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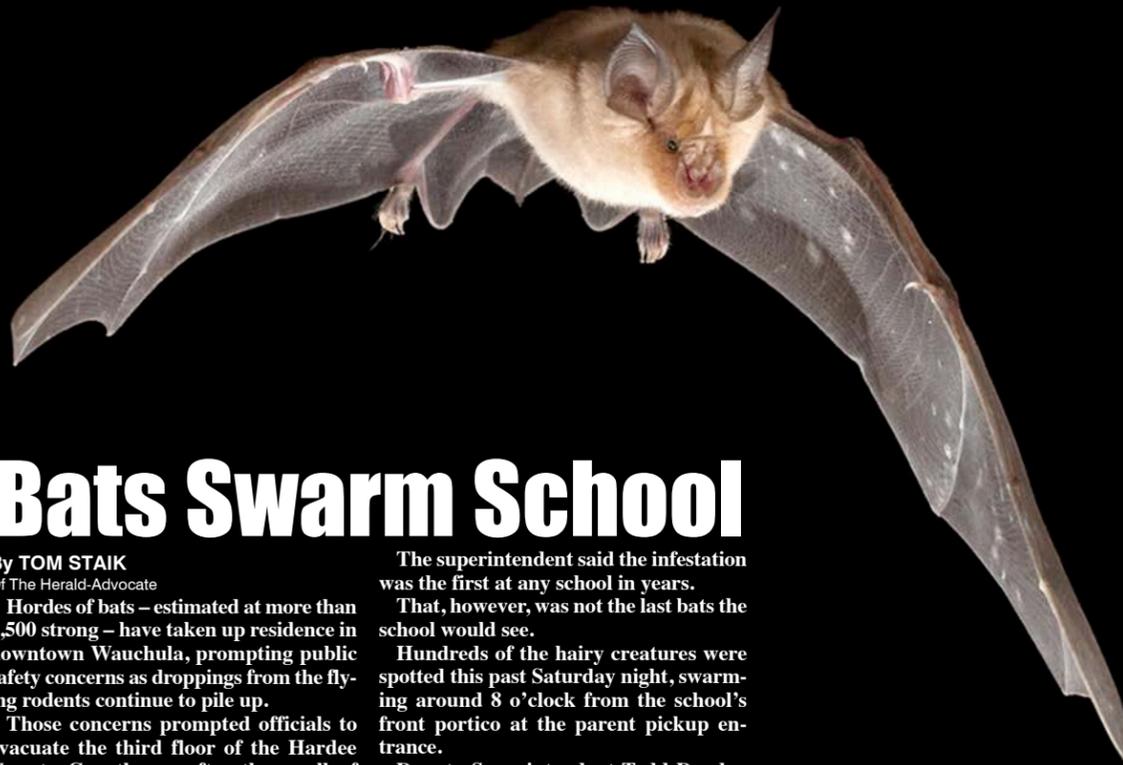
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BATTLEGROUND



Bats Swarm School

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

Hordes of bats – estimated at more than 1,500 strong – have taken up residence in downtown Wauchula, prompting public safety concerns as droppings from the flying rodents continue to pile up.

Those concerns prompted officials to evacuate the third floor of the Hardee County Courthouse after the smell of guano – bat droppings – became “overwhelming.”

“I was headed into court and when I walked upstairs the smell was overwhelming,” said local attorney Ken Evers. “It was like walking into a cat lady’s house filled with urine and dirty litter boxes.”

A smaller infestation of flying rodents was discovered earlier this month at North Wauchula Elementary School.

Superintendent of Schools Bob Shayman said a trio of the winged scavengers was discovered by staff during the first week of August. “Our custodian came in on a Saturday and gathered them up and got them out of the school,” Shayman said.

The superintendent said the infestation was the first at any school in years.

That, however, was not the last bats the school would see.

Hundreds of the hairy creatures were spotted this past Saturday night, swarming around 8 o’clock from the school’s front portico at the parent pickup entrance.

Deputy Superintendent Todd Durden has become the school district’s resident batman.

“I have learned more about bats than I ever intended to in the past couple of days,” Durden said.

Durden, Facilities Director Rob Krahl and a team of maintenance workers and custodians descended on the school on Sunday to find the impromptu cave of the flying rodents and cordon it from the rest of the school.

The main “cave” – the crews determined – was the “T” shaped portico at the school’s main entrance, where the bats had found a narrow gap between flashing and the roof near the northwest corner of the structure.

See **BATS A14**

Colony Closes Courtrooms

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

A colony of bats taking up residency in the Hardee County Courthouse attic has caused jury trials for August to be canceled and two courtrooms closed until the mammals can be relocated and the guano they left behind removed.

The bats, which appear to have been living in an attic above the porch on the north side of the courthouse for some time, caused an “overpowering smell” to be carried into the upstairs courtrooms by the air-conditioning system.

County staff then began investigating the noxious
See **COLONY A14**

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
08/14	94	72	0.00
08/15	91	72	0.31
08/16	91	72	0.03
08/17	93	74	0.00
08/18	95	73	0.00
08/19	95	73	0.01
08/20	91	73	0.03

Rainfall to 08/20/2018 - 37.49
Same period last year - 29.97
Ten Year Average - 49.17
Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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Primary Election Tuesday

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Primary Election, beginning the process to determine who will be a county commissioner and who will be a county judge – and a host of other offices – is next week.

Meanwhile, Early Voting continues in the Hardee County Public Library. The last day to cast a ballot there is this Saturday. You can do so from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After that, registered Democrats, Republicans and Independents will have to wait a couple days and then head to their polling places on Tuesday.

The county’s 12 precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day.

Here’s what to expect on your ballot:

Democrats

Voters who are registered members of the Democratic Party have seven contests on their ballot.

First is Representative in

Congress for District 17. Democrats will choose who they want as their nominee to face the Republican nominee in the battle for the U.S. House seat, April Freeman or Bill Pollard.

Then, seven Democrats are running to become the state’s next Governor. One will face off against the Republican nominee come November. Choices are Andrew Gillum, Gwen Graham, Jeff Greene, Chris King, Philip Levine, Alex “Lundy” Lundmark or John Wetherbee.

The nominee for the new Attorney General will be either of Sean Shaw or Ryan Torrens.

Commissioner of Agriculture offers three choices on the Democratic side: Nicole “Nikki” Fried, Jeffrey Duane Porter and Roy David Walker.

Regional contests are for two new circuit judges for the 10th Judicial Circuit. Group 10 contenders are Lee Cohen, Melissa Gravit and Keith P. Merritt.

Group 11 hopefuls are Dana Y. Moore and Stephen Paul

Pincket.

Finally, the first local race for Democrats to mark is the one for County Judge. Three are seeking this post, Ken Evers, David Horton and James F. Pyle.

Republicans

Republicans have 10 races listed on their Primary Election ballot, but will vote only on nine. Any votes Republicans may cast for State Representative District 56 will not be counted, as write-in candidate David Joseph Patzer dropped out, vaulting the contest to the Nov. 6 ballot instead.

First up for Republican will be the contest to become their nominee for U.S. Senator, with the winner taking on the Democrat in the General Election. This battle is between Roque “Rocky” De La Fuente and Rick Scott.

For Representative in Congress for District 17, registered Republicans will nominate
See **ELECTION A2**

DEFACING PROPERTY?



COURTESY PHOTO

Don’t worry, mom and dad! We are just learning how to write our letters. Our kindergarten teacher, Kara Flores at North Wauchula Elementary, taught us that writing on furniture is only OK in her classroom.

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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

Last Friday night in a Kickoff Classic the Hardee High football team came from behind twice in the fourth quarter to defeat the feisty Port Charlotte Pirates 20-16 at Wildcat Stadium.

This Friday at 7:30 the Wildcats open the regular season at Fort Meade. The Miners will be looking for revenge from the 2016 game when they led most of the game, only to lose 12-9 on the game's last play on a short off-tackle run by Parker Carlton. This game set the stage for district titles in 2016 (and 2017) in the head coaching debut of Hardee head coach Brian Kemp.

Parker Carlton's last second plunge behind good blocking was one of the most important and dramatic touchdowns in Wildcat history, reversing a losing streak to the Miners, a game that often sets the tone for the season. He is the great-great-grandson of Florida Gov. Doyle E. Carlton Sr. The lineage includes Doyle E. Carlton Jr., Doyle Carlton III, and dad Dale Carlton.

I have followed Hardee Wildcat football for about 60 years.

Last Friday's performance by Randy McLeod in the fourth quarter was one of the most amazing performances in decades, worth the price of admission in itself. McLeod ran right, cut up field and ran 61 yards for a go-ahead Hardee TD with about four minutes left.

Then the Pirates stunned the Wildcat defense and home crowd with a long TD pass to retake the lead. Then, in a great play call, Hardee quarterback James Pearson lofted a short pass over two defenders to McLeod who ran over 60 yards for the winning score with about two minutes left.

Then the Pirates mounted a drive and McLeod, at defensive end, made a third down tackle behind the line of scrimmage. A Pirate receiver dropped a fourth down pass which would have been a first down, and the Cats ran out the clock. I have seen players take over a game but never seen one player score two back-to-back late long touchdowns plus a defensive play to help his team win. This "practice game" was played like a regular season game by both sides.

There is one local race plus two Circuit Judge races on all ballots on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Running for Hardee County Judge are Ken Evers, David Horton and James F. Pyle. The winner will succeed retiring Judge Jeff McKibben. All three candidates say they are the best qualified. There will be a runoff Nov. 6 if no one wins a majority of votes cast.

The Democrats and Republicans will have expanded ballots on Aug. 28, including races for U.S. Congress, governor, attorney general and commissioner of agriculture.

Adam Putnam and Ron DeSantis are the best known Republicans running for governor. Putnam is well known here, and DeSantis had been endorsed by President Trump.

Hardee native Denise Grimsley is running for the Republican nomination for commissioner of agriculture but faces strong competition from Baxter Troutman, Matt Caldwell and Mike McCalister.

An interesting local Republican race for county commission is between incumbent Sue Birge and Noey Flores. The winner will face Democrat Ralph Arce in November.

Duane Gardner, who will soon be a Bowling Green commissioner, plans to soon open Tasty Vape, a vapor lounge in Wauchula north of Superior OK Tire Store. Hardee County has never had a vapor lounge, where patrons smoke a flavored liquid that contains zero, three or six percent nicotine.

• Every 365 days, one million years are taken off European's collective life expectancy due to noise pollution — averaging to a day per person.

18 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor in tobacco, sweet potatoes, cotton, corn, soy, peanuts, hemp and other diversified crops in Martin County, North Carolina, for Edmondson AG LLC., with work beginning on or about 10/01/2018 and ending on or about 12/01/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour, and piece rates may be offered depending on crop activity. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NC-Works Career Center - Martin County, 407 East Blvd., Williamston, NC 27892, (252) 792-7816 or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10909337. EOE. H-300-18217-871622. c18:23c

Qualifying For 2 ZS Seats Ending

By JENNIFER McCONKEY
Herald-Advocate Intern

If you're interested in running for Zolfo Springs Town Commission, today (Thursday) is your last chance to qualify.

The seats up for election are Seat 1, currently held by Rod Cannon, and Seat 3, currently held by Virginia Irby.

As of Tuesday afternoon, they were the only two who had submitted their qualifying packets. One other person had picked a packet up, but hadn't returned it.

Qualifying to run is easy. Just get a packet from Town Clerk Amanda Wallace at the Fire Department/Utilities Building at 104 Fifth St., fill it out, and return it by 5 p.m. today.

Potential candidates need to

be at least 18 years old, registered voters, and permanent residents of Zolfo Springs for six months or longer.

Seats 1 and 3 will be voted on during the Oct. 29 municipal election unless there is only one person running per seat. If that happens, the election will be called off and the incumbents will be automatically re-elected.

Commissioner terms last four years.

This will be the last commissioner election for three years, which is when the other commissioners' terms end. Those commissioners are Mayor Dierdre "DiDi" White, Sara Schofield and Guadalupe "Lupe" DeLeon.

For more information about running for office, call 735-0405.

Gas Price Trickle Downward

The average American is paying 50 cents more per gallon of gas than he did this time last year.

However, gas prices are declining across most of the United States.

Gas prices in Florida declined for the ninth consecutive day on Sunday. The state average of \$2.77 per gallon is four cents less than a week ago and one cent less than a month ago.

Florida motorists are still paying 52 cents more than this time last year.

The national average on Sunday was \$2.84 per gallon, a discount of two cents from the week before.

"Prices declined last week after crude inventories grew and gasoline supplies remained stable despite strong demand," said Mark Jenkins of AAA/The Auto Club Group.

"Although demand was higher than the week before, it remains below most of July. Summer driving season is winding down, yet many Americans will take one final road trip during Labor Day weekend. That sudden jump in gasoline demand, could cause one final bump in prices at the pump."

ELECTIONS

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either of three candidates to take on the Democratic nominee for the U.S. House, Bill Akins, Julio Gonzalez or Greg Steube.

Eight are battling to become this party's nominee for Governor: Don Baldauf, Ron DeSantis, Timothy M. Devine, Bob Langford, John Joseph Mercadante, Bruce Nathan, Adam H. Putnam and Bob White.

For the next Attorney General Republican nominee, Ashley Moody or Frank White.

Republicans have four contenders for Commissioner of Agriculture nominee: Matt Caldwell, Denise Grimsley, Mike McCalister and Baxter Troutman.

Next on the ballot is the State Representative race that will not be voted. Or, if you do mark your card, it will not count. Wait until November to make your selection.

Republicans will settle a battle for Hardee County Commission District 2 nominee, incumbent Sue Birge or challenger Noey Adam Flores.

Bringing up the end of the Republican ballot are the circuit and county judicial races

noted above and below.

Nonpartisan

Those registered voters who are neither Democrat nor Republican have the shortest ballot of them all.

Their votes for national and state races will not be taken until the General Election in November. For now, there are two regional races and one local contest.

For Circuit Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Group 10, there are three hopefuls. One must get the majority of all votes cast among all Democrats, Republicans and Others, or there will be a runoff on the November ballot.

Vying for the robe are Lee Cohen, Melissa Gravitt and Keith P. Merritt.

And for Circuit Judge Group 11, there are but two contenders, so one will emerge the winner, Dana Y. Moore or Stephen Paul Pincket.

On the local side, County Judge candidates are Ken Evers, David Horton and James F. Pyle. If one does not receive a majority of all ballots cast, there will be a runoff on Nov. 6.

Roundup

Church Holds Benefit Dinner

Fort Green Baptist Church is hosting a chicken and dumplings dinner followed by a concert this Saturday to raise money to assist the Tracy Powell family with medical expenses.

The dinner costs \$7 per person and is available from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The concert, including the Gulf State Quartet and church members, begins at 6 and will include an offering collection. The church is located at 2875 Baptist Church Road.

ZS Commission Meetings Return

The Zolfo Springs Town Commission meeting this coming Tuesday will be held at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, located at 3210 Main St. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

This will be the first regular commission meeting at Town Hall since renovations were completed. During the renovations, meetings were held at the Pioneer Park Recreation Building.

Top 10 Movies

1. The Meg (PG-13) Jason Statham, Bingbing Li
2. Mission: Impossible — Fallout (PG-13) Tom Cruise, Henry Cavill
3. Christopher Robin (PG) Ewan McGregor, Hayley Atwell
4. Slender Man (PG-13) Joey King, Julia Goldani Telles
5. BlacKkKlansman (R) John David Washington, Adam Driver
6. The Spy Who Dumped Me (R) Mila Kunis, Kate McKinnon
7. Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (PG-13) Lily James, Amanda Seyfried
8. The Equalizer 2 (R) Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal
9. Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (PG) animated
10. Ant-Man and the Wasp (PG-13) Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly

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To make a report, call Managing Editor Cynthia Krahl at 773-3255.

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST

- 23 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am
- 23 — Pokémon Limited League/Sanctuary Gaming Club/1321 E. Main St., Wauchula/4 pm
- 24 — Friday Night Magic/Sanctuary Gaming Club/6:30 pm
- 25 — HC Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament/River Green Golf Course/47 W. Lake Damon, Avon Park/7 am
- 27 — Zombicide: Black Plague Campaign/Sanctuary Gaming Club/4 pm
- 28 — One-Shot Role-Playing Game/Sanctuary Gaming Club/4 pm
- 29 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
- 30 — Storytime, HC Public Library/10 am
- 30 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
- 30 — Pokémon Limited League/Sanctuary Gaming Club/4 pm

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/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
- 13 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
- 18 — Devotion & Lunch/Hardee Help Center/Noon
- 18 — Money Smart for Families/Hardee Help Center/6 pm
- 19 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
- 20 — Storytime, HC Public Library/10 am
- 20 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
- 25 — Money Smart for Families/Hardee Help Center/6 pm
- 26 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
- 27 — Storytime, HC Public Library/10 am
- 27 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am

OCTOBER

- 3 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
- Save The Date will keep residents informed of upcoming community happenings. To have your non-profit meeting or event posted for free, e-mail features@theheraldadvocate.com as far ahead as possible.

Recipes From Good Housekeeping

SUMMER SQUASH WITH HERBS

Fresh mint, oregano and lemon accent tender summer squash.

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 3 small zucchinis (about 6 ounces each), cut lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1/2-inch-thick pieces
- 3 small yellow summer squashes (about 6 ounces each), cut lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1/2-inch-thick pieces
- 1 garlic clove, crushed with garlic press
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh lemon peel
- Fresh oregano sprigs for garnish

1. In a nonstick 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Add onion and cook 5 to 7 minutes or until onion is golden, stirring frequently.

2. Increase heat to medium-high. Add zucchini, yellow squash, garlic, chopped oregano, salt, pepper and 1 tablespoon mint; cook 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender and golden, stirring often.

3. Transfer vegetables to bowl and toss with lemon peel and remaining 1 tablespoon mint. Garnish with oregano sprigs. Makes 6 accompaniment servings.

• Each serving: About 75 calories, 5g total fat (1g saturated), 2g protein, 7g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 0mg cholesterol, 200mg sodium. For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our Web site at www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipes/.

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ROLL WITH IT

Wauchula Rolls Out Automatic Garbage Pickups This Tuesday

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

Garbagemen are going the way of the Dodo.

The city of Wauchula is poised to enter the technological age this week with the limited introduction of an automatic garbage collection system for residential customers.

"We are really excited about this," said Olivia Minshew, assistant city manager.

The system utilizes a state-of-the-art sanitation truck equipped with a robotic arm that lifts specially designed garbage bins and unloads the refuse into the truck's trash hopper.

Limited Pickups Begin

The first pickups utilizing the new system are scheduled for this coming Tuesday.

"We will start in the northwest section of the city initially as a test area, then go citywide with it," Minshew said.

The "test area" includes addresses located north of West Main Street and west of U.S. 17.

Brown colored bins – each marked with the city's logo – began hitting the streets on Wednesday. The 96-gallon wheeled bins are also individually numbered so they can be registered to a specific home.

"They should hold between 5-6 bags of garbage, which should be sufficient for a typical family," Minshew said.

Any garbage placed beside or on top of the cans will not be collected.

"All garbage must be placed in the can for pickup," Minshew said. "The lid must be fully closed. Cans that are overflowing or garbage that is placed outside of the cans will not be picked up."

Park It/Point It/Space It

Placement of the rolling bins is critical to the success of the automated system.

Bins should be parked just off the road or at the end of driveways.

The canisters should be pointed with the lid opening

facing the street. Each bin has white arrows on the lid. Those arrows should be pointed toward the road.

"If the lid is pointing the wrong way, the garbage won't empty correctly," said Ward Grimes, who is helping orchestrate the bin roll-out.

Spacing around the bins is also key. The lift arm on the truck requires four feet of clearance on either side of the bin. Homeowners should avoid placing the bins near trees, shrubs, parked vehicles or mailboxes.

Residents need to also be aware of overhead utility lines. "It's also important that customers look above their can to make sure they aren't below an overhead utility line," Minshew said.

"If the arm can't get to the bin, then we can't pick up the garbage," added Grimes.

