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It's Flores; Evers Vs. Horton

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

With little more than 31 percent of Hardee County's registered voters casting ballots in the Primary Election, an incumbent county commissioner was ousted and a runoff was forced for county judge.

As final tabulations came in Tuesday night, two-term County Commissioner Sue Birge fell to political newcomer Noey Flores, who won

the Republican Party's nomination with 1,440 votes to Birge's 1,012.

And in the battle for the bench, Ken Evers took an early lead, which slipped as returns continued to come in but held long enough to put him into a runoff with David Horton.

It would have taken 1,900 votes to emerge a clear winner. Evers garnered 1,620 votes and Horton 1,458 – a 162-vote difference. Percentage-wise, it

was 44 percent to 39.6.

The third contender, James F. Pyle, took 601 of the ballots, or 16.3 percent of the votes.

Flores will go on to fight Democrat Ralph Arce in the General Election on Nov. 6, with the winner taking the District 2 County Commission seat.

Evers and Horton will face off in the General Election, with the top vote-getter becoming Hardee's new county judge. Flores was grateful for the

chance to go on to November.

"I would like to thank everybody for their support," he said Tuesday night. "This was very humbling. We still have lots of work to do. I hope voters will continue to support me in the General Election."

Evers expressed similar sentiments.

"I would like to thank all those who supported me in the election and hope to earn the votes of those who didn't for

the November election," he said.

In regional races, Hardee County voters favored Melissa Gravitt for Group 10 circuit judge for the 10th Judicial Circuit, which includes Hardee, Highlands and Polk counties. Candidates Lee Cohen and Keith Merritt nearly split the remaining ballots equally, 970 to 981, respectively.

For the Group 11 circuit judgeship, Dana Moore hand-

ily captured Hardee, with 1,885 votes to Stephen Pincket's 1,295.

Circuit-wide results were not in at press time.

State races brought some unexpected upsets for Hardee Countians, whose overwhelming favorites succumbed to the statewide polls.

In the race for governor, Adam Putnam stole local Republican hearts, amassing **See ELECTION A3**

ROUSING REACTIONS



COURTESY PHOTO

Alexandre Bulinsky and Mira Ahir, fourth graders in Mary Ann Duncan and Laura Carter's class at North Wauchula Elementary School, react to the chemical reaction they just created. A mix of baking soda and vinegar resulted in a gas which expanded and filled the balloon, proving the theory that the study of science can be fun.

Company Now Generating Its Product

PFMan Seeking Military Contracts

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

An upstart generator company that has occupied a building from the Hardee County Industrial Development Authority in its Commerce Park since 2014 now has a working prototype and is looking to secure military contracts for its product.

PFMan is hoping its 15-pound, 500-watt unit will be utilized by military personnel to power communication equipment in the field as well as to recharge various equipment used by soldiers carrying out their missions.

In February, the IDA board agreed to provide the company with a \$500,000 line of credit following the death of former CEO and founder Shaun Okun late last year.

Okun had said he was ready to begin manufacturing the generators once he was able to

occupy the building, but consistently cited numerous reasons for delays in getting into production.

He was never able to produce a working prototype.

After his death, Kevin Minds was appointed to run the company by Okun's wife, who is the controlling shareholder of the company.

Skip Durbin was hired as the business manager, and showed The Herald-Advocate one of the working prototypes during a tour of the facility last week.

The 2.5-horsepower engine can run on a number of fuel types including gasoline, diesel, jet fuel or even high-alcohol liquors, Durbin said.

He said the motor being able to run on a wide-variety of fuels without changing parts or filters was a big advantage over competitors when trying to secure military contracts.

See COMPANY A3

ZS Cancels Election As Incumbents Return

By JENNIFER McCONKEY
Herald-Advocate Intern

For the second year in a row, the town of Zolfo Springs automatically re-elected its com-

missioners since no one else ran against them.

Rod Cannon will continue serving the town in Seat 1 and Virginia Irby will continue serving in Seat 3.

Since commission terms are four years and the other three commissioners were all re-elected last year, there won't be another Zolfo Springs Town Commission election until 2021 unless one of the current commissioners resigns.

Irby has been a town commissioner since 2012, when she stepped up to fill the vacancy after Rhonda Long's resignation. She is currently the town's vice mayor.

Cannon took his place at the commissioners' table last year after commissioner and mayor Juan Otero resigned. Commissioner Dierdre "DiDi" White is currently mayor.

The qualifying period and instructions were announced in the last two issues of The Herald-Advocate in addition to advertisements about the qualifying period. No opponents applied.

Since Irby and Cannon were the only two to submit their **See ZS A2**

Buffest Bod

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

Christopher Thompson was a lanky teen.

Caught up in a world "doing what teenagers do," Thompson wandered aimlessly until an acquaintance encouraged him to join a gym.

"It changed my life," Thompson said. Thompson weighed 165 pounds when he started lifting weights.

Within six months of lifting his first barbell, the Hardee County native had gained 30 pounds of muscle and tipped the scales at 195 pounds.

"As a stress reliever, it helped a lot," Thompson said. "It gave me purpose."

After years of work, Thompson, 32, has the body of a champion.

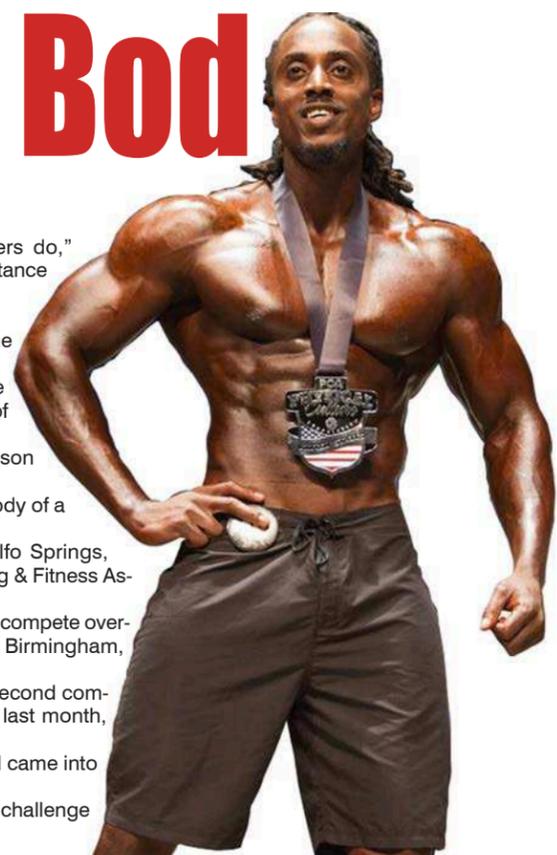
The Wauchula resident, who grew up in Zolfo Springs, took first place Saturday in the U.S. Bodybuilding & Fitness Association's Florida Classic.

The honor also included an official invitation to compete overseas in an international physique challenge in Birmingham, England.

The impressive finish was only Thompson's second competition. His foray into fitness competition was last month, where he finished fourth.

"I wasn't going to give up," Thompson said. "I came into (Saturday's) show looking a lot better."

Most of Thompson's training heading into the challenge **See BOD A2**



WEATHER			
DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
08/21	94	71	0.01
08/22	90	73	0.00
08/23	89	74	0.01
08/24	92	73	0.57
08/25	93	71	0.47
08/26	91	72	0.44
08/27	93	72	0.04

Rainfall to 08/27/2018 - 39.03
Same period last year - 29.97
Ten Year Average - 49.17
Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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Bring Back The Bleep For Cursing

There is one word in the American lexicon that is considered so vile that it is referred to only by its code name, "the N-word."

A commonly used pejorative

routine use of terms on television that would be met by parental discipline in most homes and serious sanctions in the workplace.

