u>KICKOFF:</u> 7:30 <u>WHERE:</u> DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL ARCADIA, FL BATTLE FOR THE BUCK CARLTON TROPHY	AWAY  BARRON COLLIER <u>KICKOFF:</u> 7:00 <u>WHERE:</u> BARRON COLLIER HIGH SCHOOL NAPLES, FL	1ST ROUND: 11/09/2018 2ND ROUND: 11/16/2018 3RD ROUND: 11/23/2018 4TH ROUND: 11/30/2018 STATE FINALS: DEC 7 TH - 9 TH 

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