Roll With It

Wauchulians are being urged to just "roll with it."

City officials have launched "It's Time ... Just Roll With It" – a social media and direct mail campaign – to inform residents of the changes to sanitation collections.

"It is really pretty simple. They just roll the bins out full and roll the bins back empty. We will do the rest," said Terry Atchley, city manager.

The program is expected to be implemented citywide by Oct. 1.

Once-A-Week Pickup

Garbage will only be picked up once a week.

Tuesday pickups will be for homes located north of West Main Street and west of U.S. 17.

Wednesday pickups will include homes south of West Main Street and west of U.S. 17.

Thursday pickups will include all homes east of U.S. 17.

Yard debris removal will be on Wednesday, but cannot be left in the new bins.

Furniture removal will be on Fridays.

The wheeled cans must be to the curb no later than 7 a.m.

The new bins are being distributed – one to a home – without an additional fee and will be replaced free of charge for "normal wear and tear." The Wauchula City Commission has yet to approve a replace fee for bins that need to be replaced due to neglect or misuse.

Wauchula is following a one-size-fits-all approach to the bins.

"We only have one size available," Minshew said. "The larger size accommodates the once-a-week pickup."

Customers willing to pay an additional pickup fee can request an extra bin.

"Should a customer determine that they absolutely need a second can, for an additional disposal fee, they could get one," Minshew said.

City Expects Savings

City leaders are hoping the \$332,760.64 investment to overhaul the sanitation system will help curtail rising liability costs associated with operating manned garbage pickups.

"Our long-term savings could easily reach \$168,000 annually," Minshew said.

As sanitation crews are gradually shifted to departments with lower liability, the city's insurance is expected to drop. Vehicle maintenance costs are also expected to drop as trucks will be running one less day a week.

Sanitation workers represent the city's single highest employee-related insurance cost.

Sanitation fees are expected to remain unchanged for the near future. However, a rate study of both commercial and residential sanitation fees is planned for the upcoming fiscal year.

The city currently has 1,375 residential customers that will be served under the new system.

Information on the new system is available at cityofwauchula.com or by calling city hall at 773-3131.

GRAPHICS COURTESY CITY OF WAUCHULA

Homeowners are urged to follow some simple instruction in order to ensure their garbage containers can be picked up by Wauchula's new automated truck.

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE		Yard Debris
T Tuesday	Addresses located North of West Main Street & West of Northbound Highway 17	Yard debris will be picked up on Wednesday- Do not use city-provided can
W Wednesday	Addresses located South of West Main Street & West of Northbound Highway 17	Furniture will be picked up on Friday
Th Thursday	Addresses located East of Northbound Highway 17	

The city has been divided into three zones for once-a-week residential pickup under the new automated system. Zone 1, all residences north of West Main Street and west of U.S. 17, will see its first pickup on Tuesday. Zones 2 and 3 will be converted to automatic pickup at a later date.



Crews prepare a load of garbage bins for delivery to city homes. The first load of containers was expected to be delivered starting Wednesday.



PHOTOS BY TOM STAIK

Rows of roadside garbage bins – stacked 12 high – fill the City of Wauchula's warehouse. The collection bins are marked with the city's logo and are individually numbered for assignment to homes.



Proper placement of garbage bins is key in order for Wauchula's new automated truck to be able to lift the container. The bin must be placed with the arrows on the lid pointed toward the road and the bin must have four feet of clearance from any side.

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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 Memory



DONALD 'DON' LEWIS BRUMMETT SR.

Donald "Don" Lewis Brummett Sr., 86, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, at his home in Bowling Green.

He was born on Nov. 9, 1931, in Unicoi, Tenn. Don moved to Hardee County on Christmas day in 1956. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. Don was a member of the Masons and a proud U.S. Army Ranger who proudly served his country in the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hasco and Mary Brummett; step-mother, Eula Brummett; brothers, Lester Brummett and Kyle Farrell; and sisters Roxie Jones and Carolyn

Williams.

Don is survived by his wife, Sylvia Brummett, of Bowling Green; son, Donald Lewis Brummett Jr., and his wife, Cindy, of Okeechobee; daughter, Donna Mueller, and her husband, Joe, of Gainesville; brothers; Gerald Brummett, Alan Brummett, and Joe Farrell; sisters, Gail Farrell and Patricia Thornhill; and five grandchildren, Joseph Michael Mueller, Alyson Marie Mueller, Marcella Lynn Mueller, Garrett Lewis Brummett, and Katie Cheyanne Brummett.

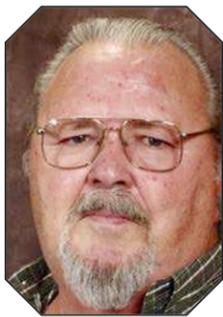
Visitation will be held Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, from 10-11 a.m., with services following at 11 a.m., at The First Baptist Church of Bowling Green with Pastor Scott Tharp officiating. Burial will follow in Bowling Green Cemetery with Military Honors.

Online condolences may be made at pongerkaysgrady.com

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In Memory



DANIEL J. BLOOR

Daniel J. Bloor Sr., 74, of Hardee County, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, peacefully at his home.

He was born on Feb. 25, 1944, in Junction City, Ore.

He lived in Hardee County for 21 years. He was retired but had worked for the state as a mechanic and welder.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; three sons, Daniel Jr., Kevin Dreyer (Lori), of La Grande, Ore., and Justin Bloor (Roni), of Lake Panasoffkee; daughter, Jami Santos (Tim McCann), of Zolfo Springs; sisters, Elaine Bloor, Laura Fraker, Sherrie (David) Belding, Mary Long, Terri McCann;

brothers, Don Bloor, Eddie Bloor (Eva), Billy Bloor, and Bobbie Bloor; grandchildren, Susan Strickland (Bradley), Kristina Santos, Maggie and Justina Bloor, Levi, Ben and Amy Dreyer, Daniel and LeaAnna Santos; and great-grandchildren, Ayrica, Mariya, Ayden, Luciano, Kortez, Love, and numerous other great-grandchildren.

He will be cremated by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

All who knew Dan are invited to come to New Vision Worship Center, 2915 School House Rd., Zolfo Springs, on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flower please send donations to New Vision Worship Center.

Online condolences may be made at pongerkaysgrady.com

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Bible Trivia

By Wilson Casey

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

2. From 1 Kings 3, who asked God, "Who is able to judge this thy so great a people?" Israelites, Elijah, Abraham, Solomon

3. Who used the excuse, "My family is poor, and I am the least in my father's house"? Aaron, David, Gideon, Jeroboam

4. From Exodus 2, who married the shepherd girl Zipporah? Samson, Daniel, Joel, Moses

5. Who was the mother of Ishmael? Tabitha, Hagar, Ruth, Mary

6. What was the homeland of Job? Thyatira, Ur, Corinth, Uz

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Solomon; 3) Gideon; 4) Moses; 5) Hagar; 6) Uz "Test Your Bible Knowledge," a new book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by Wilson Casey, is now available in stores and online.

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Flash Back

By Chris Richcreek

1. What group wrote and released the 1979 song "Tragedy"?

2. Which duo released "Rainy Days and Mondays"?

3. Name the artist who wrote and released "You Ought to Be with Me."

4. Who released "Runaway Child, Running Wild"?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Some people go around the world for love, But they may never find what they dream of."

ANSWERS

1. The Bee Gees. The song went to No. 1 in the U.K. and then did the same a month later in the U.S.

2. The Carpenters, in 1971. The song was penned by then unknowns Paul Williams and Roger Nichols, who went on to write hits for many artists.

3. Al Green, in 1972, from his "Call Me" album. The song topped the R&B chart and sold over a million copies.

4. The Temptations, in 1969. The song describes a young boy, alone and frightened on the streets, and tells the boy to go home.

5. "What You Won't Do for Love," by Bobby Caldwell, in 1978. Caldwell's record company went out of its way to hide the fact that he was a blue-eyed soul singer and released the record to R&B stations. The secret came out, however, when Caldwell started performing in public.

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Kitchen Diva

By Angela Shelf Medearis



Cucumbers, Make Way for Summer Squash

I vividly remember when I first fell in love with summer squash. My newly planted kitchen garden was full of all types of herbs, tomatoes, peppers and long, vibrant green squash vines containing beautiful, edible yellow flowers. The bell-shaped blossoms preceded an abundant crop of summer squash. We had so much squash that I quickly learned several delicious ways to prepare it.

Summer squash are members of the gourd family and include zucchini, cocozelle, yellow squash (crooked and straight) and pattypan, also called scalloped and scallopin. Summer squash is available year-round, but is best in the warm months. The squash should be harvested when the rind is tender and the flesh is sweet. To select the perfect summer squash at the grocery store, look for ones that are medium-sized, with shiny, unblemished, slightly tender rinds. The larger ones may be fibrous with hard rinds and seeds, while the smaller ones may not have developed much flavor.

Summer squash is very fragile and should be handled with care, as small punctures and drops of water will lead to decay. They should be stored in the vegetable bin of the refrigerator, unwashed and in a perforated plastic bag for no more than 3-5 days. Wash the squash immediately before cooking. Squash can be frozen, but it will be soft, making it more suitable for dishes like casseroles where crispness isn't important. To prepare squash for freezing, cut off both ends, and either cut it into cubes or slices. Blanch it for 2 minutes in hot water. You also can freeze grated summer squash.

Summer squash is low in calories, but the nutrients are in the peel, so never peel summer squash. Squash is a good source of vitamin C, magnesium, vitamin A, dietary fiber, potassium, copper, folate, phosphorus, omega-3 fatty acids, vitamins B-1, B-2 and B-6, calcium, zinc, niacin and protein.

Squash is deliciously versatile and can be prepared in casseroles, as croquettes, stir-fried, stuffed, baked, boiled or pickled, as outlined in this delicious recipe for Spicy Summer Squash Refrigerator Pickles or used as a "noodle" in my Summer Squash Noodle Salad.

Move over, cucumbers! Summer squash is in season!

SPICY SUMMER SQUASH REFRIGERATOR PICKLES

- 9 sprigs fresh cilantro
- 3 large cloves garlic, peeled and halved
- 3 teaspoons mixed peppercorns
- 1 1/2 teaspoons coriander seeds
- 3 teaspoons crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 1/2 pounds yellow squash and/or zucchini, sliced into thin rounds.
- 1/3 cup thinly sliced sweet onion
- 1 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/4 cup water
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 1/2 tablespoons honey or agave syrup

1. In a large glass bowl that holds about 2 quarts, add the cilantro, garlic, peppercorns, coriander, red pepper flakes, zucchini and onion. Set aside.

2. In a small, non-corrosive saucepan over medium-high heat, bring vinegar, water, salt and honey to a boil. Pour hot mixture over contents in the glass bowl, pressing down on the vegetables so that brine covers them completely. Let it cool on the counter to room temperature.

3. Transfer the squash pickles and the rest of the ingredients into a 2-quart glass jar with a tight-fitting lid. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or 2 days for maximum flavor. Keeps in refrigerator for 2 months. Makes 6 cups.

SUMMER SQUASH NOODLE SALAD

This preparation for squash is a delicious change from a green salad. It keeps well in the refrigerator and holds up to the summer heat for backyard gatherings or picnics.

- For the vinaigrette:
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
 - 3 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1 tablespoon honey or agave syrup
 - 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
 - 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

- 2 tablespoons dried Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

For the salad:

- 3 medium-sized, yellow summer squash or green zucchini or a combination of both,
- 1 small red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 large tomato, cored and diced
- 1/2 purple onion, thinly sliced
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 1 cup corn kernels (fresh or frozen and thawed)
- 1 (15-ounce) can garbanzo beans or chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 1 cup flat leaf parsley, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper

1. Rinse unpeeled squash or zucchini. Julienne using a knife, cut into strips using a Y-shaped peeler or into noodles using a spiralizer.

2. Whisk together all of the ingredients for the vinaigrette in a small bowl until well-combined. Set aside.

3. In a large bowl, mix together the squash, bell pepper, tomato, onion, celery, corn, garbanzo beans, basil, parsley, salt and pepper. Drizzle the squash mixture with the vinaigrette and toss together to coat. Cover and refrigerate to allow flavors to meld. Mix again before serving. Serves 6 to 8.

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

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Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION JUDGE: MARCUS J. EZELLE

CASE NO.: 252018CP000028

IN RE: ESTATE OF

GERALD J. PLOURDE, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GERALD J. PLOURDE, Deceased, File No. 252018CP000028, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hardee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P. O. Drawer 1749, Wauchula, Florida 33873. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the Will, the qualifications of the Personal Representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against the Decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 23rd, 2018.

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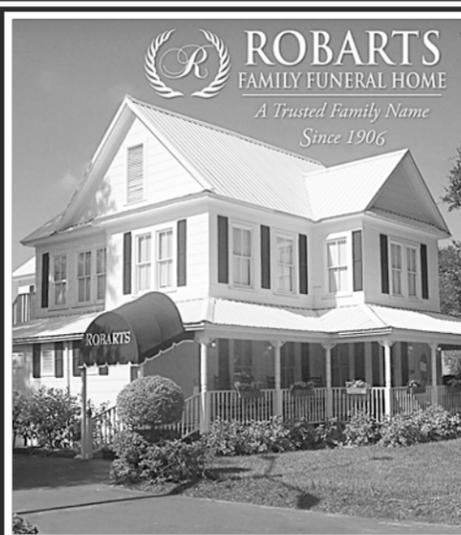
OBITUARY POLICY

The Herald-Advocate publishes obituaries free of charge as a public service. Forms showing the information which may be included in a free obituary are available at local funeral homes or at our office.

Paid obituaries may include additional information and remembrances.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Students in Chantelle Garcia's first-grade class at North Wauchula Elementary participated in a challenging breakout session in which they had to work in teams to decipher clues so that they could unlock the cases to solve a mystery. Did any of the studious sleuths succeed? You betcha!

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE:
The Southwest Florida Water Management District is proposing to amend the following rule(s):

40D-3.037, F.A.C. Rules, Publications and Agreements Incorporated by Reference

The purpose and effect of this amendment is to update the Application for a Water Well Contractor's License to conform to section 373.323(3)(b)(1), F.S., as amended in 2016.

Who's QUALIFIED to be Your Next COUNTY JUDGE?

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The Notice of Proposed Rule-making appeared in the Florida Administrative Register, Vol. 44, No. 160, on August 16, 2018. A copy of the proposed rule can be viewed on the District's website at <https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/business/ep/permitting/rules/proposed-rule-amendments>.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: SWFWMD Human Resources Office Chief, (352) 796-7211, ext. 4703; 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4703; or to ADACoordinator@WaterMatters.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULES AND TO OBTAIN A COPY IS: James B. Fussell, Jr., Staff Attorney, SWFWMD, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637, (813)985-7481, Ext. 2139 (J2018015-3).

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Stump The Swami

By John Szeligo

'Noles, Gators To Go 9-3

Well football fans, it is time to take a look at the ACC and SEC as we head into play for 2018. Will the 'Noles and Gators challenge in their respective conferences or will they just be competitive?

The 'Noles and Gators both will enter the season with new coaches as well.

What impact will the changes have on the teams?

Both FSU's Willie Taggart and UF's Dan Mullen are proven coaches. Long-term success is probable. However, in the transition year look for improvement and some setbacks.

Let's face it: Neither team looks to win their conference in 2018. Alabama and Georgia should dominate the SEC. Clemson is the clear power in the ACC with Miami in the mix.

So, let us break down the year for each team from Florida and see what we can reasonably expect in the upcoming season.

Florida Gators

Sept. 1 - Charleston Southern - Tune up game and easy opener. UF 45 - Charleston Southern 10

Sept. 8 - Kentucky - Not basketball. Easy win for the Gators. UF 33 - Kentucky 13

Sept. 15 - Colorado State - Last game was a loss to Marshall in a bowl. UF 41 - Colorado State 14

Sept. 22 - @ Tennessee - Gators survive first road test. UF 31 - Tennessee 24

Sept. 29 - @ Mississippi State - Bad homecoming for Mullen. Mississippi State 27 - UF 21

Oct. 6 - LSU - Good that it is at home. UF 30 - LSU 23

Oct. 13 - @ Vanderbilt - It is still just 'Vandy. UF 38 - Vanderbilt 13

Oct. 27 - Georgia - 'Dawgs are the Kings of SEC East. Georgia 33 - Florida 20

Nov. 3 - Missouri - Close win in the Swamp. UF 23 - Missouri 20

Nov. 10 - South Carolina - Improved but Muschamp on sidelines. UF 31 - South Carolina 24

Nov. 17 - Idaho - Easy game to get any injured players rested. UF 48 - Idaho 13

Nov. 24 - @ FSU - Heartbreak at Doak. FSU 34 - UF 31

Overall - 9-3

Florida State

Sept. 3 - Virginia Tech - Taggart opens successfully. FSU 31 - Virginia Tech 27

Sept. 8 - Samford - Bobby Bowden's Alma Mater. FSU 56 - Samford 13

Sept. 15 - @ Syracuse - Shouldn't be a problem. FSU 38 - Syracuse 17

Sept. 22 - Northern Illinois - Patsy from the MAC. FSU 54 - NIU 10

Sept. 29 - @ Louisville - Cards no trouble this year. FSU 38 - Louisville 13

Oct. 6 - @ Miami - 'Nole heartbreak, Wide-Right? Miami 35 - FSU 30

Oct. 20 - Wake Forest - Rebound win. FSU 44 - Wake Forest 7

Oct. 27 - Clemson - Bad day for the 'Noles. Clemson 35 - FSU 16

Nov. 3 - @ North Carolina State - 'Noles escape a real scare. FSU 34 - North Carolina State 31

Nov. 10 - @ Notre Dame - You don't win at South Bend.

Notre Dame 31 - FSU 24

Nov. 17 - Boston College - Tough home win. FSU 24 - Boston College 13

Nov. 14 - Florida - Thrilling win over UF. FSU 34 - UF 31

Overall - 9-3

The 'Other' Florida Team

The "other" Florida team, Miami, should go undefeated and face Clemson in the ACC Championship Game. The 'Canes only have three real football games all season. LSU in the opener, host FSU and a trap game at Virginia Tech are the only challenges. 'Canes should finish in the Top 10 in 2018.

UF Launches New Citrus-Grower Guide

Florida citrus growers now have an updated resource to help them keep groves productive despite the ever-present threat of Huanglongbing, the bacterial malady also known as HLB or citrus greening disease.

Experts with the University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences have just completed a 180-page technical handbook, "Florida Citrus Production Guide 2018-2019." It debuted at the 2018 Citrus Expo in North Fort Myers late last week.

The guide covers all aspects of grove establishment and management in Florida's current growing environment, said Lauren Diepenbrock, an assistant professor of entomology with the UF/IFAS Citrus Research & Education Center in Lake Alfred.

"HLB has imposed many changes on citrus production, and our goal was to gather all of the most important current information into one place," said Diepenbrock, one of three editors who coordinated the efforts of 42 contributing authors who wrote, revised and updated material for the 2018-19 guide.

In addition to sections on grove establishment, nutrition, irrigation, pests and diseases, the guide features two new chapters this year, concerning

cold protection and the Citrus Under Protective Screen system used to grow high-value fruit for the fresh market.

Diepenbrock notes that the guide also covers the new federally mandated Worker Protection Standards, which took full effect in January 2018.

"Employers need to make sure they're in compliance, so we included material on that topic," she said.

The editorial team hopes to receive feedback from growers about the new edition so that they can make improvements for the 2019-20 guide, expected next summer.

A digital edition of the guide is available free of charge at the UF/IFAS Citrus Extension website.

• Unless your car is amphibious, it's probably best to slow down on wet roads.

Scammers Target City Customers

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

A new wave of telephone scammers targeted the city of Wauchula last week in an attempt to bilk electric customers.

The fraudsters reportedly began their telephonic attempts last Thursday.

"We have received several reports from customers today that have been contacted by unknown persons who are identifying themselves as representatives of the city of Wauchula Utility Department," the city noted in an alert to customers last Thursday morning.