Donald Trump's widely re-



Thinking Out Loud By S.L. Frisbie IV

Florida Newspaper Hall Of Fame Member,
4th-Generation Polk County Newspaper Publisher

tive for racial minorities until a few decades ago, it is now widely considered to be too offensive for use under any circumstances. It is widely banned from our language, to which I say good riddance.

Of the many criticisms that may be accurately leveled at me, prudery is not one of them. A military career that began with four years in ROTC, followed by two years in the active Army and 30 years in the Army National Guard, has helped me gain a degree of fluency in military acronyms, bureaucratic jargon, and profanity.

All three are encountered on a regular basis in the armed forces, though the opening of virtually all jobs to women has brought a welcome degree of restraint to the latter.

Common usage in the broadcast media is headed in the opposite direction, with

peated misogynistic remarks about women, picked up by a live microphone, were re-broadcast ad nauseam during his campaign, without the bleeping that once was commonly used to screen out crude language.

Broadcasters of yesteryear employed the bleep to block all but the most benign cuss words. It didn't take much effort to figure out what word or phrase was missing, but it kept the airwaves relatively free of words not commonly used in polite discourse.

To my way of thinking, the bounds of propriety were inexcusably breached when broadcasters began to blithely send out cursing over the airwaves.

For those who lack my fluency in profanity, let me explain that cursing and swearing are language that would draw a frown in polite

circles, while cursing is the taking of God's name in vain.

The latter is specifically prohibited by one of the Ten Commandments. It is in a class by itself when it comes to unacceptable language. It comes under the broad heading of blasphemy.

Broadcasters still bleep out an occasional cuss word, but routinely broadcast blasphemy without restraint.

One of the most recent instances, which was repeated numerous times on CNN and several times on the other networks, was President Trump's cursing in a surreptitiously recorded conversation with Omarosa.

It's not as if the entire conversation was broadcast for our viewing and listening pleasure. That gratuitous curse was selected by broadcasters for inclusion in a brief excerpt from the recording.

Please, broadcasters, bring back the bleep, at least for blasphemy.

I cannot purport to speak for how the Almighty feels about it, but I am sure I am not the only mortal who would appreciate it.

S. L. Frisbie is retired. In his years as an editor and publisher, he banned the use of cursing both in print and in the workplace. He would never succeed as a network broadcaster.

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST

31 – Friday Night Magic/Sanctuary Gaming Club/1321 E. Main St., Wauchula/6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

4 – Money Smart for Families/Hardee Help Center/713 E Bay St, Wauchula/6 pm

5 – Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am

6 – Storytime, HC Public Library/10 am

6 – "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am

11 – Cry Out America Prayer Rally/Faith Temple Ministries Church of God/noon

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

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26 – Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am

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OCTOBER

3 – Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am

4 – Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am

4 – "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am

10 – Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am

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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.



Kelly's Column By Jim

Florida Trend magazine in April reported Florida's population was 21.16 million, a gain of 430,000 or two percent more than a year ago. Florida's population was about 6 million in 1967, 9 million in 1977, 12 million in 1987, 15 million in 1997, and 18.4 million in 2007. By 2030 the population may be almost 25 million, wrote publisher Andy Corty.

Hardee County's population is 28,198. This compares to DeSoto, 36,456; Highlands, 105,125; Polk, 672,133; and Manatee, 384,140.

Florida's largest counties are Miami-Dade, 2.78 million; Broward, 1.98 million; Palm Beach, 1.5 million; Hillsborough, 1.4 million; and Orange 1.35 million. The state's smallest counties are Liberty, 8,631; Lafayette, 8,897; Franklin, 12,195; Glades, 14,128; and Hamilton 14,444.

Hardee has the state's fifth youngest median age at 35.3 years but has one of the state's highest unemployment rate among the 67 counties.

The Tampa Bay Rays Major League Baseball team has been last in attendance the past six years, reports Florida Trend. There has been proposed a new \$800 million baseball stadium for the Rays on 14 acres in Tampa's Ybor City neighborhood. Team owner Stuart Sternberg said the Rays might be willing to pay \$150 million toward the cost.

The Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program based in Punta Gorda recently printed a list of the state animals in Florida:

- Freshwater Fish – Largemouth Bass.
- Reptile – American Alligator.
- Bird – Mocking Bird
- Animal – Florida Panther.
- Marine Mammal – Manatee.
- Butterfly – Zebra Longwing.
- Saltwater Reptile – Loggerhead Sea Turtle
- Shell – Florida Horse Conch.
- Saltwater Fish – Atlantic Sailfish.
- Tortoise – Gopher Tortoise.
- Saltwater Mammal – Dolphin.

Little Lambs Inc. of the John and Eileen Sala Prison Ministry based in Sebring reports some drug users are relieved and happy when they get arrested and sent to jail. It gives them a chance to turn their life around. Some get a spiritual awakening.

One former prisoner got his job back with a construction company in Lake Placid.

Another prisoner wrote he was drinking nine cups of coffee a day. After learning what excessive caffeine can do to the brain, he started a limit of no more than three cups. He was also a user of "multiple drugs, a two-pack-a-day smoker and a thirsty alcoholic." He has been clean for nine years.

Another prisoner, 51, has entered a seminary program at a state prison in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Little Lambs is a Christian-based program and can be reached at 863-273-7388 or littlelambsinc.org. Eileen heads up the ministry. Her husband John passed away several years ago.

My favorite out-of-town restaurant chain is Cracker Barrel. Because of their good wholesome food plus the gift shop I bought some of their stock about 20 years ago.

As of late 2017 there were 645 Cracker Barrel stores in 44 states. In fiscal 2017 revenues increased a half percent to \$2.93 billion, with a net income of almost \$202 million. The company had about 73,000 employees.

The top states for Cracker Barrel stores are Florida, 59; Tennessee, 52; Texas, 51; Georgia, 48; North Carolina, 40; Kentucky, 36; Alabama, 33; Virginia, 32; Ohio, 31; South Carolina, 26; Pennsylvania, 23; and Illinois, 21.

The average store sales volume was \$4,538,000--\$3,646,000 restaurant and \$892,000 retail. The average store has 104 employees operating two shifts. Breakfast prices range from \$3.39 to \$11.99. Lunch and dinner prices range from \$4.49 to \$16.69. Restaurant sales are breakfast (until 11 a.m.), 24 percent; lunch (until 4 p.m.), 39 percent; and dinner (4 p.m. to closing), 37 percent. Average weekly store sales were \$87,000 (\$70,000 restaurant and \$17,000 retail).

Retail sales were apparel and accessories, 30 percent; food, 18 percent; decor, 13 percent; toys, 11 percent; and bed and bath, 8 percent.

The largest share of food purchases were beef, 14 percent; dairy including eggs, 12 percent; fruits and vegetables, 12 percent; poultry, 11 percent; and pork, 10 percent. A typical store has 9,000 square feet, including 2,100 square feet for retail and dining room seating for 180 guests. Cracker Barrel uses over

Crop Update

August 27, 2018

General: According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 26, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 8.78 inches in Orlando (Orange County). The average mean temperature ranged from 79.9°F in Milton (Santa Rosa County) and Lake City (Columbia County) to 86.2°F in Dry Tortugas (Monroe County).

Citrus: Temperatures were seasonably warm in the citrus growing region with highs reaching the low to mid 90s on most days. Avon Park (Polk County) recorded the highest temperature at 97°F. Several stations had at least one day reaching 95 to 96°F. Most citrus producing counties received adequate to above-normal rainfall during the last week. The western and northern citrus producing areas had the most rainfall. Plant City (Hillsborough County) recorded 7.99 inches; Zephyrhills (Pasco County) recorded 7.73 inches. According to the August 23, 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 conducting general grove maintenance. Also noticed was pushing of dead trees and taking care of young replants. Fieldworkers reported oranges as large as tennis balls and grapefruit almost as large as softballs. Tree condition remained good in well-cared-for groves.