According to city officials, the scam artists reportedly advised customers their accounts were "past due" and if payment was not made within "15-60 minutes" their power "would be disconnected."

The callers were also reportedly altering their caller identification number. "The phone

calls even appear to be coming from the city of Wauchula office phone," the city noted.

Utility officials are urging any customers to be wary of any collection calls.

"If you have any type of contact with these persons, do not provide them with any information and do not make any payment as they are not representatives of the city of Wauchula," it was noted. "If you are in doubt, immediately hang up and contact customer service."

It is also suggested that customers - both residential and commercial - ask to see photo identification of any person who claims to be a representative of the city that might come to their home or business.

"If in doubt, call law enforcement immediately," it was cautioned.

Customers with any concerns or questions regarding their city of Wauchula account can call City Hall at 773-3131.

Celebrating This Day:

- International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
- Buttered Corn Day
- European Day of Remembrance for Victims of Stalinism and Nazism
- Hug Your Sweetheart Day
- National Spongecake Day
- Ride the Wind Day
- Valentino Day

Notices

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

CASE NO. 252018CA000218

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ROBERTS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ROBERTS Last Known Address: 3065 MAGNOLIA ST, ZOLFO SPRINGS, FL 33890

PAUL R. ROBERTS Last Known Address: 4803 OAK CIR, SEBRING, FL 33870 8814

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY ROBERTS Last Known Address: 3065 MAGNOLIA ST, ZOLFO SPRINGS, FL 33890

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HARDEE IN THE STATE OF FL

PARCEL 1: THE WEST 50 FEET OF LOT 6, BLOCK 14, WILLIAMS ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS, FLORIDA, LESS THE SOUTHERLY 110 FEET THEREOF, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PARCEL 2: LOT 3 AND THE EAST 100 FEET TO LOT 6, BLOCK 14, WILLIAMS ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS, FLORIDA

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Choice Legal Group, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. BOX 9908, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33310-0908 on or before Sept. 21, 2018, a date at least thirty

(30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the (Please publish in THE HERALD ADVOCATE) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 20 day of August, 2018.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS, As Clerk of the Court

By: Connie Coker As Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 252018CP000079

IN RE: ESTATE OF

THE ESTATE OF MIN HAU WANG, Decedent.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the administration of the Estate of Min Hau Wang, deceased, whose date of death was December 1, 2007, is pending in circuit court for Hardee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address being 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873. The names and address of the personal representative's attorney

are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims WITHIN THE LATTER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE UPON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS

SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.703 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE SHALL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS TIME-BARRERD.

The date of First Publication is August 16, 2018.

Earl M. Johnson, Jr., Esq. Florida Bar Number 006040 Email: jaxlawfl@aol.com Post Office Box 40091 Jacksonville, FL 32203 904.356.5252 (telephone) 904.394.3288 (facsimile) Attorney for De Wei Han

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

CASE NO.: 252018CP000081

IN RE: ESTATE OF

WALTER MARVIN SMITH, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Walter Marvin Smith, deceased, whose date of death was July 10, 2018, is pending Circuit Court for Hardee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 1749, Wauchula, Florida 33873. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's Attorney is set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claim with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE

TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is August 16, 2018.

DATED this 8th day of August, 2018.

J. STEVEN SOUTHWELL, II 502 West Main Street Wauchula, FL 33873 (863) 773-4449 Phone ssouthwell@realfloridalaw.com Florida Bar # 869791 Attorney for Petitioners

F.L Revell, Jr. Co-Petitioner

Oneita Revell Co-Petitioner

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CITY OF WAUCHULA NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City Commission of the City of Wauchula will hold a Special Meeting Monday August 27, 2018 at 5:30pm, or as soon thereafter as it reasonably can be held and any other business that may come before the Commission.

The meetings will be held at the Commission Chambers located at 225 East Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873.

Pursuant to Section 286.0107, Florida Statutes, as amended, the City Commission hereby advises that if any interested person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at the proceedings, he will need a record of the proceeding and that, for such purposes, he may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The City Commission of the City of Wauchula, Florida does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discriminatory policy involves every aspect of the Commission's functions, including ones access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, should contact the City Clerk at (863) 773-3131.

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

ATTEST S/Holly Smith City Clerk



8:23c

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Florida Water Management District has received Environmental Resource permit application number 770101 from Alan Jay Ford of Wauchula, Inc., PO Box 9200, Sebring, Florida 33871.

Application received: August 16, 2018.

Proposed activity: commercial.

Project name: Alan Jay Ford of Wauchula, renovation of an existing automobile dealership facility. Building a new sales and service facility and additional parking lot.

Project size: 4.3 acres

Location:

Section(s) 33, Township 33 South, Range 25 East, in Hardee County. Outstanding Florida Water: no. Aquatic preserve: no.

The application is available for public inspection Monday through Friday at SWFWMD, 4601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, Florida 33637. Interested persons may inspect a copy of the application and submit written comments concerning the application. Comments must include the permit application number and be received within 14 days from the date of this notice. If you wish to be notified of intended agency action or an opportunity to request an administrative hearing regarding the application, you must send a written request referencing the permit application number to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Regulation Performance Management Department, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 or submit your request through the District's website at www.waterrmatters.org. The District does not discriminate based on disability. Anyone requiring accommodation under the ADA should contact the Regulation Performance Management Department at (352)796-7211 or 1(800)423-1476, TDD only 1(800)231-6103.

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SUMMER STANDOUTS



These North Wauchula Elementary School students committed to continued learning during summer vacation by tackling an I-Ready Summer Challenge. The superstars completed five online reading and five online math lessons. The

megastars completed 10 online reading and 10 online math lessons over the summer. Rewards included a variety of fun light-up prizes, because their future is so "bright."

COURTESY PHOTO

UNPACKED



Ready to unload and distribute a cart full of backpacks at Bowling Green Elementary are (from left) Carey Crawford, Jonna Wolfe and Ginny Clancey. First United Methodist Church donated these along with a variety of school supplies to help kids start the new academic year off right.

COURTESY PHOTO

WHERE IN THE WORLD?



The children in Mary Idsardi's second-grade class at North Wauchula Elementary School participated in a Geography Mystery Skype. They used Skype to see and speak with a class whose state is on the Atlantic Ocean, on the Gulf of Mexico and in the Southeast.

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VOTE
NOEY A. FLORES
FOR
HARDEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2
ON AUGUST 28
EARLY VOTING BEGINS AUG. 16



To the residents of Hardee County,
I am a life-long resident of Hardee County and graduated as a Wildcat. I have continued my professional career as a lender and real estate broker here locally. I have enjoyed helping families purchase their homes, which is one of your largest investments. You trusted me with such a large decision, so now I am asking for your support as your next Hardee County Commissioner for District 2. I want to serve as your voice for the future of our county. I hope to bring a fresh face with fresh ideas, to provide a better future for the generations to come. My parents have instilled conservative values and integrity, and as a Christian I have learned to think of others before myself. Please **VOTE** for Noey A. Flores, a name that you can trust.

- ABOUT ME:**
Hardee County Graduate
A.S. in Business Administration
Member of First Baptist Church
Graduate of the Florida School of Banking
Broker/Owner of Flores & Flores, Inc. Real Estate Brokerage
Experienced Bank Loan Officer
Wauchula Lions Club since 1999, 2x President
Wauchula Kiwanis Club since 2012, Current President
Served on Hardee County Parks and Recreation Committee, Current Chairman

Sincerely,

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Noey A. Flores, Republican for Hardee County Commissioner District 2

8:23p

DON'T DROWN!



COURTESY PHOTO
These students in Amy Franks' class at North Wauchula Elementary are intent on "saving Fred the Worm" from potential doom. Fred does not swim. Saving him from drowning is a team-building activity for the kids.

5 Hardee Students Visit FGCU for STEM Camp

By GEORGEANNE PARIS
 For The Herald-Advocate

Five students from Hardee Senior High School joined fellow STEM scholars from surrounding counties at a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math camp at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers July 8-13.

They were Zack Durastanti, Mariela Badillo, Daisy Badillo, Jace Bryan and Eboni Lamy.

The camp was organized by the Heartland Education Consortium, whose website explains they include DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands and Okeechobee counties. An excerpt from the Consortium's mission explains they are a service organization encouraging collaboration, sharing, and the development

of programs supporting educational goals.

Hardee County students were accompanied by Amy Paris, who will begin her first year as a high school science teacher in August. Paris has taught in the Hardee County School District most of her career. As a teacher at North Wauchula Elementary School, Paris taught math and science.

Paris explains the students had the opportunity to listen to professors, participate in group projects and experience summer fun throughout the week. They arrived July 8 where they met other students attending the camp and got their first taste of college life.

According to the camp's schedule, lessons and activities covered a wide range of topics. Monday was spent on aspects of software engineering and included a panel discussion. Other topics throughout the week included environmental engineering, bio-engineering and civil engineering.

Paris got to witness how students used everyday objects to take a hands-on approach to apply the topics covered by professors. Bio-engineering day's activity was spent building a tool to stimulate a surgical device.

The final day's task was presented as a challenge to deliver a secret new instrument from a fourth-floor window to students below. In reality, these amateur engineers worked hard to protect a water

balloon on its trip to the sidewalk crew below. The water balloon had to safely get into a box full of pins and needles. Paris reports all groups executed the job successfully.

A HHS senior in the fall, Zack Durastanti attended the camp. When asked to describe his favorite aspect of the week, he said, "I would have to say the complexity of the challenges." He added, "They were very rigorous and, required heavy thinking. Its always fun to challenge your brain."

When students weren't learning and working on projects with professors, they were enjoying making fun summer memories. Spending time at the pool on campus, watching movies in an on-campus theater, and taking an outing to a local minor league baseball game. FGCU's campus also offered paddle-boarding and kayaking along the beach.

Paris says every day there were experts in admissions and financial aid speaking to students. She said, "They did a good job encouraging students to seek higher education." She added their camp contact was a college student double majoring in civil and environmental engineering, something Paris said many students never realized was a possibility for college students.

Paris says, "Students returned home with a new appreciation and understanding of all the facets of engineering."



COURTESY PHOTO
HHS student Zachary Durastanti and his teammates successfully complete a structural engineering challenge to support five reams of paper using only drinking straws and masking tape.



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Crop Update

August 20, 2018

General: According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 19, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 5.7 inches in Naples (Collier County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.9°F in Ft. Pierce (St. Lucie County) to 86.9°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus: Temperatures remained seasonably warm in the citrus growing region, with highs in the low to mid 90's. Plant City (Hillsborough County) hit 96°F, while Clermont (Lake County) reported a high of 95°F. Last week continued to be drier across the peninsula, with variable amounts of rainfall being reported in the citrus growing counties. The heaviest rainfall was in Kernsville (Osceola County) at 2.55 inches, while Lakeland (Polk County) recorded the least with 0.25 inches. According to the August 16, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region remained drought free.

Favorable conditions persisted across the citrus growing region. Caretakers maintained normal spray schedules, while also herbiciding, mowing, and conducting general grove maintenance. Fruit was sizing nicely in most areas, with fieldworkers reporting oranges about tennis ball size and grapefruit almost as large as softballs. Irrigation was reported in some areas that received lower rainfall amounts. Tree condition remained good in well cared for groves.

Fruits and Vegetables: Vegetable growers continued to prepare land for fall vegetables and early plantings were underway. Some producers continued operating pumps to remove excess water from fields. Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, and okra.

Livestock and Pastures: Excess rainfall in Taylor County negatively impacted. Many pastures could be seen with standing water in low lying spots, beginning to have an Both cattle and pastures remained in good to excellent condition across the state.

Field Crops: Hay and silage were cut when conditions were dry enough in Jackson, Levy, Polk, and Suwannee counties. Rain events hampered or delayed hay cutting in Lafayette and Washington counties. Corn harvesting was underway in Jackson and Suwannee counties. Growers in Dixie and Jackson counties expressed concern about soil saturation ruining portions of the peanut crop. Sugarcane continued to thrive.

Hardee County Jail Inmate Accused Of Escape Attempt

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

An inmate being treated at the local hospital tried to wrest his way out of custody, the Hardee County Sheriff's Office alleged.

Dennis Rosado, 39, of 3153 Edwards Peace Dr., Wauchula, had found himself incarcerated the night before, after allegedly arguing with and grabbing his former girlfriend, a report filed by Dep. Cierra Johnson said.

The woman, who said the two had been living together until she "put him out of the home," called authorities to say Rosado had come home, initiated an argument in yard, and grabbed her when she tried to go inside.

She sustained scratches on her hand and arm, the deputy charged.

Rosado was taken into custody, but fought his trip to the Hardee County Jail, the report went on to indicate.

While in the back seat of the patrol car, Rosado allegedly slipped his handcuffed hands

from behind his back to under his feet and to the front of his body. Then, Johnson described, he began pulling on the window bars and demanding to be let out of the vehicle.

Further, she charged, Rosado turned around in the seat and rammed the back window with his head.

Johnson said she stopped the vehicle and, with the assistance of Det. Lyle Hart, tried to restrain Rosado from harming himself or damaging the vehicle. He allegedly fought the officers, trying to pull away and refusing to follow orders.

He was Tased before being successfully restrained and transported to jail.

But the following day, according to a report filed by Hart, Rosado allegedly attempted to flee from a transport officer while being taken back to the jail following a medical visit to Florida Hospital Wauchula.

Rosado, he alleged, pushed the officer from the vehicle's door area and managed to get as far as the rear quarter panel



Rosado

before the officer regained control of him.

In all, Rosado faces charges of battery and resisting an officer without violence in the incident on Tuesday of last week; and escape, battery on an officer, and resisting an officer without violence from the his alleged actions on Wednesday of last week.

Scam Targets College Kids

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

Every parent's dream – a college student looking for a job to help pay tuition – turned into a small nightmare for one local family.

The Hardee County Sheriff's Office has reported a new scam, which replicates a college's in-house email domain in an attempt to trick students into sending money for a job.

In a case handled by Dep. Cierra Johnson, a Wauchula student of Florida Gulf Coast University was contacted via what appeared to be the college's email board and told a position was available.

The email came from "Abby Lewis" at amlewis6194@eagle.FGCU.edu, the deputy noted.

The girl, who said the school often sends out informational emails to students looking for

local job opportunities, said she applied for the job. Soon, she received a phone call from the alleged company saying the job was hers and giving her instructions for her employment.

She would need to buy four Apple iTunes cards, she was told.

The girl did so.

Then, according to Johnson's report, the "company" asked her to send photographs of the backs of the cards so that the barcodes could be retrieved.

Again, the girl did as instructed.

But, she told the deputy, after that, she was no longer able to get in contact with the company, by phone or email.

Johnson said the student also gave the company her personal bank account information.

The account was overdrawn by \$200 for the iTunes cards and \$15 for an overdraft fee.

And, it won't be reimbursed by the bank, the deputy noted, as the girl had physically purchased the cards herself.

The bank account has been closed.

And a lesson learned, and shared with others.

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GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 252018CA000250

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2007-2, NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2,

Plaintiff,
vs.
MELVIN J ALDERMAN A/K/A MELVIN J ALDERMAN SR. . et. al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF BETTY WATERS, DECEASED, whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

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FEET OF THE PLATTED ALLEY LYING ADJACENT TO AND PARALLEL WITH LOTS 1, 3 AND 5, BLOCK 29, TOWN OF FORT GREEN, AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 2-13 AND 2-14, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

THE S 1/2 OF STEWART STREET LYING NORTH OF LOT 1 AND THAT PART OF THE S 1/2 OF STEWART STREET LYING NORTH OF THE EAST 10 FEET OF THE ALLEY LYING ADJACENT TO AND PARALLEL WITH LOTS 1, 3 AND 5, ALL IN BLOCK 29, TOWN OF FORT GREEN, AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 2-13 AND 2-14, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before September 14, 2018/(30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Hardee County, Florida, this 13th day of August, 2018

Victoria L. Rogers, Clerk
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BY: J. Wingo
DEPUTY CLERK

8:16,23c

Ken Evers

For Hardee County Judge

Here Are The FACTS

FACT: According to the Florida Office of the State Courts Administrator, in FY15-16 and FY16-17, Hardee County Criminal and Civil Court Filings, 70% were civil filings and ONLY 30% were criminal filings.

Horton: "The Hardee County Judge is primarily a criminal trial court judge."
"Our county judge is usually dealing with criminal cases."
-The Herald - Advocate Political Edition, August 16, 2018

Horton: "Over 90% of cases filed in Hardee County Court are criminal in nature. The judge will be dealing with criminal trial issues 90% of the time."
-Facebook Post, April 7, 2018

FACT: I am a lifelong resident of Hardee County and have 23 years of courtroom experience, having handled many bench trials, appellate cases and evidentiary hearings in civil litigation cases.

Horton: "I am the only candidate that lives in Hardee and has the necessary courtroom and trial experience to make the tough decisions."
-The Herald-Advocate Political Edition, August 16, 2018

Horton: "Mr. Evers is a transactional attorney..."
-Facebook Post, April 7, 2018

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Hardee County School Board Annual Report 2017-2018

Florida Statute 1008.25(8) requires that each district school board must annually report to the parent of each student the progress of the student toward achieving state and district expectations for proficiency in English Language Arts, science, social studies, and mathematics. The district school board must report to the parent the student's results on each statewide, standardized assessment. The evaluation of each student's progress must be based upon the student's classroom work, observations, tests, district and state assessments, and other relevant information. Progress reporting must be provided to the parent in writing in a format adopted by the district school board.

Elementary

It is the principal's responsibility to determine the promotion of a student based upon information from the faculty, administrative staff, and other information which may be available. The decision will be based upon, but not limited to, the factors outlined below:

The ability to apply academic skills in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, as indicated on the Pupil Report Card for the appropriate elementary grade
The student's specific level of performance relating to the Florida Standards in English Language Arts, and Mathematics or the specific levels of performance on statewide assessments, as determined by the Florida Commissioner of Education. (F.S. 1008.25) It is the intent of the Legislature that each student's progression from one grade to another be determined, in part, upon satisfactory performance in English Language Arts, Social studies, Science, and Mathematics; that district school board policies facilitate student achievement; that each student and his or her parent be informed of that student's academic progress; and that students have access to educational options that provide academically challenging coursework or accelerated instruction.

Good cause exemptions for grade 3 students are limited to the following:

The district school board may only exempt students from mandatory retention, as provided in paragraph (5)(b), for good cause. A student who is promoted to grade 4 with a good cause exemption shall be provided intensive reading instruction and intervention that include specialized diagnostic information and specific reading strategies to meet the needs of each student so promoted. The school district shall assist schools and teachers with the implementation of reading strategies for students promoted with a good cause exemption which research has shown to be successful in improving reading among students who have reading difficulties. Good cause exemptions are limited to the following:

1. Limited English proficient students who have had less than 2 years of instruction in an English for Speakers of Other Languages program based on the initial date of entry into a school in the United States.
2. Students with disabilities whose individual education plan indicates that participation in the statewide assessment program is not appropriate, consistent with the requirements of s. 1008.212.
3. Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading or English Language Arts assessment approved by the State Board of Education.
4. A student who demonstrates through a student portfolio that he or she is performing at least at Level 2 on the statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment.
5. Students with disabilities who take the statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment and who have an individual education plan or a Section 504 plan that reflects that the student has received intensive instruction in reading or English Language Arts for more than 2 years but still demonstrates a deficiency and was previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3.
6. Students who have received intensive reading intervention for 2 or more years but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading and who were previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3 for a total of 2 years. A student may not be retained more than once in grade 3.
7. Students who have received intensive remediation in reading or English Language Arts for 2 or more years but still demonstrate a deficiency and who were previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3 for a total of 2 years. Intensive instruction for students so promoted must include an altered instructional day that includes specialized diagnostic information and specific reading strategies for each student. The district school board shall assist schools and teachers to implement reading strategies that research has shown to be successful in improving reading among low-performing readers. [Section 1008.25(6)(b)6, F.S.]

Junior High School

General requirements for middle grades promotion.

In order for a student to be promoted to high school from a school that includes middle grades 6, 7, and 8, the student must successfully complete the following courses:

- Three middle grades or higher courses in English Language Arts, mathematics, social studies, and science; and
- One course in career and education planning (1003.4156 F.S.).

High School

Promotion/Grade Classification - High School, 9-12.

To be classified as a high school FRESHMAN, a student must have been assigned to the ninth grade by his/her Junior High School principal.

Zero Grade Progression

For the first three years a student is in high school, the student will advance from one grade level designation to the next based upon completion of a school year of attendance. This will be known as the zero progression plan, whereby a student begins high school as a freshman, the second year of high school attendance will carry a designation of sophomore, the third year of high school attendance will carry the designation of junior. The student will then remain at the junior designation until the student has met the grade level classification to be a senior, as indicated in the Student Progression Plan for the appropriate graduating class. This policy will be effective as of 2010 provided that the student has participated in the required state assessment for grades nine and ten.

To be classified as a SENIOR, a student must have earned a total of seventeen (17) credits. Senior status privileges will be dependent upon the student's possibility of graduating during that school year.

Any student who has been denied credit in a class for attendance purposes will receive an "F" as a final grade. Should a student achieve a sufficient number of credits at mid-year, his/her class standing will not change until the beginning of the next school year unless his/her status is affected in regard to graduation or FCAT testing.

Maximum Age - If a student cannot graduate before he/she reaches the age of twenty, he/she must enroll in the adult education GED program to finish his/her education, unless the Superintendent approves an exception because of extenuating circumstances.

2017-18 Data for Hardee District Schools

Retentions		3rd Grade Good Cause Promotions		Grade 3-10 Performing at Level 1 & 2 on FSA ELA			
Grade	Number	Percentage	Exemption Code	Number	Grade	Number	Percentage
K	49	11.3%	1	0	3	174	42.8%
1	16	4.0%	2	5	4	214	49.5%
2	11	2.5%	3	25	5	204	48.7%
3	10	2.3%	4	0	6	231	57.9%
4	1	<1%	5	10	7	249	61.8%
5	1	<1%	6	0	8	213	56.2%
6	4	1%	7	3	9	197	57.4%
7	6	1.5%			10	226	64.2%
8	2	<1%					
9	0	0					
10	0	0					

Recipes From Good Housekeeping

BUYING VEGETABLES

Expert Tip: When it comes to picking out vegetables, a good rule of thumb is that they feel heavy for their size and are moist (but not wet or sticky). Because vegetables are largely composed of water, this applies to all vegetables — even those as little and light as mushrooms. As their moisture evaporates, vegetables become lighter and drier, losing flavor, weight and succulence. If

you're surprised at how light something is when you pick it up, you may well be holding a vegetable with a hollow center or dryish flesh.

—Deborah Madison, cookbook author

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As Seen From This Side

By Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips
Wauchula

Just a reminder of how my ancestors, the savages, were treated.

You can own a coat, a suit, a car or boat and a million other things. You cannot own your house. Even if you pay cash it will never be yours. Just don't pay the taxes for five years, and it will be owned by your government for less than \$800.

Back up! Who sold it to them? No one. It was stolen. Since its creation God gave us dominion over this land and all the animals that live on it.

The Norwegian adventurer never tried to steal any part of it. He stopped off near Manhattan and replenished his food and fresh water from the native farmers (called savages 400 years later) and hunters.



There is no federal holiday for him. There is for Columbus who never set foot on this soil.

The white Europeans came and fought each other over land not theirs. Their kings and queens gave land grants to land they had never seen or bought. Then these countries—England, France and Spain—pushed and killed their way west to steal all from the natives they called savages because they did not worship like the whites did.

Today these Europeans still possess the land but have no kings and have dozens of religions or ways of worship. They are not called savages.

If you are caught with stolen property, by your law, what they do with it is without any compensation to you. By your own laws, you are compelled to give it back! That's your law! Should it be mine, too?

Enough of the Indian inside of me. Looking back to January 1977 when my father was placed beside my mother and her parents, that was not a funeral but a celebration of life, and my Dad continues to live on.

Born in 1894, decorated in the "war to end all wars" in 1917 with his right kneecap being blown off, he had every right to be an angry veteran, but that is not our style.

Wounded 300 yards from a Red Cross station (their version of a MASH Unit) that would not take him in for treatment, then carried most of the 17 miles to Paris on the back of his captain and being charged \$1 for a pack of cigarettes.

He did not rely on self-pity. His philosophy was don't get angry when done wrong. Just bypass them and continue on a good path. He taught us to laugh through adversity. It makes you feel better and messes with the heads of those who tried to put you down.

During the Depression my siblings did not go hungry, though they recall nights when Mom and Dad said they weren't hungry, go ahead and eat.

Working always, some on crutches, some with a cane, but we always got by. Moneywise I don't know if we were rich or poor, but mentally and spiritually we were millionaires. Oh, no, things were never perfect.

Mom and Dad were as opposite as night and day. Mom never had anything good to say at first. It was always bad. In all my life I heard Dad swear one time, and he immediately apologized and asked forgiveness. I never heard him say anything evil of anyone.

Mom held the purse strings, but Dad always had a way to keep money enough in his pocket if we needed anything. (One of my brothers said if something cost \$10, he would tell Mom \$15. I heard her tell him one time to bring the receipt. He replied we operate 50/50, and when he paid it he threw the receipt in the garbage.)

I suppose he still lives in me. I never keep receipts. It has cost me a few times, but I still don't.

Like Dad, I will give my last dime to someone in need. I came into this world broke. I'll leave it that way also.

In the roughest of times Dad held everything together, but Mom gave all the property to my oldest brother. In eight years he lost it all. It had been in the Phillips name since the 1790s.

Dad lives on. I see it in each one of us. There are three of us left, 94, 90 and 82. This era is coming to a close.

Boys will be boys!

My grandmother was a charter member of Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church. No piano, no electricity (or oil lights). Instead of 7-shape music we use now, they sang using 4-shape music, and if three preachers were there, all spoke which means 2 or 3 o'clock getting out.

Kids get bored and restless. My brothers and sister went outside to sit in our old '32 Essex automobile. It started off in the shade, but the sun had started putting out a lot of heat so the boys were going to move the car into the shade. They forgot a few very important items. The car was facing uphill, and that thing was made of U.S. steel, half as heavy as a small tank.

The boys were going to push. Sis was to steer. Neither was successful. Bracy took it out of gear, and it began rolling backward to a gully. The car hit a young tree two feet lower than it was.

It appeared the car was not hurt, but the same can't be said for Bracy and Ewart when Dad got them home.

More boys will be boys!

In the 1940s a lot of people rode wagons or buggies to church and tied them up where they would be shaded. The month before, the boys put our car's rear end into a tree.

They did not mess with the car this time, but being bored was still the prime interest of three rambunctious boys. What would they do for two hours?

Just then Ewart's friend came out bored. It didn't take long for four boys to think of something.

All those wagons and buggies had a wheel wrench in a box under the seat. The owner would hear a wheel start squeaking. He would take the wheel wrench, loosen the nut almost off, then pack wheel grease on the axle and re-tighten the wheel nut. Greasing a wheel is not what the boys planned. They loosened one nut.

They did not see what did happen, but at school the next day they heard that Mr. So-and-So had an accident on the way home from church.

HARDEE LIVING



Steven Medrano and Stacy Neff

Stacy Neff To Become The Bride Of Steven Medrano

Stacy Neff Westbrook and Steven Lee Medrano, both of Wauchula, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Henry and Donna Neff of Fort Meade. She is a 1998 graduate of Fort Meade Middle-Senior High School, and is currently employed at First National Bank of

Wauchula. The prospective groom is the son of Alfred Medrano and Betty Wilson of Wauchula. He is a 2007 graduate of Hardee Senior High School, and is employed at American Construction & Engineering.

Plans are being finalized for a Saturday, Sept. 15, wedding ceremony at Hardee Lakes Park.

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School Menu

MONDAY
Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, Wildcat Scone, french toast sticks, fruit and milk
Lunch: hot dog (k-12), PB&J (k-12), mozzarella pinwheel (k-12), cheeseburger (6-12), pan pizza (6-12), baked beans (k-12), cucumber slices, ham & cheese salad, garden salad (6-12), fruit and milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, eggs w/cheese & bacon, pancake balls, juice, fruit and milk
Lunch: cheese pizza (k-12), PB&J (k-12), turkey sub (k-12), chicken sandwich (6-12), spicy chicken sandwich (6-12), carrot sticks (k-12), mashed potatoes (k-12), tuna salad w/eggs, garden salad (6-12), fruit and milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, omelet, banana bread, fruit and milk
Lunch: cheeseburger (k-12), PB&J (k-12), beef/bean burrito (k-12), Swan's French Bread pizza, fajita chicken salad, broccoli, green beans (k-12), garden salad (6-12), fruit and milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, donut holes, chicken biscuit, fruit and milk
Lunch: pasta w/meat sauce (k-12), PB&J (k-12), cobb

chicken salad, stuff crust pizza (k-5), Big Daddy pizza (6-12), chicken nuggets (6-12), buffalo chicken chunks (6-12), celery (k-12), garden salad (k-12), corn (k-12), fruit and milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, breakfast tornado, pumpkin bread, fruit and milk
Lunch: yogurt, muffin platter, chicken sandwich (k-12), PB&J (k-12), chicken & cheese taquito (k-12), calzone cheese (6-12), french fries (k-12), cole slaw (k-12), fruit and milk

Don't Be Left Out!
HARDEE LIVING DEADLINE IS THURSDAY AT 5 PM

GRADUATION SERVICE



COURTESY PHOTOS

Bishop Mark Anthony Hemm (above) of House of Praise in Bowling Green has been attending classes at Kingdom Life University in St. Petersburg for the past two years, and will be graduating on Sept. 2. Dr. Jerry Brandt of the university will be at the church to perform the graduation ceremony, presenting Hemm with a degree in biblical studies, and the Sunday morning service. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will follow. The public is welcome to attend. House of Praise is located at 3920 Murray Road.

AMENDMENTS 1 & 2



PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

Hardee Property Appraiser Kathy Crawford spoke to the Wauchula Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Java Cafe about State Constitutional Amendments 1 and 2 that will be on the Nov. 6 ballot. Amendment 1 will allow a third homestead exemption (up to \$25,000) if your assessed value is between \$100,000 and \$125,000 (does not include school millage) and would take effect in 2019 if approved. Crawford said the County Commission has 1,218 affected homes with a potential tax decrease of \$218,000 (which would be made up by the Florida Legislature since Hardee is an economically challenged county). The cities, however, would not be re-compensated by the state, with Wauchula (97 affected homes) losing \$10,000 in tax revenue, Bowling Green (26 homes) losing \$3,000, and Zolfo Springs (18 affected homes) losing \$2,000 in tax revenue if the measure is approved state-wide. Amendment 2, if approved, would make permanent the cap of 10 percent on annual non-homestead parcel assessment increases set to expire on Jan. 1, 2019. The cap does not apply to school district taxes. Non-homestead parcels include second homes, rental apartments, commercial property and vacant land. From left are Kathy Crawford, Sara Lopez and club president Noey Flores.

TOBACCO FREE HARDEE



PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

Georgeann Singletary, tobacco prevention specialist with Tobacco Free Hardee, spoke to the Wauchula Lions Club on Thursday, Aug. 16, at Java Cafe. She said a lot of people are using e-cigarettes, including young children. She said liquid nicotine is considered a pesticide poison and can be dangerous to humans. In November 2006 Florida voters approved a state constitutional amendment to establish a tobacco education and prevention program using a percentage of the state's tobacco settlement fund. Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death and disease. In Florida about 32,300 adults die annually from smoking. Smoking causes premature death and \$8.6 billion in medical costs in Florida each year. The adult smoking rate was 21 percent in 2006 and fell to 15.8 percent by 2015. The youth smoking rate decreased from 10.6 percent in 2006 to 3 percent in 2016. Since 2007 about 188,000 Floridians have successfully quit tobacco with one of TFF's free tools and services. The local health department is located at 115 K.D. Revell Rd. in Wauchula. From left are new Lions Club member Marcus Conerly, Georgeann Singletary and club president David Horton.

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 '50s Aug. 22, 1958

Fresh Fish: The Hardee County Elks Lodge held its first Fishathon at Rock Lake, where over 180 kids partici-



ated in the event. Getting the prize for the smallest fish was a one-ounce perch caught by Charles Long. Holding the fish is Bobby Morris while Long helps Merle Choate hold up his fish, a three-pound, six-ounce bass, the largest one caught.

Moonshine: A second moonshine still has been confiscated within the last month

by law enforcement. The 560-gallon still was located in a swamp near Payne's Creek and had apparently not been used in a month, noted Sheriff Odell Carlton. He added that it had been taken apart and hidden for safekeeping but the owners were nowhere to be found.

Runaway: A 15-year-old Wauchula boy has been turned over to juvenile authorities after being apprehended at his sister's home. The boy had taken his brother-in-law's car and run a stop sign, going about 70 miles per hour for three miles, leading law officers on a wild chase. The boy then pulled over on the side of a narrow dirt road and abandoned the car, taking to the woods on foot.

Wash Day: This new 1958



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WILDCAT FOOTBALL REPORT



PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

Hardee High School head coach Brian Kemp spoke to the Wauchula Kiwanis Club Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Java Cafe. The 2003 HHS graduate enters his third year as head coach here. The first two years resulted in district championships and losses in the first round of the state playoffs. Kemp expects the 2018 wildcats to be his best team. There are 16 seniors among the varsity's 39 players. A key strength is the offensive line. James Pearson is the quarterback, a transfer from Sebring. Pearson has a strong throwing arm. Randy McLeod and Matt Tyson are key players. The Cats have a good kicking game. Last year's team finished 7-4, including an 8-7 upset loss to Bradenton Bayshore. Ticket prices have been raised from \$5 to \$6. The regular season opens Friday at Fort Meade. Kemp said the team has three good running backs, including DeSoto transfer Ellis Hodges. From left are club vice president Kyle Long, Brian Kemp and Michael Kelly. Last Friday in the Kickoff Classics Hardee defeated Port Charlotte 20-16 and the Miners trounced Celebration.

HARDEE LIVING

Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green!
First item of importance is the benefit this Saturday at Fort Green Baptist Church for Tracy and Elizabeth Powell. There is a meal of chicken and dumplings with all the trimmings from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for a donation of \$7, followed by a concert at 6 by Gulf State Quartet. I hear Lee Chancey's band will be also playing, plus some of the church members singing. A love offering will be accepted. Tracy is having problems with his "ticker," which is a very important part of our bodies. Hope to see you there.

Second important thing, Sunday was Faye Chancey's birthday and the date the paper comes out is my daughter, Avie Eures', adoption birthday! I know her actual birthday is important, but the day we drove to Lakeland to pick her up at the Children Home Society of Florida is the most memorable to me. I am so thankful we were approved to receive her!

Mike Roberts is still filling in at Fort Green while we search for a pastor. If you have not heard him in some time, come out and join us at any of the Sunday services.

I saw John Roy Gough last Friday night at the Pioneer Restaurant and he said his daughter, Jessica, was in Mayo in Jacksonville on the liver transplant list, along with another problem. Please remember her in special prayer.

Also at the restaurant were the usual Friday night crowd: Pat Gugle, Kay Patarini, Jackie Long, and Lucy Crawford was visiting them. Greg and Shuree Rawls said they were pretty regular Friday nights along with Mitzi Grice and Bob. We only go when Sherman gets the urge for whole catfish!

It was good to see Pat at Sunday School. She will celebrate her birthday on Friday, and already has several dates planned to celebrate. I told her to take Tylenol Arthritis and kick her heels up! She does remarkably well.

They announced at church last Sunday morning the Sheltons will be at Fort Green on Sunday, Sept. 2, during the 11 o'clock service. Please try and attend.

We have quite a lot on our prayer list: Tina Owens cannot drive anymore and that puts the end on her attending church. Ken Oden is home, but has no energy. Sherry Fleming is back in the hospital. Gloria Dupree is still in the hospital in Wauchula receiving therapy. Sam Rawls is out of the hospital and will get therapy at home. John Terrell, I believe, is still in the hospital. I stopped in to see him on Friday but he was out but would be back before the day was over. Mary Samuels is still in Hardee Manor. Diane Lamb is still sick. Pershing Platt is in the Wauchula hospital. Please pray for all of these.

An interesting bit of information about Pershing: Most young couples sit close together when they are dating or for a year or two after getting married, but few sit close together their

entire married life. Pershing and Pudd do, and that is possibly one of the reasons they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Aug. 15. They were in the hospital and the staff brought them a bouquet of flowers with a "Happy Anniversary" balloon. I think they are a couple to be admired!

Randy and Mary Perry are doing well. He will preach Saturday and Sunday at the Wimauma sing on Labor Day weekend.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Rose Mary and Joe Gicker on the death of her niece. She was in a bad car accident.

Terri Miller had a big shower last Saturday and received oodles of nice gifts, including some Pioneer Woman items. I had never heard of "Pioneer Woman," so you can see how far behind I am. I was told it is a great television show on cable, which we discontinued some time back. We get plenty of Western movies on regular television with an outside antenna.

My giant guava tree is trying to give up the ghost. I don't know if guavas get a disease like the avocados did or not. Many a person has come to the house to pick guavas. Christine Murdock and Martha Williams were regulars every year, and Connie Coker came and then when Christine was not able, she picked them for her mother. Good memories.

Now I am in the process making jam. We have a tree in the grove that produces real large guavas and they seem to be as good as my old standby. The way I got my tree was Nellie Locke, sister-in-law of Don Watson, had plenty and gave it to me. I did not like anything but cobbler, and threw all the insides with the peelings in the yard and they produced the delicious guavas. I have never liked to eat them but like the results when you cook.

That was the same way I got my delicious avocado tree. I had tried rooting in a glass of water with toothpicks in it and never was able to get a tree. I just threw a seed in the yard and, amazing, got the best fruit you had ever eaten. But it got hit by the bug and bit the dust two years ago. We wanted it to live so bad, there was a man in Fort Meade that was giving them shots but they did not help my tree, and after \$500 I did not have the money to keep trying!

My daughter's cousin, Brenda, actually Allen's first cousin, made her a coconut cake last week and we were the recipients of a couple of pieces. It looked like the kind Sherman's mama always made for him. Good eating and more good memories.

We had a special duet at church last Sunday night. Gracelyn and Colby Harrison sang "Jesus Loves Me" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." They are the adorable children of Ashlee and Jamie Harrison and grandchildren of Connie and Bud Abbott, who were in attendance.

Please remember to pray for each other and our nation.

Bowling Green City Manager Jerry Conerly To Retire In '19

Bowling Green City Manager Jerry Conerly on Tuesday, Aug. 14, presented to the City Commission a letter of retirement, effective May 29, 2019, or earlier if a new city manager is hired.

Conerly, who lives in Wauchula and is a former Wauchula City Council and city administrator, said he has enjoyed being city manager for the past six years and has stayed longer than he planned because of various projects underway.

Commissioner Shirley Tucker told Conerly "thank you" for his service. "The city is looking great, doing great, but I understand families come first."

Mayor Sam Fite told The Herald-Advocate Tuesday, "We were surprised, and we would like to thank Jerry for his service and filling the needs of the city as the city manager. We wish him well in his retirement and best wishes to him and Vickie as she retires next year as well."

Below is his letter to commissioners of his planned retirement:

"Commissioners:
"When I came to work for the City of Bowling Green six years ago, I thought that my work here would be finished in three years. Although accom-

plishing my initial goals took longer than expected, the main reason that three years have turned into six is that I love my job and the people I work with. To be able to say that I love my job is truly a blessing from God and I thank Commissioner Durastanti for making that phone call that brought me here.

"I have previously given thought to when I might decide to leave Bowling Green but, with so many projects going on and being planned, a definite time was never clear to me. Now it is. My son and his family will be moving to Charlotte, North Carolina next summer and Vickie and I will need more flexibility in our schedules to allow us to travel more. For that reason, I've decided to submit my resignation as City Manager effective May 29, 2019 or whenever a new City Manager is hired, whichever occurs first.