Fruits and Vegetables: Vegetable growers continued to prepare land for fall vegetables. Planting of snap beans was underway in Lafayette County. Green peppers were nearly ready for harvest in St. Lucie County. Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, mango, malanga, and okra.

Livestock and Pastures: Surplus soil moisture in pastures declined in several counties after weeks of hit-or-miss heavy rain; however, fields in Alachua, Hernando, and Sumter counties had standing water at the week's end. The St. Johns River began receding, so ranchers were able to return their cattle to the river area for grazing. The shift in weather greatly improved pasture condition in St. Lucie County where some producers were able to bail hay from pastures. Cattle condition remained mostly good.

Field Crops: Hay was cut when conditions were dry enough in Dixie, Levy, and Suwannee counties. Corn harvesting was wrapping up in Suwannee County. Limited rain during the latter part of the week allowed the saturated peanut fields in Jackson County to dry some. Peanut harvesting began in Washington and Levy counties. Growers in Dixie County expressed concern regarding the possibility of peanut crop loss this season from excess moisture. Sugarcane continued to thrive.

On This Day:

- In 1850 Honolulu, Hawaii, becomes a city
- In 1890 President Benjamin Harrison signed the first U.S. law requiring inspection of meat products
- In 1901 Hubert Cecil Booth patents vacuum cleaner
- In 1956 White mob prevents enrollment of blacks at Mansfield High School, Texas
- In 1957 US senator Strom Thurmond speaks 24hrs 27m against civil rights
- In 1961 James Benton Parsons is confirmed as 1st African American judge of a US District Court

1,600 billboards along highways as part of its advertising.

Labor and related expenses are 35 percent of revenues. There are about 24 million outstanding shares. Long-term debt is \$400 million and other long-term obligations are \$129 million. Share prices for fiscal 2017 ranged from \$130 to \$175.

The president and CEO is Ms. Sandy Cochran, 59. Senior VP and CFO is Ms. Jill Golder, 55. Senior VP and Chief People Officer is Ms. Beverly Carmichael, 58. Senior VP Retail is Ms. Laura Daily, 53. Senior VP Operations is Nicholas Flanagan, 51. Senior VP Marketing is Donald Hoffman, 60.

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came with grueling daily routines at Wauchula's Anytime Fitness.

"The hardest thing is to try to find balance to spend the right amount of time with the gym and with my family," Thompson said.

Thompson said he plans to attend another challenge in Daytona next month as he continues to raise funds for the England trip.

"Since I am in shape now, I might as well try to do all I can," he said.

Thompson is helping to support his competition fitness career through a brand of athletic apparel. The brand, Barbarian Lifestyle Fitness Finesse, is available through a Facebook page.

Thompson is also planning to alter his workout schedule to spend one day a week training others.

"All I am trying to do is motivate people," he said.

ZS

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qualifying packets, they will continue their roles serving alongside commissioners White, Sara Schofield and Guadalupe "Lupe" DeLeon.

The commission holds regular meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 3210 Main St. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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

Eviction Notice Given Teacher Faces Drug Charges To NWES Bat Brigade

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

Eviction notices went up last Friday for the flock of pesky bats that had claimed a section of a local school as a cave.

"All the reports that I have are good," said Todd Durden, deputy superintendent of the School District of Hardee County.

Bats were discovered at North Wauchula Elementary School earlier this month as staff returned to school to prepare for the new school year and saw three bats in an office space.

The horde of nocturnal winged insect eaters continued to steadily grow, and by the weekend of Aug. 18-19 reached a count of several hundred dwelling in the school name lettering and front portico of the campus.

Maintenance and custodial staff worked throughout the weekend to isolate the ventilation system of the portico from the rest of the school and to begin sealing any crevices that could be inviting to the mammalian flock.

Facilities Director Rob

Krahl oversaw the construction of "exclusion" devices that would allow bats to leave the cave at sunset but prevent their return at sunrise.

"We had to seal all the openings, where they could possibly enter the building," Krahl said. "At the known entry/exit point we installed a PVC chute, which would allow the bats to exit, but not return."

The chutes were installed last Friday.

School officials are utilizing an "exclusion" technique advocated by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission that calls for the installation of bat escape tubes and mesh material.

The tubes include a collapsible membrane on one end. Bats fly into the tube from the cave and then escape through the collapsible membrane. When the bats try to return, the membrane - deflated - prevents them from entering the tube from the outside.

Mesh material was also installed in an effort to prevent re-entry.

Durden said he was pleased with the initial results over the weekend.

"I went Saturday morning and there were some flying around, but I didn't see any trying to get back in," Durden said. "I didn't see any come out of the pipe. I am hoping we have fixed that situation."

A visual inspection of the interior of the portico is planned for later this week, and in the meantime officials watch and wait.

"We are required to leave the chute in place for five to seven days," Krahl said. "Once that is up, we will visually inspect the space."

The bat infestation drew interest from the public during last Thursday's meeting of the School Board of Hardee County when an employee of the Hardee County Health Department complained she first heard of the infestation by reading The Herald-Advocate.

Board Chairman Paul Samuels said officials would "work on communicating better" in the future.

Faculty and staff of North Wauchula Elementary School were briefed on the bat infestation by Durden during a schoolwide staff meeting last Monday, Aug. 20.

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

A teacher employed by the Hardee County School Board will appear in Hardee Circuit Court next week on drug charges.

Jennifer Lynn Taylor, 28, of 3109 Sasser Road, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by the Wauchula Police Department in June following a routine traffic stop. Following her arrest, she was suspended with pay per Hardee County School District policy.

Personnel Director George Kelly said on Monday of this week that Taylor was hired by the district on Aug. 2, 2016. She taught Language Arts at Hardee Junior High School that academic year, he said.

Last year, Taylor moved to Hardee Senior High School, where she taught English.

Kelly also noted Taylor's current suspension with pay is "pending action at the next (school) board meeting based on the superintendent's recommendation."

In an arrest report filed by Wauchula police, Cpl. Bryanna Lott said she stopped Taylor at 10 a.m. on June 27 for driving 62 in a 45-mph zone. The corporal further alleged she smelled the odor of marijuana coming from Taylor's car as she approached it in the CVS parking



Taylor

lot. A subsequent search of the Dodge Journey allegedly revealed a small plastic bag with small chunks of Oxycodone pills, a small plastic bag holding an Alprazolam pill, a plastic container with less than one gram of marijuana, and a glass smoking pipe with marijuana residue.

All of the items were located within Taylor's purse, Lott alleged. The purse had been sitting on the front passenger seat

of the vehicle.

Taylor was arrested and booked into the Hardee County Jail. She was charged with two third-degree felony counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and one misdemeanor count each of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of narcotics equipment.

Taylor was released from custody about nine hours later after posting a \$3,000 bond to gain her freedom while awaiting trial.

She and her attorney, Stacey McNelis of Bartow, waived her appearance at what would have been a July 24 arraignment and instead entered a written plea of "not guilty" to all of the charges.

Tuesday's hearing before Circuit Judge Marcus J. Ezelle is set as a pre-trial conference.

Landlord Lands In Jail

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

A property owner who allegedly falsified a court document in order to easily evict a tenant was arrested by the Hardee County Sheriff's Office.

Roy Allen Brown, 75, will be arraigned in Hardee Circuit Court this coming Tuesday on the third-degree felony charges of forgery of a public record and uttering a forged instrument.

He was jailed by sheriff's Det. Lyle Hart on Aug. 7 following a fire investigation at a house he owns at 517 Hanchey Road in Wauchula. The structure burned on July 18.

According to an arrest report, Det. Lt. Stacy McIntyre of the state Fire Marshal's Office discovered the alleged forgeries while investigating the blaze.

A tenant who had just moved out of the house told

the fire marshal she had been evicted by Brown, Hart reported. She showed McIntyre two "As Is" contracts.

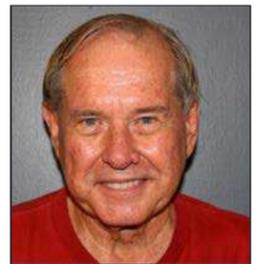
One was dated June 4 and was for a month-to-month rental, with \$865 to move in plus a \$400 deposit. The second, also dated June 4, agreed to \$200 a week for the monthly rental.

But on July 2, the woman said she received an eviction notice from Brown, the arrest report said.

McIntyre said in viewing the document, he noticed the notary seal on it was in the name of Roy A. Brown, who also was the originator of the document. He turned the papers over to the Sheriff's Office for further investigation, Hart noted.

Hart checked the eviction notice with the Clerk of Courts Office, allegedly finding the case number was a fake.

The notice, Hart alleged,



Brown

was crafted to either compel the tenant to pay or to leave, but without going through the time and expense of a court eviction proceeding.

Brown was taken into custody.

He was released about four hours later after posting a \$2,000 bond to gain his freedom while awaiting trial.

Brown has requested the services of the Public Defender's Office, court records show.

COMPANY

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Durbin, who retired after serving 22 years in the Navy, is pleased with the progress the company has made in such a short time, especially given some of the obstacles it has overcome since he began working there.

He alleges the former chief operating officer, Veronica Hurst, stole engine blueprints and other intellectual property from the company and left the country, returning to England. Durbin has notified the Hardee County Sheriff's Office of the alleged theft, and that agency is looking into the claims.

He also said the company is considering pursuing civil charges against her.

Two new engineers and an engine tester were hired to recreate much of that work that was previously done.

Since May, they have been able to produce four functioning 500-watt units.

Durbin said he expects the various military branches would purchase up to 7,000

units if the company can secure a contract. In October, the generator will be demonstrated to the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Development Command at its Quantico Base in Virginia.

In addition to the 500-watt model, the company is also developing a 1,000-watt and 5,000-watt unit.

The 5,000-watt model weighs 72 pounds and also runs on the various fuel types. Durbin said that model will also be marketed to the general public in addition to the military.

Currently the company is employing six people and will be looking to at least double its workforce if it can land a contract.

As part of providing the line of credit to PFMAn, Mines agreed to put up the company's intellectual property as collateral instead of signing a personal guarantee on the note. The IDA hired an attorney with the Grey Robinson law

firm to vet and verify the intellectual property for the line of credit.

The attorney did verify the intellectual property was valid and owned by PFMAn, but the board got some sticker shock when the firm billed the IDA \$94,362 for the work.

The attorney, who charged the board \$485 per hour, did not assess a value to the property.

Hurst also made a claim on ownership of the intellectual property in question, and the attorney determined her claim was not valid.

The IDA has given the company rent abatement for nearly three years after constructing the custom-built building but has not given it any cash subsidies except for the line of credit.

Terms of the agreement call for PFMAn to pay six-percent interest on the one-year note, and any income from sales of the machines are to go toward paying off the debt.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL KELLY

PFMAn has now manufactured a working generator after being behind schedule for a couple of years. Company officials gave The Herald-Advocate a tour of the facility and a demonstration of its functioning engine last week. Pictured behind the 500-watt unit are (from left) Gary Spencer, engine tester; Micah Lee, electrical engineer; Skip Durbin, business manager; and Rob Simmons, chief engineer.

ELECTION

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1,951 ballots to the nearest opponent's 463, that being Ron DeSantis. The other six Republican hopefuls failed to reach triple digits all together, stealing only 64 of the votes cast.

On the Democratic ticket, Hardee County went with Gwen Graham over Andrew Gillum and Philip Levine. Graham scored 448, Gillum 257 and Levine 152.

Jeff Greene was fourth here, with 85. Three other candidates took 81 remaining votes.

Statewide, DeSantis and Gillum were well ahead at press time.

Then, Hardee County's own Denise Grimsley soared here with 1,701 Republican votes for commissioner of agriculture, but crashed statewide. Next here was Baxter Troutman with 502 votes, Matt Caldwell with 231 and Mike McCalister with 47.

For the Democrats, Nikki

Fried was Hardee's choice for ag commissioner at 383 votes. Jeffrey Porter took 294 ballots and Roy Walker 251.

The final state race, for attorney general, went to Sean Shaw on the Hardee County Democratic ballot. He gathered 636 votes to Ryan Torrens' 284.

On the Republican side of that race, locals opted for Ashley Moody by a whopping 1,724 votes to Frank White's 567.

And in the national contests, Rick Scott owned Hardee County Republicans, with 2,193 votes to Rocky DeLaFuente's 263 in the race for U.S. senator.

Scott handily took the state count as well.

In the race for Congressional District 17 representative, Hardee County Democrats picked April Freeman over Bill Pollard, 669 votes to 277. Hardee County

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Hardee County Election Results

	1 Fort Green	2 BG Church	3 BG City	4 1st UM Church	5 Ona	6 County Comm.	7 Zolfo Springs	8 1st MB Church	9 New Hope	10 City Hall	11 PRECO	12 Agri- Civic Center	Totals
COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 2													
Sue Birge	40	60	56	92	47	54	209	2	195	43	56	158	1,012
Noey A. Flores	64	77	68	146	77	90	196	3	297	93	56	273	1,440
COUNTY JUDGE													
Ken Evers	63	126	61	149	62	99	259	33	295	93	65	315	1,620
David N. Horton	63	112	86	143	72	86	213	52	246	109	74	202	1,458
James F. Pyle	21	67	35	42	42	27	114	29	98	27	42	57	601



Flores



Evers



Horton

CHURCH SCHEDULE

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

BOWLING GREEN

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Bowling Green
4531 Hwy. 17 N • 375-2253
SUNDAY:
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
Children's Church10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Youth (7th-12th grade)6:00 p.m.
Adult Discipleship 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.
.....6:30 p.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 BAPTISTA
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 Dinner5:30 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 Wednesday7:00 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 REMANENETE
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 Service6:00 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 Ages9:30 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.

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 BAPTISTA HISPANA
518 8th Avenue East
Escuela Dominical10:00 a.m.
Servicio del Domingo11:00 a.m.
Servicio del Miercoles7:00 p.m.
Servicio del Miercoles7:30 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 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.

Some years ago the cover of Time magazine asked an intriguing question on its cover: "What ever happened to ethics?" The subtitle continued saying that we have been, "Assaulted by sleaze, scandals and hypocrisy, America searches for its moral bearings." There is little doubt that there has been a loss of moral sensitivity and responsibility. That is very obvious. It is difficult to watch television and not be offended by the language or scenes of indecency. A new language has been introduced that has no respect for God or godly principles.

The only way to solve this problem of moral decay or it can be reversed would be through a national revival. If those of us who profess to trust God's Word and believe in the fact that He will do what He says He will it is not unreasonable that revival will come. A spiritual awakening will visit our nation if we have enough faith, persevere in prayer and regain a sense of the holiness of God.

Psalm 99:1 describes what would happen if we did regain a new sense of the holiness of God. Because "the Lord reigns, let the nations tremble. He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth tremble." This awesome picture of God that the Psalmist presents to us describes His holiness, power, might and majesty. This description of God is not one that we are familiar with since our minds have become so "clouded" with the things of this world. Certainly we can blame the producers for the programs we watch, but they would not produce what they do without us watching and enjoying it.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

It's that time again, the traditional beginning of a new school year. Each fall we're reminded of a time of starting over, learning anew. Maybe we experienced our last "back to school" season long ago or just recently; no matter what our age, we continue to learn, knowledge is an endless pursuit. Our house of worship is a place of learning, too. We can learn many lessons when we study God's word; He is the greatest teacher.