"I want to thank each of you and my previous City Commissioners for being so positive thinking and supportive of my plans and projects for the City. Serving the City of Bowling Green has been very rewarding for me because I came here to help revitalize Bowling Green and together, we have done that. If you, as the leadership of the City, don't lose your vision of progress,



Jerry Conerly

great things are ahead for the City of Bowling Green and I, along with each of you, will take pride in your progress.

"One more thing; your employees in every department are hardworking, dedicated, and work together as a team. Your City Clerk, Chief of Police, Public Works, and Physical Environment Supervisors are exceptional in both their skill levels and work ethics and they, as well as all of the other employees, should be greatly appreciated.

"Working for the City of Bowling Green has been a privilege for me and I thank you for allowing me to be a part of your transformation."

Sincerely
Jerry Conerly

4-City News

By Henrietta Benson
448-6737

Happy belated birthday "95" to Grandma Bertha Martin, which was Sunday, Aug. 12. She celebrated with all her children.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Quinton Brown, who passed on Friday while in the hospital in Virginia. Prayers to Irene B. Bailey and family in Bowling Green.

Wednesday evening the 15th, the Bowling Green Cemetery meeting was at the New Life Deliverance Power Outreach Fellowship Building. Election of officers are: Jarvis Robinson, president; Nikki Rivers, secretary; Michelle Brown, treasurer; and JaKevis Brown, media. Board members are: Chester Grove MB Church, Shirley B. Tucker; Greater MPB Church, Barbara Barnes; St. John AME Church, Linda Roberson; and New Life OP Outreach Ministries, Shuwanda Lemaine.

Next meeting will be Sept. 10. All are welcome. The care and upkeep are very important. We care where your loved one remains. Your help is needed. The board will meet on Sept. 7.

Don't forget to go vote at your assigned precinct on the day of the Primary Election. If you missed the early time to vote or vote by mail balloting, please remember to go vote on Tuesday anytime from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early Voting is now through

this Saturday at the Hardee County Public Library.

Charlie Benson was in the hospital last week at Lakeland Regional Medical Center. He is now at home recovering.

It's football time again! The Hardee varsity football team won the game last Friday evening, the Wildcats vs. Port Charlotte High School Pirates. Hardee won 20-16. The evening started off hot, sun shining down, but later it was great; no rain at the game.

Hardee Varsity Wildcat Football has an away non-conference game to meet the Fort Meade Miners tomorrow (Friday) at 7:30 p.m. All roads lead to Fort Meade and Emory C. Lamb Stadium at Frank S. Battle Field, 700 Edgewood Dr. N.

This will be Fort Meade's opening to its regular season this Friday against the Hardee Wildcats. Fort Meade won big, 56-24, over Celebration in a pre-season Kickoff Classic at Emory Lamb Stadium.

Congratulations and best wishes to Terri Miller and your upcoming husband on your blessed day. Best wishes to both of you.

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, the Rev. Eugene Hollimon, pastor, rendered services in Arcadia last Friday evening during Pastor Michael Redmon Sr.'s third annual anniversary of Shiloh MB Church.

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odor and found the bats living in the attic. Citing health concerns to courthouse staff and the public, County Judge Jeff McKibben and Circuit Judge Marcus Ezelle decided to close the entire third floor of the building until the issue can be resolved.

McKibben said county staff has sealed all apparent access points into the attic and installed a one-way portal to allow any bats that remain an opportunity to get out.

In the meantime, McKibben said court proceedings are being held in the County Commission Chambers, and the hearing room at the Hardee County Jail is also being utilized when possible.

The judges have moved their offices from the third floor of the courthouse to the second floor, which is occupied by the Clerk of Courts Office.

McKibben said he has received "marvelous cooperation" from the Clerk's Office, with Vicki Rogers offering the use of her private office to make confidential phone calls.

"The bailiffs have also come up with a great plan to keep us operational and the county has taken all appropriate steps to handle the situation," he said.

McKibben said he was first made aware of the infectious nature of bats when he went through "jungle school" while in the Canal Zone with the Army. "The Army convinced me

bats were not anything to play with," he said.

No live bats have been found inside the courthouse, and the situation seems to have been confined to the attic.

A professional consulting firm will take various air-quality samples on the third floor of the courthouse and in the attic.

McKibben said he is concerned about histoplasmosis, which is an infection caused by breathing in spores of a fungus often found in bird and bat droppings. It is most commonly transmitted when these spores become airborne, often during cleanup or demolition projects.

The consulting firm will also instruct county staff how to properly clean up the mess the bats left behind.

McKibben said it will take five to eight days to have the air culture samples returned to determine if the air quality is at a safe level to resume normal operations.

"Judge Ezelle and I will not put anyone's health at risk by using the third floor until air quality is safe," he said.

The county also built a bat house and installed it south of the courthouse hoping the mammals will use it as their new home.

McKibben said if any dead bats are found in the area, they should not be picked up without a glove and should be immediately buried or thrown away.

Bats are also a known carrier of rabies.

"All they need is a space the width of your thumb," Durden said.

A smaller cohort of the winged creatures of the night opted for a more scenic perch — the hollowed-out letters of the school's "North Wauchula Elementary" sign affixed to the front of the structure.

The bat infestation proved a major concern for school officials.

Bat droppings can spread a fungus that causes histoplasmosis — an infection of the lungs caused by breathing in fungus spores. The flying rodents are also known carriers of rabies.

Though the Hardee County Health Department has not reported any confirmed cases of rabies-laden bats, neighboring Polk County is reporting an outbreak. According to the Polk County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Section, the only two reports of rabies this year have both involved bats. The most recent report was of a rabid bat in Winter Haven on July 9. The only other case was reported May 31 in Lakeland.

Additionally, portions of South Florida were placed under a rabies alert over the weekend after a rabid bat was found in Palm Beach County. "We knew we needed to isolate the problem," Durden said.

Fears continued to rise at the school when crews discovered

the portico's ventilation connected, unimpeded, with the ventilation system serving the school's offices and classrooms.

Corrective work was not easy.

Crews took turns in the claustrophobic confines of the ventilation space — little larger than a typical attic crawlspace — as they hastily worked to erect a barrier wall to cut the main bat cave from the rest of the school.

"It was not pretty work," Durden said.

As maintenance crews worked on the new wall, custodians teams worked to disinfect as much of the impacted area as possible.

Parents and teachers returned to school on Monday to find yellow Caution tape preventing access to the portico area. One-lane of the drop-off loop was also closed as a safety buffer from the portico.

Staff and students, however, have been largely unaffected by the infestation.

"It has been a rather unique start (to the year)," said Principal Jessica Gray. "Fortunately, our guests have tucked themselves away, and are out of sight by the time students are arriving. They depart for an evening meal at dusk, after student hours. Only our early-bird and night-owl staff members have had any sightings."

School district officials are looking at additional options at mitigating the flying rodents.

Durden, however, said he is reluctant to endorse placing bat boxes on school campuses.

"I don't think we should be encouraging the bats to be anywhere around students," he said.

The Hardee County Board of County Commissioners has moved forward with the installation of a wooden bat cave. The box — about half the size of an office desk — is perched atop a pole.

While officials wait for the results of their labors to be realized, they may be waiting a long time for an answer to why downtown Wauchula even became such an attractive getaway for the hoards this summer.

City officials, however, note no known infestations in any municipal buildings, according to Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew.

Bats, known to eat hundreds of insects per night, often inhabit trees with cavities or peeling bark, palm trees, Spanish moss, and caves.

Much of the county's weaker trees were felled last summer during Hurricane Irma, a storm that also significantly thinned the once abundant collection of Spanish moss.

Natural habitats, too, continue to be uprooted as mining operations continue to expand.

Whether it was the wrath of Mother Nature or the spread of human intervention or some combination of the two that sent the flying rodents on the prowl might never be fully determined.

While Hardee County lacks natural caves, Wauchula's aging buildings are a modern-day substitute.

Mitigating the influx of bats — a protected species of mammal in the Sunshine State — has been hampered by regulations designed to protect the winged-creatures during a mating season that runs April 15-Aug. 15.

According to the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, the regulations are intended to protect newborn bats — known as pups — until they are able to fly and are fully weaned from their mothers.

Crews were back at the school on Monday to continue mitigating the campus with the installation of "bat exclusion" devices recommended by the state.

The devices, according to Durden, allow the bats to leave but not return to the roost.

Crews are also working to install additional flashing to cover gaps in the school's soffits and to seal and caulk any cracks.

"Hopefully we can be done by Wednesday," Durden said.

The school district, according to Krahl, is awaiting invoices for materials before releasing a cost estimate on the cleanup and mitigation efforts.

Krahl said the unwelcomed roosters have been an interesting challenge to tackle.

"I've had snakes, rats, squirrels and even raccoons, but these are my first bats," Krahl said. "It has been a learning experience."



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

The hollow lettering at the entrance of North Wauchula Elementary School has become a convenient roost for a pesky pack of bats. The flying rodents need only a space the width of a thumb to serve as an entranceway.



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

Maintenance crews with the School District of Hardee County have been working to protect North Wauchula Elementary School from an infestation of hundreds of bats that have taken up residence at the school's entrance portico. Crews worked throughout the weekend to build a wall inside the portico attic to prevent the flying rodents from spreading into ventilation space above the offices and classrooms. They also began the installation of metal flashing to help prevent bats from continuing to infiltrate the attic. Officials hoped to have the school fully sealed by today (Thursday).



PHOTO BY MICHAEL KELLY

County staff built and erected this bat house after discovering a colony of bats living in the attic of the County Courthouse earlier this month. They are hoping the flying mammals will use it as their new residence now that access to the attic was sealed off.

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LITERATURE:** In Shakespeare's "Macbeth," who orders the deaths of Lady MacDuff and her children?
2. **GAMES:** How much does it cost to land on the Income Tax square in the game of Monopoly?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the official language of Angola?
4. **LANGUAGE:** What is the professional name of a person who makes arrows for a living?
5. **MYTHOLOGY:** What is a gorgon?

ANSWERS

1. Macbeth
2. \$200 or 10 percent of your worth
3. Portuguese (it was a colony of Portugal)
4. A fletcher
5. Gorgons have hair made of serpents and can turn anyone who looks at them to stone.

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WILDCATS WHIP PIRATES

Fort Meade Awaits

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Hardee Wildcats used a fourth-quarter rally to beat the visiting Port Charlotte Pirates 20-16 Friday night in the pre-season Kickoff Classic.

Regular season play begins this week as Hardee travels north to take on the rival Fort Meade Miners, which beat Celebration 56-24 on Friday night.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 and Hardee is carrying a two-game winning streak over the Miners into the game after losing four in a row.

Hardee jumped out to an early lead over Port Charlotte before needing two long touchdowns by Randy McLeod to seal the victory.

The Wildcat's Griffin Clark recovered an errant pitch at the Port Charlotte 10-yard line on the Pirates first offensive play of the game.

A holding penalty backed the Wildcats up and forced a 32-yard field goal attempt, with kicker Leo Duarte coming in and splitting the up-rights to put Hardee up 3-0 with 8:25 left in the first quarter.

Hardee's defense, which forced four turnovers during the game, held the Pirates to a quick three-and-out and Hardee took over at its 38-yard line after the punt.

Quarterback James Pearson found Dylan Davis open for a first down before the drive stalled and Hardee was forced to punt.

A bad snap on the Pirate's

first play of the drive was recovered by Sam Louis and the Wildcats took over at the Port Charlotte 7-yard line.

Hardee was unable to convert the turnover into a touchdown and settled for another field goal by Duarte to take a 6-0 lead with 2:07 left in the opening quarter.

Port Charlotte got its offense rolling on the ensuing drive, going 65-yards on nine plays for a touchdown on a two-yard run off the left end.

After the PAT kick, Port Charlotte led 7-6 with 11:44 left in the first half.

Jean St. Louis ripped off a 14-yard run to start the next drive before Hardee was forced to punt.

Port Charlotte took over and kicked a 35-yard field goal to go up 10-6 with 5:23 left in the second quarter.

Hardee was unable to put a scoring drive together and the Pirates missed a 56-yard field goal attempt as time expired in the first half.

The Pirates looked to extend their lead to start the third quarter when Shemar Fleurissant got open behind the defense and looked to score a 55-yard touchdown but cornerback Myron Refoure chased him down and stripped the ball at the goal line, which then bounced out of the back of the end zone for a touch-back.

Hardee picked up two first downs before Pearson was intercepted and Port Charlotte took over at its 36.

Both team traded punts on



Quarterback James Pearson tries to pass as a defender tries to bring him down.

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their next two possessions before Hardee missed a 40-yard field goal.

Freshman defensive back Ke'Variss White intercepted Logan Rodgers' deep pass down the sideline and Hardee took over at its 25-yard line with 11:07 left in the game.

Hardee once again had trouble getting a drive started and had to punt back to the Pirates.

The Wildcat defense sacked Rodgers on a third-down pass attempt and forced a punt.

Hardee took over at its 37-yard line with just more than six minutes left in the game and McLeod began his domination.

He took a pitch around the right end before cutting and

turning up field, splitting defenders and racing 61 yards for a touchdown.

Duarte's PAT was good and Hardee led 13-10 with 4:57 left.

The lead didn't last long as Port Charlotte pulled off a pitch-pass play that caught the defense off guard and resulted in a 67-yard touchdown pass, putting the Pirates up 16-13 with 4:40 left.

Hardee took over at its 20-yard line and on the second play Pearson threw a screen pass to McLeod, who made several defenders miss a tackle before turning on the jets and running 67 yards for the go-ahead touchdown.

After the PAT, Hardee led 20-16 with just more than four minutes to go.

Port Charlotte picked up a first down before a dropped pass on fourth-down sealed the game by giving Hardee the ball back with 1:40 left to go.

Game Statistics

	HARDEE	PORT CHARLOTTE			
PASSING COMPLETIONS, ATTEMPTS AND INTERCEPTIONS	12-23-1	9-24-1			
PASSING YARDS	134	198			
RUSHING ATTEMPTS/YARDS	32-184	34-134			
TOTAL YARDS	318	332			
TURNOVERS	1	4			
FIRST DOWNS	10	13			
PENALTIES, LOST YARDAGE	8-75	11-110			
SCORING BY QUARTER:					
Hardee	6	0	0	14	20
Port Charlotte	0	10	0	6	16



Kicker Leo Duarte connects on a field goal attempt.



Dylan Davis was Hardee's leading receiver with four catches for 26 yards against Port Charlotte.



Randy McLeod sacks quarterback Logan Rodgers.



Hardee running back Randy McLeod had a 61-yard touchdown run and a 67-yard screen pass for a touchdown in the fourth quarter Friday night.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

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

BOWLING GREEN

APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
310 Orange Street • 773-1017
Sunday Service10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.

CHESTER GROVE MB CHURCH
708 W. Grape Street
Sunday Morn. Worship8:00 a.m.
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study Night
Children & Youth4:30 p.m.
Adult Class6:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
3950 Aurora Avenue • 375-2864
Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Youth Group - Sunday6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD
121 West Broward St. • 375-2231
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:30 p.m.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.

NEW LIFE POWER OUTREACH CHURCH
725 Palmetto Street
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Empowerment
Class7:30 p.m.
Evening Worship
1st Sunday5:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Bowling Green
4531 Hwy. 17 N • 375-2253
SUNDAY:
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
Children's Church10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Youth (7th-12th grade)6:00 p.m.
Adult Discipleship Train.6:30 p.m.
TeamKID (ages 4-3rd grade) 6:30 a.m.
BOLD (4th-6th grade)6:30 p.m.

FORT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH
2875 Baptist Church Road
773-9013
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Supper6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FOX MEMORIAL HOLINESS CHURCH
140 E. Main Street • 836-273-7576
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service7:30 p.m.

GATEWAY CHURCH
(formerly Faith Assembly of God)
4937 Hwy. 17 N. • 375-4000
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.

GREATER MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
607 Palmetto Street • 375-3226
Church School9:30 a.m.
Morning Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Service7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study/Prayer7:00 p.m.
Communion-2nd Sun. Eve. 6:00 p.m.

HOLY CHILD SPANISH CATHOLIC MISSION
4315 Chester Avenue • 773-4089
Misa (Español) Sunday7:00 p.m.

HOUSE OF PRAISE JOHN 3:16
3920 Murray Road • 863-582-6716
Sunday10:30 a.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.

IGLESIA DEL DIOS VIVO
105 Dixiana Street • 375-4191
Domingo De Predicacion .11:00 p.m.
Martes Estudio Biblico7:00 p.m.
Miercoles Estudior Juvenil.7:00 p.m.
Jueves De Predicacion7:00 p.m.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
210 E. Broward Street • 445-0290
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer6:00 p.m.

MT. PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH
6210 Mt. Pisgah Rd. • 375-4409
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Disciples Training5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Time7:00 p.m.

NEW BEGINNINGS
4810 Sally Blvd. • 781-5887
Sense Sunday11:00 a.m.
"Making Sense of the Non-Sense"
Sunday Bread of Life3:15 p.m.
2nd Sunday Communion ..11:00 a.m.

BOWLING GREEN

NEW BEGINNINGS WORSHIP CENTER
230 E. Lemon St. • 375-3208
Sunday10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday7 p.m.
Friday7 p.m.
(Service with Fellowship to follow)

PRIMERA MISION BAUTISTA
3920 Murray Road • 375-2295
Domingos Escuela Dom.9:45 a.m.
Servicio de Adoracion11:00 a.m.
Servicio de Predicacion5:00 p.m.
Miercoles Servicio6:30 p.m.

REAL LIFE CHURCH
3365 US Hwy 17 • 375-4032
Morning Service10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Study/Learning 6:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH
513 W. Orange Street
Sunday Church School9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study6:30 p.m.

VICTORY PRAISE CENTER
128 E. Main Street
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Thursday Night Services,
Evening Worship7:00 p.m.
Kidz Club7:00 p.m.

ONA

IGLESIA PENTECOSTES VISION POR LAS ALMAS
149 Badger Loop • 448-2831
Martes: Oracion7:00 p.m.
Jueves: Enseñaza Biblica ..7:00 p.m.
Domingo: Servicio10:30 a.m.

LIMESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH
4868 Keystone Ave. • Limestone
863-242-2855
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer6:00 p.m.

NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
202 Sidney Roberts Road
735-0123
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

ONA BAPTIST CHURCH
131 Bear Lane • 863-245-2371
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Thursday Prayer7:00 p.m.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
5076 Lily Church Rd. • 494-5622
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
SHINE for Kids6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Time7:00 p.m.

WAUCHULA

APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY
640 Apostolic Road • 773-3052
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
English Service11:30 a.m.
General Worship Service1:30 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.

BAYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
HARDEE COUNTY CAMPUS
615 Rainey Blvd. • 941-755-8600
Mybayside.church
Sunday Services8:15 a.m.
.....10:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.
Fusion (6th - 8th grade)
.....Doing all Sunday Services
Wednesday Epic (9th - 12th grade) ...
.....6:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION FELLOWSHIP
773-0427
Celebration Service10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Cell Groups
Adult Cell Group7:00 p.m.
Youth Cell Group7:00 p.m.
Children's Cell Group7:00 p.m.
Call for locations

CHARLIE CREEK FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
6885 State Rd. 64 East • 773-3447
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Children's Ministry
.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Worship6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
240 Will Duke Road
773-2249
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Bible Class7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
630 Hanchey Rd. • 773-3532
Sacrament Meeting9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Priesthood11:00 a.m.

ELEVATE COMMUNITY CHURCH
529 West Main Street
(Roberts Funeral Home Chapel)
Sunday Service11:00 a.m.
Weekly Life Groups

WAUCHULA

ENDTIME CROSSROAD MINISTRY
908 Martin Luther King Ave
773-0160
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Service11:30 a.m.
Evening Service7:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible St. & Yth. Gath.7:30 p.m.
Friday (Holy Ghost Night) 7:30 p.m.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
114 N. 7th Avenue • 773-2105
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Supper6:15 p.m.
Wed. Youth Fellowship7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD
701 N. 7th Avenue • 773-3800
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
Children's Church10:40 a.m.
Evening Service6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1570 W. Main Street • 773-4182
SUNDAY:
Bible Study for all ages9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Children's Chiors
(PK-Grade 4)5:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
NEST Backyard
(PK-Grade 4)6:30 p.m.
Club 566:00 p.m.
Youth Group (Grades 7-12) 6:00 p.m.
Church Orchestra5:15 p.m.
Adult Choir6:30 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1121 W. Louisiana St. • 773-9243
SUNDAY:
Generations Café Open
.....9:00-10:20 a.m.
Kids World Check-In for
Nursery-5th Grade10:15 a.m.
Pre-K Blast10:30 a.m.
Kids World B.L.A.S.T.
(K-5th)10:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Generations Café Opens
.....5:15-6:15 p.m.
Check-In begins for
Nursery-5th grade5:45 p.m.
Classes for children ages
PreK-12th grade6:30-7:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Studies6:00-7:30 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
511 W. Palmetto Street
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1347 Martin Luther King Avenue
773-6556
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Morning Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer/Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
207 N. Seventh Avenue • 773-4267
Coffe and Fellowship9:15 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Blended Sunday Worship.10:55 a.m.
Wednesday Night Dinner ..5:30 p.m.
Youth (0-18) & Adult Programming .
.....6:30 p.m.

FLORIDA'S FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
1397 South Florida Avenue
773-9386
www.flfirstag.org
Sun. Community Groups9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
Family Night Wednesday ..7:00 p.m.
Ministry for all ages!

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CHURCH
IGLESIA FUENTE DE VIDA
Bilingual Services / Servicios Bilingües
311 Goolsby St. • 832-9914
Sunday/Domingo10:30 a.m.
Wednesday/Miércoles7:30 p.m.

THE GOSPEL TABERNACLE
810 Tennessee St. • 781-2708
Sunday Morning Service ..10:00 a.m.
Sunday Night Service6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.

HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY
1258 West Main Street
Sunday School Adult & Youth
.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.11:00 a.m.
Wed. "Night in the Word" ..7:00 p.m.
Wed. Extreme Kids7:00 p.m.
Thursday Prayer6:00 p.m.

IGLESIA ADVENTISTA DEL SEPTIMO DIA
1819 Dishong Road • 767-1010

IGLESIA CRISTIANA EL REMANENTE
318 W. Main Street
Martes - Oracion7:00 p.m.
Jueves - Clase Biblica7:00 p.m.
Viernes - Servicio7:30 p.m.
Domingo - Servicio11:00 a.m.

IGLESIA de DIOS ALFA Y OMEGA
1909 Stanfield Road
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Service6:00 p.m.
Tuesday (Bible Study & Prayer
Night)7:30 p.m.
Friday Worship Service7:30 p.m.

WAUCHULA

IGLESIA HISPANA PRESENCIA DE DIOS
511 West Palmetto Street
Domingos6:00 p.m.
Miercoles7:00 p.m.

IGLESIA MINISTERIOS CRISTIANO DIOS ES AMOR
807 S. 8th Ave. • 773-4576
Domingos Escuela
Dominica10:00 a.m.
Servicio11:00 a.m.
Lunes Oracion6:00 p.m.
Miercoles Servicio7:00 p.m.

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
155 Altman Road • 767-1131
- ENGLISH
Sunday Service2:00 p.m.
- SPANISH
Sunday Service10:00 a.m.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD MINISTRIES
Womans Center • 131 N 7th Ave.
Friday Evening6:00 p.m.

LAKE DALE BAPTIST CHURCH
3102 Heard Bridge Rd. • 773-6622
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

MINISTERIO INTERNACIONAL Cambriadores de Mundo
704 W. Main Street
Wednesday Service7:30 p.m.

MY NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CHURCH
117 West Palmetto St. • 773-2929
Sunday Service10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service ...6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.
Children Ministries for all services

NEW BEGINNINGS
1002 S. Florida Avenue • 781-5887
Sense Saturday3:00 p.m.
"Making Sense of the Non-Sense"
The Bread of Life3:15 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
1999 State Rd. 64 East • 773-2101
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship Service ..6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper ..6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Activities
(All Ages)7:00 p.m.

NEW INSPIRATION CHURCH OF GOD BY FAITH
917 S. 6th Avenue • 863-657-2253
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship10:00 a.m.
Thursday Praise7:00 p.m.

NEW MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH
1615 Martin Luther King Jr Ave.
767-0023
Morn. Worship
(1st & 3r Sun.)8:00 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday Youth Service 4:00 p.m.
Allen Christian Endeavor ..4:00 p.m.
Wed. & Fri. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA WORSHIP CENTER
1652 Old Bradenton Road
Sunday10:30 a.m.
Wednesday6:30 p.m.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
912 N. 8th Avenue • 773-6947
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
4350 W. Main Street • 735-0321
www.ogbwauchula.org
Sunday Schedule:
Bible Study for All Ages ...9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Schedule:
M&M Kid's Klub6:00 p.m.
Youth Group6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
.....6:30 p.m.

PEACE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1643 Stenstrom Road - 773-2858
1st & 3rd Sun.
Worship/Communion9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sun.
Divine Worship9:00 a.m.
** Fellowship each Sunday after service

PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
149 Manley Road • 452-1281
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Wed. Evening Prayer7:00 p.m.

RIVERVIEW HEIGHTS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1321 SR 636 East - 773-3344
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

WAUCHULA

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
408 Heard Bridge Road • 773-4089
Saturday Mass (English)5:00 p.m.
(Spanish)7:00 p.m.
Sunday (English)8:30 a.m.
(Spanish)11:30 a.m.
(Creole)1:30 p.m.
Catecismo9:45 a.m.
Daily Mass in English8:30 a.m.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
440 Carlton Street • 773-9068
Sabbath School9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting6:30 p.m.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
505 South 10th Avenue • 773-4368
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

TABERNACLE OF PRAISE & JOY
1507 MLK Avenue
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:30 a.m.
Evening Worship7:00 p.m.
Tues. Bible Stdy.
& Child Train7:00 p.m.
Friday Prayer Service7:00 p.m.

WAUCHULA CHURCH OF GOD
1543 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
773-0199
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:15 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Fam. Training ..7:30 p.m.
Thurs. Youth Bible Study7:00 p.m.
Friday Night Worship7:30 p.m.

WAUCHULA HILLS SPANISH CHURCH OF GOD
1000 Stansfield Rd.
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship7:30 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer7:30 p.m.
Thursday Worship7:30 p.m.
Saturday Worship7:30 p.m.

ZOLFO SPRINGS
CREWSVILLE BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
8251 Crewsville Road
Church 735-0871 • Pastor 385-7867
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ZOLFO
320 E. 4th Street • 735-1200
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Training Union5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Corner of 6th & Suwanee • 735-1544
Gospel Music10:30 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.

GARDNER BAPTIST CHURCH
8660 US Highway 17 S
Zolfo Springs, FL 33890
Sunday Worship11:00 AM

LIFE CHANGING WORSHIP CENTER
3426 Oak Street • 863-832-9808
Sunday Worship2:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study6:30 p.m.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH
2465 Oxendine Road • 832-7829
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening1:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible & Prayer Meet.7:00 p.m.

NEW BEGINNINGS
3704 U.S. Hwy. 17 S. • 781-5887
M-F Family Services8:00 a.m.
Sense Friday3:00 p.m.
"Making Sense of the Non-Sense"
Friday Bread of Life3:15 p.m.

NEW VISION WORSHIP CENTER
64 E. & School House Road
Church 735-8585 Childcare 735-8586
Morning Worship10:00 a.m.
Children's Church10:00 a.m.
Wed. Youth & F.T.H.7:00 p.m.

ZOLFO SPRINGS

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD FAITH TEMPLE
Oak Street
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship7:00 p.m.
Tuesday Worship7:30 p.m.
Thursday Worship7:30 p.m.
Saturday Worship7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA MISION BAUTISTA HISPANA
518 8th Avenue East
Escuela Dominical10:00 a.m.
Servicio del Domingo11:00 a.m.
Servicio del Miércoles7:00 p.m.
Servicio del Miércoles7:30 p.m.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pioneer Park
2nd Sunday10:30 a.m.
Evening Service6:30 p.m.
5th Sunday6:00 p.m.

REALITY RANCH COWBOY FELLOWSHIP
2-1/2 Miles east on Hwy. 66
863-781-1578
Sunday Service11:00 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
3676 U.S. Hwy. 17 S. • 735-0636
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship11:11 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service7:00 p.m.

SAN ALFONSO MISSION
3027 Schoolhouse Lane • 773-4089
Domingo, Misa en Espano 10:00 a.m.

SPANISH MISSION
735-8025
Escuela Dominica10:00 a.m.
Servicio11:00 a.m.
Pioneer Club6:30 p.m.
Servicio de la Noche7:00 p.m.
Miercoles Merienda6:00 p.m.
Servicio8:00 p.m.
Sabado Liga de Jovenes5:00 p.m.

Seeds of Hope
Guido Evangelistic Association
Metter, Ga.

A youth pastor and his "Win One Now" team were passing out tracts and talking to a group of young people in New York one Saturday evening. A gang leader went up to him and shouted, "I'm sick and tired of you people talking about love. I've never seen love so if you've got it let me see it!"

How many others want to see "it?" We talk about love, sing about love, preach about love but the world is still trying to find out what love looks like. Someone once said they wanted to see "love with skin on it." And that's what God's love is all about. He did not speak of an empty, greedy love - but a love that passes all human understanding.

The Psalmist said that "The Lord has made His salvation known." By God's faithfulness to protect and provide for the well-being of the Children of Israel "He made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations." He made His salvation known by His faithfulness and the fulfillment of His covenant with His children. That was then.

This is now. Years ago God sent His only begotten Son to be born in a manger, live a sinless life, die on a cross and then be resurrected from a borrowed tomb. Once again He made "His salvation known." This is His love that we can see: it is "love with skin on it."

If the world cannot see this love, we who are His disciples have only ourselves to blame. All around us are people waiting and wanting to see "love with skin on it."

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THE LAST WORD
How about this stylish mobile? It was the last word in luxury in its day. Models have changed quite a bit since then. So have the prices! Change can be difficult to accept, but living in the past can keep us from enjoying the present. Change is inevitable; we might as well be prepared for it. God does not change. Faith provides the stability we need while the wheels of time, progress and history keep relentlessly turning. To keep your equilibrium through changing times, find your place in the life and work of your house of worship. The teachings there are unchanged, unchanging; a model for living.

Daily Devotional Reading					
2 Cor. 6:1-7:1	2 Cor. 7:2-16	2 Cor. 8:1-24	2 Cor. 9:1-15	2 Cor. 10:1-18	2 Cor. 11:1-15
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society					
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Players of the Week Fort Meade



#9 Randy McLeod
Offense



#1 Jean Youte
Defense



#12 Damian Rodriguez
Special Teams



#58 Evan Webster
Lineman



#56 Jesus Lopez
Wildcat

Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was American author, journalist and psychoanalysis researcher Judith Viorst who made the following sage observation: "Infatuation is when you think that he's as sexy as Robert Redford, as smart as Henry Kissinger, as noble as Ralph Nader, as funny as Woody Allen, and as athletic as Jimmy Connors. Love is when you realize he's as sexy as Woody Allen, as smart as Jimmy Connors, as funny as Ralph Nader, as athletic as Henry Kissinger and nothing like Robert Redford — but you'll take him anyway."
- Records show that during the last seven months of Elvis Presley's life, he had 5,300 different medications prescribed for him.
- Those who study such things say that Labor Day is Americans' third most favorite holiday, ranking only after Christmas/Hanukkah and Memorial Day. Also, a quarter of Americans are expected to travel out of town over the holiday weekend, with the most popular destinations being

New York City, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Orlando and Chicago.

- In the TV show "Charlie's Angels," it was a requirement that each of the stars had eight different outfits for each episode.

- The country of South Africa has a grand total of 11 official languages.

- Now that fall is approaching, here are a couple of interesting tidbits for parents: In the United States, the average K-12 student has \$688 in back-to-school expenses. For the average college student, that goes up to \$970.

- You may be surprised to learn that the first Caesar salad was actually created in Tijuana, Mexico.

- For reasons that aren't quite clear, in Sweden, it's illegal to train a seal to balance a ball on the tip of its nose.

Thought for the Day: "The most dangerous strategy is to jump a chasm in two leaps."
— Benjamin Disraeli

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WILDCAT VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



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Cheering on the Wildcats are varsity cheerleaders (front, from left) Daisy Badillo, Claire Carlton (Captain), Jamin Pantoja, Mariela Badillo, Aubrey Stark, Shelby Zeigler and Savannah Giddens; (middle) Hailey McLeod, Madison Warnock, Darby Sanders, Hannah Brown, Makayla Wilson (Captain), Isabella Adams, Nadaezya Perry and Analisa Camel; (back) Elizabeth McBride, Kate Melendy, Sophie Allen, Taylor Watkins, Michaela Klein and Madi McGee.

JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADING SQUAD

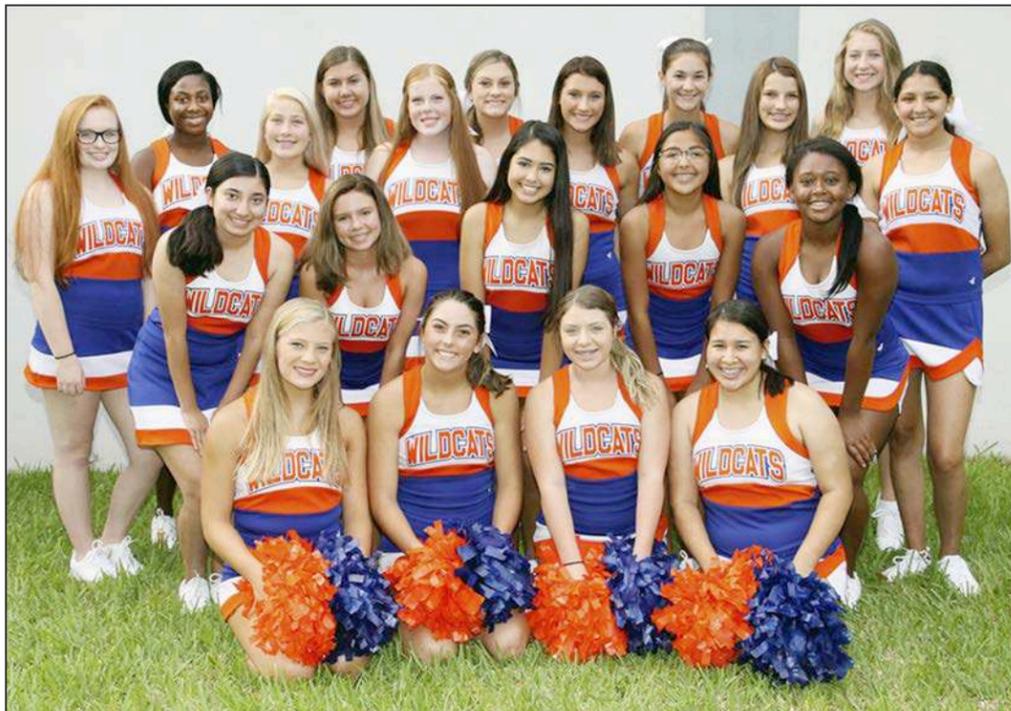


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Showing their spirit for the Wildcats are junior varsity cheerleaders (front, from left) Morgan Hellein (Co-Captain), Star Parker (Captain), Lexi Crews (Co-Captain), and Katelynn Bolin (Co-Captain); (second row) Karina Valadez, Lauren Gainous, McKenzie Banda, Raquel Martinez and Treasure Camel; (third row) Kaylie Grice, Jordyn Southall, Faith Davis, Adeline Adams, Breahna Roberson and Zaria Davila; (fourth row) Ariyana Leger, Macy Tyson, Ashlyn Willis, Abby Burnett and Anna Melendy.

Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

- In 2017, Chris Sale became the first Boston Red Sox pitcher to strike out 10 or more batters in 12 games before the All-Star break. Which Boston pitcher did it in 11 games?
- For six consecutive years (1926-31), Babe Ruth led the American League in home runs. Who broke the streak in 1932?
- Who holds the NCAA football record for most career receiving yards?
- New Orleans' Anthony Davis set a record in 2017 by scoring 52 points in an NBA All-Star Game. Who had held

- the mark?
- The Toronto Maple Leafs last reached the Stanley Cup Finals in 1967. How many times since then have they made the conference finals?
 - In 2018, Carli Lloyd became the sixth American woman to score 100 international soccer goals. Name two of the first five.
 - Which trainer holds the record for the most wins at the Kentucky Derby?

ANSWERS

- Pedro Martinez, in 1999.

- Philadelphia's Jimmie Foxx, with 58. Ruth hit 41 home runs that season.
- Corey Davis of Western Michigan, with 5,278 yards (2013-16).
- Philadelphia's Wilt Chamberlain had 42 points in the All-Star Game in 1962.
- Four times (1993, '94, '99 and 2002).
- Abby Wambach, Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly, Michelle Akers and Tiffeny Milbrett.
- Ben Jones, with six wins.

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LUCKY LUNCH



Mosaic South Fort Meade Mine welcomed back the staff of Bowling Green Elementary with a tasty and fun luncheon. The staff is all smiles enjoying a generous spread of pizzas, wings and salads.

HARDY CITRUS VARIETIES



As growers decide how to use U.S. Department of Agriculture funding to recover from damages caused by Hurricane Irma – and as they cope with the lingering impact of citrus greening – University of Florida researchers are suggesting varieties for them to replant. Producers can grow varieties that show tolerance to greening, including Sugar Belle or Ori Lee Late, said Fred Gmitter (above), a horticultural sciences professor with the UF Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences. Growers also can plant the UF/IFAS-bred “UFR” rootstocks, which seem to make trees more tolerant to greening, especially when they’re combined with scion varieties like the OLLs and Sugar Belle, he said. “Industry is catching on,” Gmitter said. “Nearly one million OLLs have been propagated by licensed nurseries, and there are also several hundred thousand UF/IFAS rootstocks out there, too.”



Peavy's Ponderings

By Jonell Peavy

Sugar Possum of the late Truman Thomas

Jonelle Peavy colm
 You don't realize the impact not having a vehicle can have on your everyday life. My car broke down about the middle of June. I have been without a way to get to my doctor appointments, go to the store or anywhere else unless I call someone to take me.
 My son's truck broke down before my car did, so he is in the same predicament. My daughter works out of town so I have to take her to work and go get her after work in order to use her car. Trouble is, no one knows what is wrong with my car. I'm open for any suggestions.
 I'm usually busy about this time making guava jelly. Buddy's tree was loaded down with guavas, but I was not able to get as many as I wanted since we both were without transportation. He gave them to anyone who would come get them and still a lot were lost from falling on the ground.
 Guavas aren't the only things falling. I have a hickory nut tree whose limbs hang down over my front porch. You can hear them hitting the porch if there is a slight breeze. Every morning the porch is covered with hulls where the squirrels sit on the limbs over my front door and feast on the hickory nuts while chattering at the babies (cats) who are watching them from the back of the couch.
 It's hard to get bored when you have all the creatures to entertain you. The blue jays try to run the red birds away from the feed I put out and the squirrels fuss at the babies. The coons come right up to the front door at night looking for food.
 Between the animals and doing all the yard work I can either choose to sit and relax or spend the day working in the yard. I never run out of things to do because at my age I never get caught up.
 Jonell Peavy lives in Avon Park and can be reached at 863-453-3589.

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GAME TIME



After a long week filled to the brim with learning at North Wauchula Elementary School, children in teacher Katelyn Reader's classroom enjoyed some friendly competition. The students played Candyland with Reader and Chutes & Ladders with paraprofessional Sylvia Reyna (above).

PICK A PRIZE



Students at North Wauchula Elementary School actually look forward to hearing their names being called over the intercom by Assistant Principal Tamara Taylor! Throughout the week, students earn P.A.W.S. (Positive Attitudes Will Succeed) tickets for good deeds, which they then place into the castle box for a chance to be drawn for a prize. Treasures await in an overflowing chest for the lucky winners.