Daily Devotional Reading					
2 Cor.	2 Cor.	2 Cor.	Hebrews	Hebrews	Mark
12:1-10	12:11-21	13:1-13	12:1-11	12:12-29	13:1-25
2:18-28					

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Solunar Forecast

<p>8/30/2018 Sun Data Rise: 7:05 AM Set: 7:50 PM</p> <p>Day Length 12 hrs. 45 mins.</p> <p>Moon Data Rise: 10:37 PM Set: 10:38 AM Overhead: 4:18 AM Underfoot: 4:41 PM</p> <p>Moon Phase 84% Waning Gibbous</p> <p>Major Times 4:18 AM - 6:18 AM 4:41 PM - 6:41 PM</p> <p>Minor Times 10:38 AM - 11:38 AM 10:37 PM - 11:37 PM</p> <p>Prediction Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p>Time Zone UTC: -4</p>	<p>9/1/2018 Sun Data Rise: 7:06 AM Set: 7:48 PM</p> <p>Day Length 12 hrs. 42 mins.</p> <p>Moon Data Rise: 11:57 PM Set: 12:32 PM Overhead: 5:52 AM Underfoot: 6:17 PM</p> <p>Moon Phase 66% Waning Gibbous</p> <p>Major Times 5:52 AM - 7:52 AM 6:17 PM - 8:17 PM</p> <p>Minor Times 12:32 PM - 1:32 PM 11:57 PM - 12:57 AM</p> <p>Prediction Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p>Time Zone UTC: -4</p>	<p>9/3/2018 Sun Data Rise: 7:07 AM Set: 7:45 PM</p> <p>Day Length 12 hrs. 38 mins.</p> <p>Moon Data Rise: 12:42 AM Set: 2:33 PM Overhead: 7:37 AM Underfoot: 8:06 PM</p> <p>Moon Phase 44% Waning Crescent</p> <p>Major Times 7:37 AM - 9:37 AM 8:06 PM - 10:06 PM</p> <p>Minor Times 12:42 AM - 1:42 AM 2:33 PM - 3:33 PM</p> <p>Prediction Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p>Time Zone UTC: -4</p>	<p>9/5/2018 Sun Data Rise: 7:08 AM Set: 7:43 PM</p> <p>Day Length 12 hrs. 35 mins.</p> <p>Moon Data Rise: 2:31 AM Set: 4:35 PM Overhead: 9:34 AM Underfoot: 10:05 PM</p> <p>Moon Phase 22% Waning Crescent</p> <p>Major Times 9:34 AM - 11:34 AM 10:05 PM - 12:05 AM</p> <p>Minor Times 2:31 AM - 3:31 AM 4:35 PM - 5:35 PM</p> <p>Prediction Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p>Time Zone UTC: -4</p>
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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

MEETING NOTICE

The Insurance Committee will meet Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 412 W. Orange Street, Room 102, Wauchula, Florida.

For more information, please call the Hardee County Human Resource Department at 863-773-2161.

8:30c

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF
VENTURA

FAMILY DIVISION

Case No. D388882

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

In re the Matter of:

Petitioner:
ANGELINA GONZALEZ,

and

Respondent:
ISIDORO VELASCO

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION TO ESTABLISH PARENTAL RELATIONSHIP TO: ISIDORO VELASCO, YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT an action for Petition to Establish Parental Relationship has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Angelina Gonzalez whose address is 1035 Santa Barbara Street #7, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, on or before September 28, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of Ventura County Superior Court, Family Division, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California 93009, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

8:30-9:20c

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

Bible Trivia

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Labour in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Ecclesiastes 4, how many are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor? Two, Three, Five, Seven
 3. In 1 Kings 5, how many thousand men comprised the labor force that King Solomon raised? 1, 5, 10, 30
 4. What son of Abda was in charge of the forced labor in David's kingdom? Baal, Adoniram, Cyrenius, Phaneul
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Two; 3) 30; 4) Adoniram
- Visit *Wilson Casey's new Trivia Fan Site* at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME ACT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of the Fictitious Name Act, Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, as amended, intends to register with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, the fictitious name of Hardee Animal Clinic PMA under which the undersigned is engaged or will engage in business at: near 1927 HWY 17 N, in the City of Wauchula, Florida 33873.

That the party/parties interested in said business enterprise is/are as follows: Lovett, William-Houston L.S.

Dated at Wauchula, Hardee County, Florida 33873.

Person authorizing publication: Lovett, William-Houston L.S.

Dated: August 22, 2018

8:30p

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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Obituaries

In Loving Memory



TRAVIS CLAY KIRKLAND

Today we lost a husband, son, father, brother and best friend. He was truly loved and missed. Rest in Peace. We love you. Travis Clay Kirkland, 49, of Bowling Green, passed away on Monday, Aug. 27, 2018.

He was born in Bartow, on June 23, 1969. He was a lifelong resident of Hardee County. He was self-employed through Kirkland Construction. He was a member of Grace Fellowship Church.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Stanley Ray Kirkland.

He is survived by his parents, William Frank Kirkland Jr. and Barbara Dale Kirkland, of Bowling Green; his loving wife, Amy Kirkland, of Bowling Green; his daughters, Terissa Griffis (Randall), of Raiford, and Marissa Kirkland, of Starke; sister Peggy Bonds (Grant), of Wauchula; as well as his grandchildren, Anderson Griffis and Leanna Darity.

A visitation will be held at Roberts Chapel on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, at 11 a.m. Funeral services will follow starting at noon. The Rev. Barry Taylor will be officiating services.

Expressions of comfort may be made at robertsfh.com.

Roberts Family

FUNERAL HOME
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NORMA JEAN ELBERTSON

Norma Jean Elbertson, of Wauchula, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018.

She was born Nov. 8, 1955 in Wauchula, and has been a lifelong resident of Hardee County. She was Baptist and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alton Norwood Brooks and Alberta Brooks; and sister, Donna Conerly.

She is survived by her loving husband, David Elbertson; daughters, Tanya Ayers, of Wauchula, and Trinity Garner (Russell), of Wauchula; sisters, Joan Waldron (Jerry), of Wauchula, and Cindy Todd (Johnny), of Bowling Green; as well as four grandchildren.

Services are pending. Arrangements were by Roberts Funeral Home.

In Loving Memory

JOHN KYLE SCARBRO

John Kyle Scarbro, 67, of Hardee County, passed away on Friday, Aug. 24, 2018.

He was born in Pontiac, Mich., on Sept. 8, 1950. John had been a resident of Hardee County for eight years, coming from St. Petersburg. He worked for Home Depot as a window and door salesman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl Scarbro and Chressie Jacobides, of Wauchula; and his sister, Christina VarVil.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Elaine Conley, of Wauchula; brothers, Carl Scarbro, of Ann Arbor, Mich., William Scarbro, of Louisville Hills, Mich., Kurt Scarbro, of Annapolis, Md., Philip Scarbro, of St. James; and sister, Leslie Warren, of Chardon, Ohio.

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In Memory



ETHEL 'TULLIE' VALERIA ROBERTS

Ethel "Tullie" Valeria Roberts, 89, of Wauchula, passed away Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, at her home.

She was born March 3, 1929, in Haines City, and was a lifelong Hardee County resident. Tullie was a member of New Zion Baptist Church in Ona, she worked for many years as a bus driver for Hardee County Schools, and in her spare time she enjoyed bowling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Roberts; parents, Barney Johnson and Myrtle Young Johnson; grandson, Tyler Roberts; and sisters, Marcella Roberts, Emily Bryan and Tiny Johnson.