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Letter To The Editor

Roxie Bentley Recalls Memories of Childhood

Dear Editor:

Roxie Bentley's story today is about when she was about six years old.

We lived in Homestead, Florida in a very small community. There were about four houses side-by-side with small empty lots between them. An area after those was a space about large enough to build a couple more houses, then a house that was larger where a family of about three boys and two or three girls lived.

On the lot across from where we lived was a man who lived with his mother and 2 daughters. The man's wife had passed away.

On further down the road, across from the house where the largest family lived, was

where we called the "ice man" lived. We lived about a third of a mile from the highway going north and south.

Across from the highway was a rock pit that stayed full of water where we liked to go to wade to cool off in the summer time.

On the west side of the highway, across from the rock pit, was a BIG house that was made of rocks. It was fascinating to all of us children.

The man who built the house built it for his "intended bride," which never happened — so the story was told.

The man who owned the house had a "police" dog. One day my Daddy and my oldest brother walked by the house. That "police" dog came run-

ning fiercely out to them. It scared my brother.

Daddy pulled out his sharp knife ready to use it on the dog as he came running out at them. The man yelled to the dog to come back to the house. He apologized to my Daddy.

The man also had a monkey in a cage in the back of the house. One of my Mama's brothers used to ride his bicycle up to our house, get me riding on the crossbar, and take me to see the monkey and feed it peanuts. I enjoyed that.

That's all for this time, so enjoy your parched peanuts. Don't eat too many, says story teller Roxie Bentley.

Roxie Bentley
Wauchula

The Power Of An Invitation

"Hey Clay, you really ought to meet my friend Gina. She goes to the same seminary you do," Marcus Dodson told me about his friend, and I thought, "Why not?" So, I call her, we meet for breakfast, and 32 years of marriage later she is still the most interesting person I've ever met. The power of an invitation.

"Hey Clay, you should really go to Pre-school retreat, it's great." I'm a freshman starting college. Rich Lloyd tells me I should go to this Pre-school thing. Sounds like something involving 4-year-olds. I go anyway. It is amazing. I hear preaching like I've never heard before, I worship like I have never worshiped before, I meet friends that will change my life, and my relationship with God goes to a whole new level. I even climb a mountain for the first time — at night, holding a girl's hand. The power of an invitation.

"Hey Clay, let's borrow your Dad's boat and go skiing this afternoon." My cousin Ronnie couldn't water-ski. Neither could I. We took the boat to the lake in Avon Park that afternoon and burned a tank of gas learning to ski. By the time the sun was going down, we were skiing well enough to invite girls to go with us the next Sunday afternoon, which was the whole point of learning to ski. The power of an invitation.

"Hey Clay, would you preach for First Baptist Sebring Sunday?" I'm 22 years old. The pastor at First Baptist Sebring has just resigned. They were desperate, obviously. I accept the invitation. On that Sunday, the large crowd, the great choir, and the beautiful glass sanctuary made me sound better than I was. The Pulpit Committee of

Southside Baptist Church was in the congregation that day. They felt led to take a chance on a young, single man from their hometown. I was called as their pastor three weeks later. The power of an invitation.

"Hey Peter, Andrew, James, and John, follow me!" Jesus invites four men to leave their fishing nets and go on the adventure of a lifetime. They spend three years with the Son of God (impressive internship), see him crucified and resurrected, do miracles them-

selves, and travel all around the Roman world, a long way from being fisherman in Galilee. The power of an invitation.

"Hey Paul, stop fighting me and join me." Paul is blinded by the light of Jesus on the Damascus road. He accepts the invitation, flips sides, starts to preach the Good News, and pushes the Jesus movement out beyond its Jewish comfort zone. The power of an invitation.

Somehow Jesus followers have lost this. We've become "Field of Dreams" people:



Directions
By Clay Smith
Hardee County Native

"Build it and they will come." Not anymore. People don't come just because church doors are open at eleven o'clock Sunday. But there is power in an invitation. A simple ask: "Hey, how about coming to church with me this Sunday. I'll take you to lunch afterwards." What's the worst that could happen? Someone tells you "no." Big deal. Banks, potential first-dates, your boss, and your 2-year old tell you "no" all the time.

They might say "yes." They might meet Jesus. Their lives might change. The simple power of an invitation. Who do you need to invite? 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.

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Kovels Antiques & Collecting

By Terry & Kim Kovel

FOLK-ART CUPBOARD
Most Americans in the 17th and early 18th centuries had very small houses with no clothes closets and little storage space. Storage consisted of built-in corners, shelf units and chests, often located under eaves or stairs. Odd-shaped cupboards were made to fit into the space. They did not use the wall as part of the cabinet. A piece was made so it could be moved. Folk-art cupboards of all kinds made before Victorian times are popular with collectors. The most efficient cupboard is made from square or rectangular sections. The simple panel door framed by four narrow boards is preferred. Even the sides are made from rectangular panels.

In 2016, Garth's Auctions of Ohio sold an "under-the-stairs" cupboard. It was made of pine and painted a mustard color finish. The three doors in the front are made with applied molding to match the panels on the side. The inside has a red wash. The color and condition made this cabinet a popular auction item. Even though there was no maker's identity, it sold for \$1,140, several times estimate. An oddly shaped piece like this often sells for a low price.

Q: I have a 1969 Polaroid camera. Is it worth anything to a collector?
A: Polaroid was founded in 1937. The first Polaroid Land cameras were sold in 1948. They were named after Edwin Land, who invented the instant camera and demonstrated it in 1947. The name "Land" wasn't

used on Polaroid cameras after Edwin Land retired in 1982. Film and batteries for old Polaroid cameras can be bought on Amazon and other sites. A Polaroid 350 model, which was made from 1969 to 1971, in perfect condition, sells online for about \$50 to \$75.

Q: Could my silver clown pin with enamel decoration really be made by Tiffany & Co.? That is what it says on the back, and I saw a similar pin in an auction ad recently.
A: Yes. Tiffany & Co. made a series of pins as part of the Gene Moore Circus group about 1990. The juggling clown with polka-dot pants recently sold for \$976 at a New York auction. They have come down in price since 2000.

CURRENT PRICES
Needle threader, magnifier and spool holder, wooden base, magnifying glass on curved metal arm, 1916, 4 x 2 inches, \$50.
Compass, Girl Scout, silver plated nickel, round beveled glass top, fob, US Gauge Co., c. 1935, 1 1/2 inches, \$95.
Saltshaker, Wemyss, Plump Porker, figural pig, posie design, white with pink clover blooms, leaves, sleepy eyes, 3 x 5 inches, \$120.
Pin and clip-on earrings, cherries jubilee, dangling cherries, red bakelite, green celluloid leaves, red chain, 1940s, 5 x 3 inches, \$230.

TIP: Some types of fumes can damage paper. Don't store your collection near the kitchen, garage, barbecue pit or freshly painted areas.
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The first graders in Maggie Santana's classroom at North Wauchula Elementary already know and can show that there are many ways to make the number six.

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Minerals Are Essential To Animals' Nutritional Needs

Florida's flatwood soils in the Bone Valley region are known to be rich in phosphorus. Livestock production has been important to Florida's agricultural landscape since its colonization. With the constant findings shed by university research, we now understand the important role that mineral supplementation can play in the viability of livestock operations. There are some elements that are not so abundant in our soils and forages, thus our need to add these to our livestock rations. It gets



Grow With Us
By Jona Bosques
Hardee County Extension Director

to supplement Mg. **Potassium** – heavily involved in the balancing of pH and osmotic pressure in the body. Well fertilized grass contains adequate amounts of potassium in leaf tissues. Supplementation with K is rarely needed in livestock herds in Florida. In stockpiled forages grazed during winter or in weathered hay, K levels may be low. **Sulfur** – Sulfur is necessary for the fabrication of methionine and cysteine, essential amino acids that make up many proteins. Sulfur deficiency in Florida is rare. In our region, sulfur levels are in excess, which can interfere with copper, causing issues in copper absorption. Too much sulfur can result in brain lesions known as polioencephalomalacia (PME), a condition that can happen when livestock are fed unbalanced rations based on distillers grains.

more complicated than this, since each livestock species has different nutrient requirements, and every animal, depending on its weight and metabolic demands, will have specific mineral demands that will have to be met.

This article will discuss the functions of these elements and will provide you with essential resources that you can utilize in developing a feeding plan for your herd or flock of sheep, goats, or cattle.

Mineral functions can be grouped into categories:

Structural Minerals – minerals forming structural components of tissue in the animals. For example, zinc contributes to the molecular stability of cell walls.

Physiological functions – minerals that, once ingested, end up in bodily fluids and act as electrolytes (salts) that maintain hydration, acidity and interact with cells to exchange fluids and waste.

Catalyzers – the largest group. It refers to minerals acting as metalloenzymes (shaping proteins which have effect on tissues) involved in enzymatic reactions and hormone pathways.

The Essentials

Calcium and Phosphorus – major components for the formation of skeletal tissues. These two elements are stored in skeletal tissue, and deficiencies will cause the mobilization of these as well as further weakening of bones, decrease in weight gain and feed efficiency. For lactating animals, deficiency can cause milk fever and nervous disorders. Optimum Ca:P ratio should be 1.5:1 to 2:1.

Magnesium – involved in enzyme and nervous functions and carbohydrate (sugar) breakdown and utilization. Magnesium deficiency is rare and only seen in situations when potassium levels are extremely high, since potassium can inhibit magnesium absorption in forages and animals. Mineral blocks can be used in our area

Trace Minerals

Trace minerals are metal ions present in minimal amounts in biological systems which are required for optimal activity. Trace minerals, as other minerals, are necessary to complete specific bodily functions, thus need to be provided in livestock rations depending on geographical conditions as well as metabolic demand of your herd.

Copper – it serves the body by being involved in animal energy production and immunity. Adequate Cu levels are essential to the production of white blood cells and the development of antibodies. Lower than normal levels of this mineral can impair fetal development, increase incidence of scours, gastrointestinal ulcers after birth and respiratory problems in newborn calves.

Sheep have a lower tolerance to copper. Goats have similar tolerance to cattle, while horses have a greater tolerance to this mineral compared to cattle. This is paramount in selecting the correct mineral supplement for your herd or flock.

Zinc and Manganese – these two minerals are important to maintain the integrity of the epithelial tissue (skin cells). Zinc is heavily involved in immune functions of white blood cells, antioxidant enzyme production, creation of proteins, and cell interactions with their environment.

Selenium – this is deficient in Florida soils. Deficiency causes white muscle disease (similar to muscular dystrophy) in newborn calves. Inadequate levels of this mineral can also cause weak calves at birth and increase their susceptibility to calfhood diseases. Selenium deficiency can also increase rates of retained placentas and poor reproductive performance.

Cobalt – this is essential for the synthesis of vitamin B-12 by rumen bacteria. Deficiency of

this element can manifest itself as loss of appetite as well as stunting. Forages in Florida usually have adequate levels of this element, but mineral mixes will typically provide 10 ppm of cobalt to ensure no deficiencies. High-grain diets require more cobalt than forage-based diets, and cobalt should always be included in the mineral mix when feeding grain-based diets.

Mineral Sources

Sourcing the correct mineral supplement formula for your livestock operation is extremely important.

Major sources are limestone (Ca), dicalcium phosphate (Ca and P), monosodium phosphate (Na and P), rock salt (Na, and Cl), magnesium oxide (Mg) and potassium chloride (K).

You can obtain trace minerals in inorganic forms and organic complexes. Organic complexes are minerals bound to proteins, which

have shown to have added benefits in stress situation.

Livestock nutrient requirement tables are needed to understand the demands of specific groups of animals depending on their nutritional needs:

- Beef cattle: goo.gl/dp31wQ
- Lactating dairy cattle, table 1: goo.gl/1V8QhU
- Sheep and goats: goo.gl/CCm5TR

Remember

Always consult a veterinarian or animal nutritionist before formulating your own feed ration. You can also test your ration to ensure you are meeting the needs of your herd or flock. There are multiple testing laboratories that provide this service. UF/IFAS Extension Hardee County is here to help answer these or any other ag-related questions. Contact us at 773-2164 for assistance.

Spread Of Dated, Non-Local Images Causes Concerns

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate
The picture was not local: a silhouette of a hand holding a gun.

The threat was not specific: "No one come to school tomorrow."

Yet, the collection of pixels had a very real impact on Hardee County schools last week.

The incident began to unfold last Thursday around 9:05 p.m. when the Hardee County Sheriff's Office began receiving reports of a "threat" against a school that was circulating through a photo-messaging application that is commonly used by many teenagers.

The Sheriff's Office itself took to social media to declare the facts of its investigation and to reassure parents, faculty and students.

"Be assured our agency is investigating the post to our fullest. At this time we believe this to be a prank," the HCSO noted in its official statement at 11:01 p.m.

Schools opened uneventfully last Friday with an increased law enforcement

presence.

Rumors began to run rampant shortly after 8 a.m., though, when an ambulance was called to Hardee Senior High School.

Sheriff Arnold Lanier personally called local media about the ambulance's arrival and to ask with help in spreading factual information about the incident. "The ambulance had nothing to do with yesterday's threat," Lanier said. "There was a student who passed out and that is why the ambulance is at the high school."

Less than an hour later – at 9:29 a.m. – the Sheriff's Office published a second notice to announce the digital message was not a local threat.

"After a thorough investigation, we have determined that there is no threat to any school within Hardee County," the Sheriff's Office reported. "The original picture did not originate here and is currently circulating throughout many school districts in Florida."

The post's 12-hour lifespan – that saw a community going from peace to worry to peace

– seems to be an endemic element of an age that depends more and more on social media platforms where posts, true or not, are shared with friends instantly with the click of a button.

Pausing before sharing, law enforcement officials say, helps eliminate the spread of such fake information.

"Speak with your children about social media and tell them if they see something that is potentially harmful to alert the parents and law enforcement before sending it out to their friends," the sheriff noted.

According to the Sheriff's Office, deputies also fielded calls from parents concerning a post on a different social media site that had been deleted.

The picture in question was seen at the same time as the concerning photo. According to the sheriff, the post was investigated nationally in March of this year. It made a resurgence because a single share – five months later – caused a wave of others to follow suit.

Still, the county's top cop says he remains committed to taking any threat seriously.

"The Hardee County Sheriff's Office will always take every threat seriously and investigate it to its fullest," Lanier said. "We are determined to maintain peace and safety throughout our county, especially our schools."

Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Help! My 6-year-old cat, "Misti," has a serious weight problem, and the veterinarian said she needs to drop several pounds. The vet told me to feed her less, but Misti cries constantly around feeding time and won't let up until I put more food into her bowl. What else can I do? Are there weight-loss supplements for cats?

—Helen T., via email

DEAR HELEN: Helping your cat lose weight can be a struggle, but we all know that getting Misti down to a healthier weight will improve her quality of life.

There are several supplements and cat foods formulated specifically for cats that say they help with weight control. One supplement, L-Carnitine, may be helpful, but consult Misti's vet first for the proper amount to give her.

A calorie-restricted diet is the most effective way for Misti to lose weight. However,

according to veterinarian and clinical researcher

Dr. Mark E. Peterson, reducing calories alone isn't effective. You must increase the amount of protein that Misti gets and reduce the amount of carbohydrates. The way to do this is to replace part of her dry food with real meat (plain chicken, steamed and cooled, for example). A high-quality canned food also may help increase protein, but read the labels very carefully.

To make the diet easier on both of you, prepare Misti's food a few days ahead, separating each day's fresh and dry food into separate containers. Dole out her meals twice a day. Save a little each time and when she cries for more food, place that small amount into her bowl. That trick, plus the increased protein, will help satiate Misti as she adjusts to the new diet.

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

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8:16-9:27c



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Monday, Sept. 3rd

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Garbage collection will resume on the next scheduled pick up day,

Thursday, Sept. 6th.

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Position: SS/WR
Parents: Inoter Youte, Lienne Youte
Hobbies/Special Interests: Fishing, going out with friends
Future Plans: Be a basketball coach.

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Hardee Roster

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2	Sam Louis	12	WR/DB
3	James Pearson	12	QB
4	Jean St. Louis	12	DB/DL
5	Ke'Variss White	9	WR/DB
6	Dylan Davis	11	WR/DB
7	Ellis Hodges	10	RB/LB
8	Randy McCleod	12	RB/DE
9	Cade Alexy	11	RB/DB
10	Ray Zuniga	12	TE/DE
11	Damian Rodriguez	12	QB/DB
12	Myron Refoure	10	WR/DB
13	Jacob Davidson	12	WR/DB
14	Trayvon Thomas	10	TE/LB
15	Leo Duarte	11	K
16	Caden Dunlap	9	WR/DB
17	Issac Moreno	12	TE/LB
18	Kaleb Floyd	12	WR/DB
19	Quintin Lindsey	11	WR/DB
20	Trenton Roberson	11	TE/LB
21	Griffin Clark	11	WR/DB
22	Eli Bertrand	9	RB/LB
23	Aaron Cook	12	WR/DB
24	Bryce Rucker	11	RB/DB
25	Matt Tyson	11	RB/LB
26	Ariel Whilters	10	RB/LB
27	Hardee Pace	12	TE/DL
28	Rakeim Baker	10	OL/DL
29	Tyler Steedley	12	OL/DL
30	Bo Villarreal	11	OL/DL
31	Tom Pace	12	OL/DL
32	Jesus Lopez	11	OL/DL
33	Evan Webster	10	OL/DL
34	Michael Rodriguez	11	OL/DL
35	Rafael Alvarez	11	OL/DL
36	Dustin Willis	12	OL/DL

Fort Meade Roster

#	Name	Grade	Position
1	Reese Lott	11	WR/DB
2	Bryant Skinner	12	LB
3	Jy'Kiece McGowan	11	DB/WR
4	Toby Willis	12	DB/WR
5	Deadre Gibson	11	DB/WR
6	Ta'Darius Howard	8	LB/FB
7	Cameron Johnson	9	QB/LB
8	Jonathon Berrien	10	LB/FB
9	Jermaine Harvey	11	TE/DE
10	Collin Daniels	11	WR/DB
11	Chandler White	13	WR/DB
12	Ronald Thompson	11	WR/DB
13	Dearrick Howard	12	QB/DB
14	Jayden Harvey	10	DB/WR
15	Rafael Cabrera	8	LB/DB
16	Deonte Anderson	10	DE/TE
17	Treyvon Barnes	12	DE/TE
18	Jawari Smith	11	FB
19	Tyler Engle	11	LB/FB
20	Isalah Screen	10	LB/FB
21	Augustin Lozano	9	RB/DB
22	Kamron Simmons	12	RB/DB
23	Dalton Eli	12	LB
24	Lukas Belcher	11	LB/RB
25	Juan Zavala	10	LB/K
26	Braden Sims	8	LB
27	Jon Cole	9	LB/RB
28	Adam Reyes	11	K
29	Lane Hicks	9	LB/FB
30	Javaree Jackson	9	LB/RB
31	Trent Town	11	OL/DL
32	Ariel Whilters	11	OL/DL
33	DeAndre Johnson	11	OL/DL
34	Patrick Thomas	10	OL/DL
35	Riley Corin	9	OL/DL
36	Juventino Rodriguez	11	OL/DL
37	Francisco Calderon	12	OL/DL
38	Michael Martinez	11	OL/DL
39	Jalin Dawson	11	OL/DL
40	Trevor Town	9	OL/DL
41	Thomas Siler	12	OL/DL
42	Timothy Beardson	9	OL/DL
43	Richie Rodriguez	12	DB/WR
44	Jantayn Music	10	DB/WR

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT
DARBY SANDERS
Co-CAPTAIN
Parents: Denise & Scott Sanders
Hobbies/Special Interests: I enjoy cheerleading, spending time with friends and family, trying new things and I love eating.
Future Plans: My future plans are to get my AA here at SFSC and go into the Coast Guard as an officer. Career within the Coast Guard is undecided.

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4-H Camps Feature Arts, Milk & Honey

The 4-H program is all about learning by doing, and that's exactly what happened at two camps held this summer.

To help youngsters learn skills and become productive, responsible citizens, 4-H offered an arts and crafts camp and an agriculture camp.

The goal of 4-H, and of the camps, is to let children and teenagers learn in a safe and welcoming environment.

At arts and crafts camp, kids learned to decorate plant pots, tie-dye shirts, make keychains, weave baskets, paint on glass and make mobiles.

But that's not all they did. Arts and crafts camp also involved outdoor activities like soccer, nature walks, fishing, and cleaning up garbage around the lake.

Ag camp involved more field trips.

The kids went to Highlands Hammock State Park to learn about contamination, trees, water resources and insects.

They also went to Hardee Lakes Park to learn about fertilizer and go canoeing.

A trip to the Nickerson Dairy let the kids learn about cows and the milk industry. And they were able to build an incubator and talk about poultry production while they were there.

Youngsters at ag camp also visited a beehive, where they interacted with bees and participated in a conference about food safety.

After the camps were over, the kids took an online survey from Hardee County's University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences Extension Office.

The survey results showed that 100 percent of the kids felt accepted by others, felt they were in a safe environment, and wanted to have more field trips. Ninety percent of them said they want to attend next year and want to learn about animal production, and 88 percent said they had fun at camp.



A 4-H summer camp trip to Hardee Lakes Park included some canoeing fun.

COURTESY PHOTOS



Arts-and-crafts camp participants tie-dyed shirts as one of their projects, creating individual works of art they can wear.



Kids at ag camp had the opportunity to interact with bees when the group visited a beehive.



Plant pots were transformed into statement pieces for any décor using colorful and elaborate decorations.



These two learned about healthy bones and teeth, and the milk industry, while at Nickerson Dairy.



The ag camp field trip to Nickerson Dairy was just one of several popular destinations.

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Courthouse Report

COUNTY COURT
The following marriage licenses were issued recently in the Clerk of Courts Office:
 Dalila Garcia, 25, of Zolfo Springs, and Humberto Molina, 27, of Zolfo Springs.
 Sabrina Kae Rutland, 23, of Wauchula, and Tyler Gomez, 24, of Wauchula.
 Mary Theresa Schail Myers, 38, of Fort Meade, and Jesse James Chestnut, 52, of Fort Meade.
 Brooke Morgan Shelton, 22, of Clayton, N.C., and Jeremy Justin Blalock, 23, of Ona.
 Jazmin Carrillo, 41, of Sebring, and Julio Seda, 67, of Sebring.

The following civil actions and small-claims cases were disposed of recently by the county judge:
 Capital One Bank vs. Daniel J. Bloor, voluntary dismissal.

The following criminal traffic and misdemeanor cases were disposed of last week in County Court:
 There was no criminal traffic or misdemeanor court as it was trial week.

CIRCUIT COURT
The following civil actions were filed recently in the office of the Circuit Court:
 Nora H. Suarez and the Florida Department of Revenue vs. Jorge Paniagua Guzman, petition for enforcement of administrative support order.
 Ryan Mortimor and Hiede Mortimor, petition for divorce.
 Maria Isabell Cervantes and Enrique Mondragon, petition for divorce.
 Wauchula State Bank vs. Hardee Car Co., Billy Hill, Janice Hill, U.S. Internal Revenue Service and FDOR, com-

mercial mortgage foreclosure.
 Wauchula State Bank vs. Billy Hill, Janice Hill, the IRS and FDOR, commercial mortgage foreclosure.
 Andy Esquivel and Virginia Garza Esquivel, petition for divorce.

The following decisions on civil cases pending in the Circuit Court were handed down recently by the circuit judge:
 Wauchula Police Department vs. Jesus Felix Medrano, stipulation to split seized property with \$2,511.50 going to each party.
 Elizabeth L. Thompkins Cherry and FDOR vs. Keith L. Brown, civil order of contempt for \$9,822.85 in child support.

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

The following deeds for real estate transactions of \$10,000 or more were filed recently in the Clerk of Courts Office:
 Noe and Rachel Navarro to Camelia Lopez Vasquez and Domingo Bartolo Lopez, for \$32,000.
 Ivarine Smith to Eileen Blair, for \$56,000.
 Space Coast Estate Services to Chad E. Mitchell, for \$100,000.
 Raymon Joseph to Guillermo Garcia Gutierrez, for \$50,000.
 Leslie Ialhelie Gonzalez to Jennifer Lopez, for \$113,500.
 Richard M. and Joyce A. Stock and the Stock 2004 Family Trust to James H. and Julie A. Meyer, for \$30,000.
 Joe L. Davis Inc. to PAL 5/7, for \$280,000.

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
Aug. 19, Cameron High, 26, of 2438 Apple Blossom Lane, Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Cierra Johnson and charged with domestic battery by strangulation, assault with intent to commit a felony, and battery.
Aug. 19, a vehicle was reported stolen on the 3600 block of Suwannee Street.
Aug. 19, a theft was reported on the 1400 block of U.S. 17 North.
Aug. 19, criminal mischief was reported on the 1500 block of Louisiana Street.

Aug. 18, Aaron Darius Carter, 28, of 604 Walker St., Fayetteville, N.C., was arrested by Dep. Octavio Alvarez and charged with possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams and possession of narcotics equipment.
Aug. 18, Crystal Martin, 35, of 5165 Deer Run, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Joseph Austin and charged with battery.
Aug. 18, a theft was reported on the 3400 block of State Road 64 East.
Aug. 18, a conveyance was burglarized on the 1200 block of Pine Drive.
Aug. 18, a dangerous shooting was reported on the 800 block of Sumner Road.
Aug. 18, a residence was burglarized on the 7100 block of Cloud 9 Ranch.

Aug. 17, Laverne Gamble, 45, of 1434 Mowatt St., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Joseph Austin and charged with petit theft.
Aug. 17, Shawn M. Murphy, 25, of 4720 Church Road, Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Steve Ahrens and charged with withholding child support.
Aug. 17, criminal mischief was reported near the corner of Steve Roberts Special and Nursery Road.

Aug. 16, thefts were reported on the 1500 block of Altman Road and the 2400 block of State Road 64 West.
Aug. 16, criminal mischief was reported on the 500 block of South Road.
Aug. 16, a residence was burglarized on the 600 block of Chamberlain Boulevard.
Aug. 15, a theft was reported on the 700 block of County Road 665.
Aug. 15, a residence was burglarized on the 700 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue.

Aug. 14, Marcus David Roberts, 39, of 5439 Tom Bryan Road, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by the Drug Task Force on a

charge of contempt of court.
Aug. 14, Dennis Rosado, 39, of 3153 Edwards Peace Dr., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Cierra Johnson and charged with battery and resisting an officer without violence.
Aug. 14, Gavino Rivera, 46, of 8545 Chinook Road, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Joseph Austen and charged with battery and simple assault.
Aug. 14, a theft was reported on the 500 block of Hancock Road.
Aug. 13, Andrew Fabila, 28, of 4649 County Road 661A, Arcadia, was arrested by Dep. Kim Pfeiffer and charged with probation violation.
Aug. 13, a theft was reported on the 500 block of State Road 64 West.
Aug. 13, dangerous shooting was reported on the 4400 block of Paynes Creek Road.

WAUCHULA
Aug. 19, Bulmaro J. Solis, 44, of 217 Washington St., Fort Meade, was arrested by Lt. Matthew Whatley and charged with driving under the influence.
Aug. 19, Juan Martin Valdez, 33, of 5199 Parnell Road, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Sgt. Thomas Fort and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
Aug. 19, a residence was burglarized on the 800 block of South 10th Avenue.
Aug. 18, Porfirio Garcia, 36, of 3981 Edison Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Lt. Matthew Whatley and charged with DUI alcohol or drugs.
Aug. 18, Quinton Tylor Stone, 18, of 764 Polk Road, Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Christopher Gicker and charged with burglary and larceny.
Aug. 18, a conveyance was burglarized on the 100 block of South Seventh Avenue.
Aug. 18, a business was burglarized on the 400 block of South Florida Avenue.

Aug. 16, Jacky Lee Allen, 39, of 126 E. Townsend St., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Emmanuel Vazquez and Ofc. Pablo Bermudez and charged with an out-of-county warrant, possession of a structure or vehicle for the production of drugs, and two counts of cruelty toward a child.
Aug. 16, thefts were reported on the 200 block of North Eighth Avenue and the 400 block of Louisiana Street.
Aug. 15, David Lee Roath, 32, of 126 E. Townsend St., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Emmanuel Vazquez and Ofc. Pablo Bermudez and charged with an out-of-county warrant, resisting an officer without violence, production of drugs, possession of drugs, possession of narcotics equipment, and cruelty toward a child.

Aug. 14, a conveyance was burglarized on the 900 block of West Palmetto Street.
Aug. 14, a business was burglarized on the 500 block of South Sixth Avenue.

BOWLING GREEN
Aug. 17, a theft was reported on the 100 block of West Main Street.
Aug. 14, a residence was burglarized on the 200 block of East Coconut Street.

Notices

Notice

Notice is given that the owners of the real property within the plat known as Manley Homeplace Subdivision intend to petition the Board of County Commissioners to vacate the plat in its entirety.

8:23,30c

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WARNING

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

The property will be sold at a public auction on the 12th day of September, 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.: 1317
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
 NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: James A. Cunningham, Trustee

Description of Property:
 Parcel ID Number: 33-34-27-0000-50050-0000

600 AC 1/32 MINERAL RIGHTS
 ALL LESS NE1/4 OF NW1/4
 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 September 12, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

Pursuant to F.S. 197.512
 Victoria L. Rogers
 Hardee County, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
 Tax Deed File: 252018TD012XXXX
 Date: 08/06/2018
 Ad No.: 1

8:9-30c

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
 RHYS P. LEONARD
 TRENAM, KEMKER, SCHARF, BARKIN, FRYE, O'NEILL & MULLIS, P.A.
 PO Box 1102
 Tampa, FL 33601-1102
 Tel: (813) 223-7474
 Proposed Attorneys for the Assignee, Joseph J. Luzinski

8:2-23c

2017-18 SHIP Annual Report

The 2017-18 SHIP Annual Report will be available at www.hardeecounty.net or at Hardee County Community Development, 412 West Orange St, Rm 201, Wauchula / Phone 863-773-6349 for public review prior to the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners meeting on September 6, 2018 when it will become final. If the public wishes to submit comments on the report they may do so in writing. The written comments shall identify the author by name, address and interest affected.

8:23c

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BOWLING GREEN CITY COMMISSION WILL HOLD A BUDGET HEARING WORKSHOP MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.

CITY HALL
 104 EAST MAIN STREET
 BOWLING GREEN, FLORIDA 33834

In accordance with the ADA, persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this public hearing should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 863-375-2255 no later than two business days prior to such proceedings.

M. Carmen Silva
 City Clerk

8:23c

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

CERTIFICATE NO.: 1316
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
 NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: James A. Cunningham, Trustee

Description of Property:
 Parcel ID Number: 28-34-27-0000-50050-0000

640 AC 1/32 MINERAL RIGHTS
 ALL OF SECTION PART OF 9185
 ACRE TRACT LESS PHOSPHATE

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North Wauchula Elementary School teacher Vickie Conerly tested her second-grade students' creativity with a crafty assignment. The youngsters were challenged to make models of 3D figures using just Play-Doh and Q-Tips.

COURTESY PHOTOS

BG City Commission Gets 1 New Member

By **JIM KELLY**
 Of The Herald-Advocate
 Qualifying has ended, and the Bowling Green City Commission will have one new member by November or December.

Commissioner Steve Spinks, Seat 1, and Shirley Brown, Seat 2, did not draw any opposition and will serve new four-year terms.

Duane Gardner, 48, a 22-year city resident, will serve in Seat 3 since incumbent Cliff Lunn chose not to seek another term.

Gardner is retired from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office as a detention officer and owns a lawn service plus rental properties in Highlands.

Gardner said he would like to bring a "fresh perspective to

make good things better in the city." Next month he plans to open Tasty Vape, a vapor lounge, in Wauchula north of Superior OK Tire Store.

"There are four vapor lounges in Highlands County. Vaping (electronic cigarettes) is a fad with millennials." Vapor solutions come in a wide range of flavors and have a zero, three percent or six percent nicotine content.

Gardner did not want his home address published since he is retired from a law enforcement career.

Due to no opposition there will be no city election and commissioners will take their new term in office in November or December, said City Clerk Carmen Silva.

Notices

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

CASE NO.: 25-2018-CA-000301

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, WANDA DURRANCE A/K/A WANDA DURRANCE AYCOCK, DECEASED, et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, WANDA DURRANCE A/K/A WANDA DURRANCE AYCOCK, DECEASED;

Last Known Address: Unknown

Current Address: Unknown

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN IN-

TEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.

Last Known Address: Unknown

Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Hardee County, Florida:

LOT 11,12 AND 13, OF BLOCK 4, WILDWOOD SUBDIVISION TO TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS PER PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 19. A/K/A 5111 MINOR AVENUE, BOWLING GREEN, FL 33834

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before September 14, 2018 service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Herald Advocate.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 7 day of August, 2018.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Connie Coker
 Deputy Clerk

8:16,23c

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

CASE NO. 252018CA000119

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

vs.

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

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
 Hauptstrabe 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' E, 744.0 feet; thence N 0°43'30" E, 385.0 feet; thence N 89°38'32" W, 682.0 feet; thence N 0°43'30" E, 55.0 feet; thence N 89°38'32"W, 148.0 feet P.O.B. Subject to a 10 ft. road and maintenance easement along East side.

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

and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to JOHN W. H. BURTON of John W. H. Burton, P.A., Post Office Drawer 1729, Wauchula, FL 33873-1729, on or before the 31st day of August, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's 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

8:2-23c

Re-Elect SUE BIRGE

County Commissioner District Two



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Hardee County Chamber

Crime Stoppers Past Chair, current board member.

Vice Chair Small Rural Counties.



Rotary President 3X Assist. Dist. Governor Current Director.

BOCC Legislative Liaison

Vice Chair FL Small Co. Coalition.

Successful Realtor Lambert Realty, Inc.

Former Vice-President Wauchula State Bank.

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- DEEP CHRISTIAN VALUES
- MEMBER FLORIDA'S FIRST ASSEMBLY AND WORSHIP TEAM
- HEAVY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF OUR VETERANS

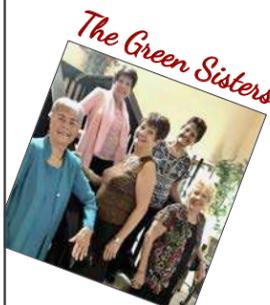
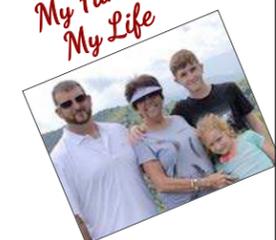
About me:

Sue Green Birge. Raised in a strict, Christian environment with a family of nine, (parents Jesse and Mildred Green). I was taught early in life the importance of a good work ethic. Growing up in a large family makes you a survivor. We learned responsibilities early!

Three things were very important:

- Work
- School
- Church

If you wanted to prosper and do well you didn't miss any of them! All three of these influences taught me to be a **builder**. I was expected to **foster goodwill** and advancement in our government, **believe** in our leaders and our workers and challenge each other to do more each day.



Our Christian heritage and this county remains a very important part of our lives.

"I would really appreciate your vote"

Sue Birge Respects, Honors and Supports Our Veterans

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Houses	Rentals
Livestock	Rentals, Commercial
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Job descriptions @ www.hardeecounty.net, w/application. Submit: HR, 205 Hanchey Rd Wauchula, FL 33873, Ph: (863) 773-2161. Positions open until filled.

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SECURITY-HARDEE CAMPUS (PT) Application deadline: 9/2/18. Please visit <http://sfsc.interviewexchange.com> for detailed position announcement. 863-784-7132. EA/EO/VET'S PREF. 8:16,23c

LEARN TO DRIVE A TRUCK! Get your Commercial Driver's License today at South Florida State College. Scholarships available to eligible participants. 863-784-7033. 3:1-9:20p

Help Wanted

HOUSE KEEPER WANTED. Previous cleaning experience not necessary. Must be able to sweep, mop and polish, must have great customer service and the desire to exceed expectations. Must be at least 18 years old. Available to work Monday-Friday, 8-5 pm, 1 hour lunch. Please call 863-375-4343 to schedule an interview. Pioneer Creek RV Resort. 8:16-9:6c

MULTI LOCATION MANAGER for Arcadia, Wauchula, & Sebring \$30,000/year generous 401K, paid vacation after 6 months, company van. One working weekend per month. Forward resume to SuperMatt.Lisa@outlook.com. 8:9tfc

MECHANICAL ASSEMBLY \$12-\$15 hour, Ez Products, Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Must have experience and use hand tools and small power tools. Workmanship and quality work very important. Must have high school diploma or equivalent and have a valid driver's license. Speak, read and write in English. Some phone technical support. Call Diane 863-767-0155 for appointment 7:19-8:23p

Lost/Found

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

Miscellaneous

5 PLASTIC 5 GAL. Gas cans, \$15 each or all 5 for \$65; 863-781-7782. 8:23p

I AM SEEKING Agricultural Security employment with housing furnished. Orin Tomlinson, P.O. Box 46, Loughmon, Florida 33858-0046, 863-424-5831. 8:16-30p

I WILL PAY cash for junk cars 863-781-4570 8:9-9:6p

Pets

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

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

Rentals

4/1 HOUSE FOR RENT, 802 Redding St, Zolfo Springs, \$750, 1st, last and security deposit, 863-781-0702. To apply please pick up Renters' Application at L. Cobb Construction, Inc., 401 S. 6th Ave., Wauchula. 8:23c

Rentals

3 BR 2 B DUPLEX house, \$850 per month, \$800 security. No smoking, no pets. 509 North 9th Ave., Wauchula, 863-781-0514. 8:16tfc

2 BEDROOM HOUSE large lot \$200/week no deposit. 863-445-0915 or 863-773-6616. 8:9-9:6p

HOUSES - STORES - RESTAURANTS - \$200 weekly, No Deposit, 863-773-6616, 863-445-0915. 7:26-8:23p

ATTENTION! The Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits advertising any preference or limitation based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or the intention to make such a preference or limitation. Familial status includes children under 18 living with parents or guardians and pregnant women. tfc-dh

Services

I WILL CLEAN PLANTS and mow small yards. Joe 863-245-9898. 8:23p

CAREGIVER AVAILABLE, days or evenings, 863-245-9210. 8:23,30p

VITAS INNOVATIVE HOSPICE Care offers a bereavement walk-in support group for those that have experienced the loss of a love one. Beginning 9/2/16 every Friday at 1 p.m. in the VITAS office, 113 W. Main Street, Wauchula, 863-583-7100. 8:18tfc-dh

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Thursday 7:00 p.m., Grace Fellowship Church, 131 S. 8th Ave., Wauchula. Bill 727-326-3816. tfc-dh

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 Dusty Albritton.....(863) 781-0161
 Justin Smith.....(863) 781-3432
 Karen O'Neal.....(863) 781-7633
 Brandi Maldonado.....(863) 414-3349

THE WAUCHULA LIONS CLUB collects NOT broken prescription eyeglasses, cases and sunglasses. Please drop off at 735 N. 6th Ave. tfc-dh

DO YOU HAVE a problem with drugs? Narcotics Anonymous meets Monday, Thursday and Friday night 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, at the corner of Palmetto and 7th Ave., Wauchula. tfc-dh

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

Yard Sales

Noon Tuesday Deadline for all yard sale ads.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, 8 am - 2 pm, corner of Orange & 1st, Wauchula. Everything 50¢, except furniture. 8:23p

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
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New School Year Begins Hilltop Elementary

COURTESY PHOTOS
MONTAGE BY DARLENE WILLIAMS



WELCOME BACK WAUCHULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COURTESY PHOTOS
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First Day Of School North Wauchula Elementary

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