Tullie is survived by two sons, Calvin Roberts and his wife Pamela, and Milton

Roberts and his wife Kim; four grandchildren, Paul Roberts and his wife Julia, Craig Roberts and his wife Brittany, Grant Roberts, and Sidney Roberts; two sisters, LuAnn Collins and her husband Carl, and Nancy Becker and her husband Charlie; one brother, David Johnson and his wife Pat; and five great-grandchildren, Ava, Nolan, Amelia, Talon, and Jace.

Visitation was 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Wauchula. Service was at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, at New Zion Baptist Church in Ona with Pastor Stephen Darley and Pastor Robert Roberts officiating. Burial followed in New Zion Baptist Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Hardee Education Foundation, Tyler Roberts Scholarship Fund.

Online condolences may be made at pongerkaysgrady.com

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All obituaries, however, must be submitted by a funeral home. No personal submissions will be accepted.

Funeral homes can submit obituaries to obits@theheraldadvocate.com.

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EXCELLENCE AWARD



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Center for Great Apes in Wauchula and its founder, Patti Ragan, recently were honored by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries with the 2018 Carole Noon Award for Sanctuary Excellence. The award is given annually to an individual and sanctuary who embody and put into practice the GFAS philosophy of vision, dedication and excellence in animal care. GFAS is the leader in accreditation of animal sanctuaries, assessing operational excellence and humane care at facilities across the globe. The Noon Award was created in 2009 to honor outstanding contributions to the animal sanctuary field in memory of the late Dr. Carole Noon, founder of Save the Chimps and a champion of chimpanzees. Ragan is shown (at right) accepting the award.



4-City News

By Henrietta Benson
448-6737

Sorry: The Hats on Parade Tea has been canceled.

Our deepest sympathy to Sylvia Brummett and family in the home-going of "Mr. Don" Donald L. Brummett Sr., who passed Tuesday, Aug. 21, at home in Bowling Green. Visitation was Saturday with the service following at First Baptist Church. Pastor Scott Sharp officiated. He was given military honors and final resting place in Bowling Green Cemetery on Bryan Avenue.

The varsity football Wildcats team will be playing the Sebring Blue Streaks here Friday evening at 7:30. Let's all come out to support the Wildcats.

Monday will be the Labor Day holiday; no school, day off from work for most. Enjoy your time and be safe.

Jean Youte, I remember your first days of riding school bus 307 and here you are a senior. Good luck No. 1.

Hardee won 45-0 last Friday evening vs. Fort Meade Miners. The weather caused the game to start later than usual time. Game ended about 11:10 p.m.

Happy birthday to Susie Moore today (Thursday).

Wedding anniversary blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Gough Jr. Aug. 23 made their 27th year.

Congratulations to Darby Sanders on being the co-captain of the Hardee varsity cheerleaders.

Upcoming 2018 Woman-to-Woman Empowerment Conference is Sept. 7-9. Theme: "Women Celebrating God's Blessed Assurances." Philippians 4:3. Host, First Missionary Baptist Church, the Rev. Clifton E. Dollison, pastor.

Guest Speakers will be Dr. Brandi Ancrum, Sis. Sandra Ming, Sis. Theresa Denise Timmons, Sis. Kristian McMillian and Sis. Jacqueline "Rena" Jackson. Friday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 to 9 p.m., registration, an evening of gospel and comedy. Sept. 8, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m.-noon morning worship service Women's Day keynote speaker.

The location is 200 Avenue R W., Winter Haven. All are welcome. The \$25 registration deadline is today (Thursday).

For tickets at church, call (863) 294-6553.

Brenda and Vincent Brown of Cocoa were Thursday and Friday visitors in Bowling Green with relatives the Greenes, Benson, Irvin and Jackson.

Remember the sick at home, hospital and nursing home.

The New Mt. Zion AME Church, the Rev. Mackey, pastor, hosted the AME Mission Meeting last Saturday in Sebring.

Deepest sympathy to the David Elbertson family and friends in the passing of wife Norma.

The Men's 2018 Conference "Man Up" will be hosted at Greater Works Ministries, Bishop Joe Halman Sr., pastor, at 2110 Oakhurst Dr., Winter Haven, on Sept. 13-14 at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Thursday evening, Bishop Matthew Williams, pastor at Brown Memorial COGIC in Tampa. Friday speaker will be the Rev. Jimmy Thompson, presiding elder of the Lively Lakeland District of the AMEs All are welcome.



Brookside Bluff News

By Jerry Smith
517-930-1524

For those of us who have been in our park for a long time, we have seen a lot of changes and have faced a lot of challenges. Starting with the purchase of the property known as the Meadows, then the expansion of Highway 17, and most recently the selling of the Bluffs Golf Course.

Rumors of the pending sale and what would happen after that sale has swirled around for a long time now. All of the events mentioned above have had a profound effect on Brookside Bluff. Even more importantly is all of these events have ended favorably for our park.

The sale of the golf course is our latest case of Good Fortune. First of all, the course has been sold! But instead of the rumors that varied from whomever you talked to, the final outcome is what will be best for our park. The course will remain an 18-hole course. With some improvements already made and many more being planned, the course will remain a very important feature of our park. So all our golfers can breathe a sigh of relief, and the rest of us will benefit from the results of the sale.

Being gone from our park is

a challenge to say the least when trying to keep informed. But perhaps in today's world we have a better shot at it with Facebook, cell phones and a variety of sources to keep us up-to-date on what is happening with friends and neighbors. So seeing many of our folks on vacation and indeed attending functions in Florida keeps us up-to-date like never before.

A good example of this is the recent trip taken to the Salvatore Dali Museum in St Petersburg, Florida by a group of

ladies from our park. Jeanie Kiergaard, Carol Colby, Dolly Gray, Jackie Vanderhorst and P. J. Cain made the trip, and it looked like they had a great time enjoying unique art exhibits, beautiful architecture and other displays including some unusual cars. I understand the paintings are displayed in an actual vault.

So even though we are more than a thousand miles from Brookside, we do have ways of knowing a lot of what is going on including the weather. God Bless Everyone!



COURTESY PHOTO

Carol, P.J., Jeanie, Jackie and Dolly visited art museum in St. Petersburg.

Talent Show Features Seniors & Those With Disabilities

People with disabilities and seniors 65 and older will hit the stage to showcase their talents for prize money next month.

The fourth annual "Special S.T.A.R.S. Got Talent" show will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring. An "expressive art" competition has been added this year to spotlight those with artistic talents as well as entertainers. The artwork will be based on the theme "What Makes You Feel Special?"

There will be no entry fees for the artists or performers. Artwork must be submitted

by Sept. 20 to Special S.T.A.R.S., 4352 Independence St., Avon Park, FL 33825.

There will be categories for children and adults with disabilities and for senior citizens. Judging will be for 30 minutes prior to the show, which is open to the public for a \$5 donation.

All proceeds will benefit Special Sports Training And Recreation Services, which serves children and adults with disabilities in Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee and southern Polk counties.

All acts — singers, dancers, comedians, etc. — need to schedule an audition time between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sat-

urday, Sept. 22, at Ridge Area Arc, 4352 Independence St., Avon Park. This will assist organizers in planning the event.

There will be three divisions available: adults with disabilities, children with disabilities and seniors. Performers in each category can win \$100 cash and a trophy. Prize money will also be awarded to second- and third-place winners.

To schedule an audition time, get an entry form and contest rules for the talent show or art contest, or to reserve a booth, call Cindy Marshall at (863) 452-1295, extension 124, or (863) 443-0438; or email cindymarshall@hotmail.com.



Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green!

This is another week when there are too many making their final journey. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of John Burdeshaw. He had moved to Hardee County a few months ago but then moved back to Tennessee, I believe. A memorial service will be in the future.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Larry Thompson, who passed last Thursday, on his untimely death. He lived out here in Fort Green. No arrangements have been made.

Also, deep sympathy is extended to the family of Tulie Roberts. She was a bus driver and ran the snack shack at the high school years ago when the shack was first opened. Doris Thornton told me Tulie called her every morning. You will definitely miss that close a friend. They both drove buses for the school system, even way back when Ethel Thomas drove a bus. She is Doris Thornton's mother.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Don Brummett. I only knew some of his relatives but he will certainly be missed.

The benefit for Tracy Powell was really successful. He has insurance but it does not cover the tests required for his particular problem. Even when you have supposedly good insurance, you still have to come up with thousands of dollars just to try and find out what can be done to help your problem. The chicken and dumplings were delicious and the leftovers were sold after church Sunday morning, and were even better!

Young miss Tonya Fields sang a solo at the benefit and another young person, Brody Waters, made his debut playing the drums in church with Lee Chancey's band. Both were really great and, of course, we expect more!

On a happy note, Brother Steve and Tara McGaughey celebrated their wedding anniversary on the 27th of August. They are living in Joshua, Texas.

I read or heard one of life's greatest pleasures

is coming into a nice air-conditioned room after working real hard outside. I am adding another super joy is when you hear the ting of jarred food you have taken out of the canner. I have been making guava jam, and after processing the jars and removing from the boiling water, the sound of the jars sealing is special!

We will be having a baptism this coming Sunday morning and then the Lord's Supper will be served Sunday night. The Sheltons are in concert Sunday a.m.

By the time the paper is printed, the primary will be over and you will be either happy or not!

Avis Sasser has had plenty of company this past week. Her great-nephew and his wife from Colorado came over and were especially desirous of showing off their new adorable son, who is 2 months old. Avis, who is 97, was able to get down on the floor and play with him. If I had tried to get down I would not have been able to get up! Then the mother of Andrew her nephew and Sister Lynn arrived in Wauchula on Friday night. They both are the daughters of Mark Silverman.

Todd Silverman had a procedure last week but is recovering nicely. Like most men he does not want any attention!

There are the usual large number of people we need to continue to pray for, and we do regularly. Helen Albritton still has not been able to return to church and Mary Samuels is still in the nursing home. Everyone was glad to see Lynda Abbott and husband back at church last night for the benefit and then Sunday morning. Ken Oden is feeling better and was at church Sunday. I understand Linda Strickland needs special prayer.

Alice Faye Moye has returned from a trip to Scotland. Hopefully she will give us a detailed trip report! Her husband did not go but a nephew did travel with her, and they wanted to see the burial spot of her distant grandfather.

Please pray for all the sick and each other along with our nation.

Letter To The Editor

Roxie Takes A Fall

Dear Editor:

This is your True Story Teller again.

It is a tale that happened to me this Sunday morning (Aug. 26, 2018, about 4:30 a.m.).

I got up early because we were having "dinner-on-the-grounds" as it has always been called. Between you and me, I'd like it better to have it somewhere else rather than on the ground.

The dish I wanted to prepare was coconut macaroons. So that is the reason for my early "up-getting," so I wouldn't have to rush.

I started going to the restroom so I wouldn't have to be rushed in trying to get ready for church. I was almost in the bathroom when these 91-year-old legs decided they didn't want to help me. They threw me for a loop — down I went.

I was eaten up with bruises and sore muscles in my breast

area, under my left arm, under my left shoulder and back, and upper left back.

A friend who visited me after church said to use an ice pack to help the pain and bruises. Another friend brought me a pulled pork dinner from the church meal which was served after the morning church service. Another friend came after church and stayed with me for a while.

I appreciate these friends for showing their love and concern for me. This is something Jesus teaches us to do. It matters not what your church's religion is — all churches teach this. Believe in God — this is what all churches teach.

Read your Bible and do what it tells you! It won't lead you astray!

Roxie Bentley
Wauchula

• It is a good idea to update your emergency contacts on your driver's license or I.D. periodically, especially if you or your contacts have moved.

School Menu

MONDAY

No School

TUESDAY

Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, banana bread, biscuit & sausage, fruit and milk

Lunch: fried chicken (k-12), PB&J (k-12), tuna salad w/crackers, tuna salad w/egg, nachos (k-12), Big Daddy Pizza (6-12), spicy chicken sandwich (6-12) garden salad (k-12), pinto beans (k-12), fruit and milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, donuts, pizza, juice, fruit and milk

Lunch: chicken fajita wrap (k-12), PB&J (k-12), ravioli dipper (k-12), chicken sandwich (6-12), fajita chicken salad, Swan's French Bread Pizza (6-12), celery, sweet potato wedges (K-12), garden salad (6-12), fruit and milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, yogurt, chicken biscuit, pumpkin bread, fruit and milk

Lunch: chicken alfredo (k-12), PB&J (k-12), fiestada pizza (k-12), cobb chicken salad, cheeseburger (6-12), buffalo chicken chunks (6-12), carrot sticks, corn, garden salad (6-12), fruit and milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, poptarts, eggs, cheese, bacon, & hash brown bowl, juice, fruit and milk

Lunch: chicken nuggets (k-12), yogurt, muffin platter, PB&J (k-12), fish wedge w/mac & cheese (k-12), calzone cheese (6-12), french fries (k-12), cole slaw (k-12), fruit and milk

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You may have to do things that you really don't like to do. You may have to let employees go because it's for the good of the company. You may have to make changes in how the different departments are



Peavy's Ponderings

By Jonell Peavy
Sugar Possum of the late Truman Thomas

run. No matter what you have to do, it is your job to do what is best for your employees and for the company you are in charge of.

It's not going to be an easy job because in everything you set out to accomplish there are those few whom you can never please, and you have to deal with them on a case-by-case basis.

That is what our president is trying to do. He is trying to put our country back on the right track and be the leader of the free world.

I'm not saying I agree with all he says and does, but I am

also not blind to all the good he has done. He appointed Justice Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, cut taxes, lowered unemployment, signed a bill giving troops the largest pay raise in seven years, declared Jerusalem the capital of Israel, and has signed 53 bills into law. These are just a few of his accomplishments, but if you want to see more go to www.magapill.com. You won't hear these things from the mainstream media so President Trump uses Twitter as his messenger board. He has been harassed more than any president in my lifetime, and I would just like to see it stopped. Just think what he might get done if he could be left alone to do the job we elected him to do.

I'm really not a political person, but it gets old after a while when every time you turn on your TV it's all about bashing President Trump.

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School District Abandons Property Talks With IDA

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

School officials have abandoned talks with the Hardee County Industrial Development Authority in the search for a possible new home for the School District of Hardee County.

"I haven't been able to get in touch with the IDA in weeks," said Superintendent Bob Shayman.

IDA Director Bill Lambert approached the district earlier this year with a proposal that would have seen the district "swap" the land at its current U.S. 17 complex in exchange for the CareSync complex.

At the time the talks began, IDA officials were hoping the technology company would be moving into the vacant Winn-Dixie complex across U.S. 17.

Shayman said his last contact with Lambert was shortly before the surprise shuttering of the now-defunct CareSync in mid-June that sent 292 employees to the unemployment line.

"I am glad we didn't go through with a walkthrough with the department heads so we didn't get anyone's hopes up," Shayman said.

School officials have been weighing options for finding more space for administrative operations for some time.

Another lingering option that remains on the table is renovating the old Hardee Junior High School complex.

Portions of the first floor have been converted into usable office space for the Exceptional Student Education Department and for housing student records.

The entire complex was tented for termites in July of 2015. The roof was replaced later that year. Around the same time, crews recaulked all of the windows.

According to Facilities Di-

rector Rob Krahl, the efforts were to "preserve the integrity of the building."

The School Board of Hardee County faced calls from the public at a meeting last year to find a use for the historic building.

Krahl said such an effort is no easy task. Any changes, he said, would require upgrades to current code and Americans with Disabilities Act requirements – including the installation of an elevator.

"It would be a complete remodel using the current building envelope," he said.

The building – along with a large swath of downtown Wauchula – received designation as part of the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Downtown Wauchula Historic District.

It remains unclear to what degree the designation – championed by the Wauchula Community Redevelopment

Agency – will impact plans to renovate the school.

Buildings designated as historic can be subject to increased requirements during the remodeling process, but the designation can, in some cases, also open the door to additional grant money.

The Downtown Wauchula Historic District encompasses roughly 14 blocks and includes the Hardee County Courthouse, old Hardee County High School, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Depot, and the 1920s Spanish Revival City Hall designed by noted architect M. Leo Elliot of Tampa.

CRA Director Jessica Newman told the Wauchula City Commission earlier this month she was in the process of reviewing options to denote the historic district with signs along U.S. 17 and a possible memorial plaque somewhere in the downtown zone.

Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Scott Adams, best known as the creator of the "Dilbert" comic strip, who made the following observation: "Give a man a fish, and you'll feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and he'll buy a funny hat. Talk to a hungry man about fish, and you're a consultant."
- According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the word that has the largest number of different meanings is "set"; it takes 26 pages to detail them all.
- As fall approaches, here's some good news: Except for the queens, all wasps die in the autumn.
- There are those who feel that we should adopt the metric system of measurement, claiming that our current system is outdated and archaic. To go truly archaic, though, we could start measuring things in flags, baronies, falls, roods, townships and hides. Yes, those are actual terms of measurement. They equal, respectively, 25 square feet, 4,000 acres, 342 square feet, a quar-

- ter of an acre, 36 square miles and 10 acres.
- Do you suffer from misanthropy? Quite a few people these days seem to; it's a hatred or fear of change or innovation.
- Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, it's estimated that Americans eat a whopping 818 hot dogs every second.
- In 1938, Fortune magazine published a prediction that, in hindsight, turns out to have been rather egregiously off the mark: "Few scientists foresee any serious or practical use for atomic energy. They regard the atom-splitting experiments as useful steps in the attempt to describe the atom more accurately, not as the key to the unlocking of any new power."

Thought for the Day:
"Should you shield the canyons from the windstorms, you would never see the true beauty of their carvings."
— Elisabeth Kubler-Ross
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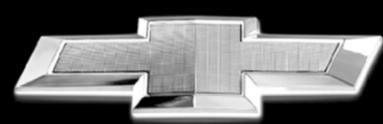
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GREETING CARDS



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Teachers at North Wauchula Elementary School use the structure "Quiz, Quiz, Trade" to get students up, moving, interacting and studying. Students each get a card to quiz with, they pair up, quiz one another, exchange the cards and find another partner to quiz and repeat the process. Students in Nicole Keen's fifth-grade class are shown enjoying the challenge.

SPELLING BEAN



COURTESY PHOTO
It's not a spelling bee, but a practice session in the comforts of a beanbag chair. These two were among students in Priscilla Bowes' third-grade class at North Wauchula Elementary School who helped one another prepare to ace their spelling and vocabulary tests.

SQUIRREL SAVERS



COURTESY PHOTO
Second graders in Mary Idsardi's R.E.A.C.H. (Realizing Excellence through the Advanced academic Curriculum of Hardee) class at North Wauchula Elementary School saved the day for Scaredy Squirrel, who never leaves his nut tree because there are too many dangers out there. Yet on one fateful day, Scaredy Squirrel found himself out of his tree. To his relief, the students solved math problems to free his emergency kit, which included antibacterial soap, Band-Aids and a parachute.

BOOK BOUND

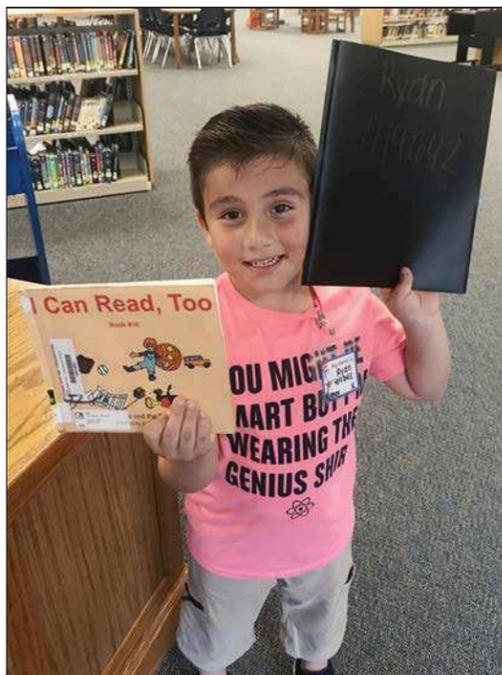


COURTESY PHOTO
Fourth graders in MaryAnn Duncan and Laura Carter's class at North Wauchula Elementary School could hardly wait for their first visit to the Media Center to meet the new media specialist, Linda Hernandez, and to check out a Sunshine State Young Reader Award book. Students are challenged to read all 15 books, and are ready to start!

GOLD STARS



COURTESY PHOTO
These kindergartners in Ashley Rigney's class at Hilltop Elementary School already know all of their letters and sounds! They have been working very hard and are now getting ready to read their very first Accelerated Reader book, just like the big kids do. The little stars are (from left) Luke Durrance, Janellie Rodriguez, Ryan Mejia and Lidia Flores. Later, Ryan proudly checked out his book.



NWES NEWSCASTERS



COURTESY PHOTO
This year's crew for Cool Cat TV, the school's closed-circuit network, is at the mic and on screen. Here, a couple of the students use a green screen to bring the daily campus news to the North Wauchula Elementary School student body.

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KNOWLEDGE NOOKS



COURTESY PHOTO
Literacy centers in teacher Stacie Whaley's kindergarten classroom at North Wauchula Elementary School provide little learners with a variety of settings to explore letters and words in.

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TRASHY TEST



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

Automated garbage pickup has arrived in the city of Wauchula. Tuesday morning saw the city's state-of-the-art garbage truck effortlessly lift 95-gallon bins into the air and dump refuse into the truck's collection bin. The roll-out – focused on residences north of West Main Street and west of U.S. 17 — was the first phase of converting to citywide automated garbage pickup. Few snags were reported, but crews did encounter several cans facing the wrong way. City leaders are reminding residents to remember to point the bin with the arrows on the lid pointing toward the road. Officials hope to convert the entire city to automated pickup by Oct. 1.

SPECIAL HOOPSTERS



COURTESY PHOTOS

Hardee and Highlands special athletes competed on the basketball courts on Aug. 18 in Sebring. About 40 athletes with various disabilities tested their skills during a two-week training and a final competition as part of the Sports Training And Recreational Services program. Two, Cheryl Moore and Bruce Brummett, represented Hardee County. Moore won a third-place trophy while Brummett won fourth. They competed in skills such as passing the ball, shooting baskets and dribbling through a course. They scored points for each skill to receive awards. Trophies were awarded to all athletes in each division. Brummett (above photo, at front left) competed in the Intermediate Division and Moore (bottom photo, back row center) in the Beginners Division. Special S.T.A.R.S. provides 14 different sports to children and adults with physical and mental disabilities throughout Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee and southern Polk counties.

SWITCHING TEAMS



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

Hardee has gone to the dogs. 'Sweetie' – a one year old mini dachshund – barked with enthusiasm as he sported a pint-sized Wildcat ascot as he supported the Hardee Senior High School volleyball squads from the bleachers last Thursday (Aug. 23) as the Wildcats faced down the visiting Lady Bulldogs of Frostproof Middle/Senior High School.



WORD WISE



COURTESY PHOTO

Students in Megan Poreda's first-grade class at North Wauchula Elementary School learned a valuable lesson they want to share with others: Words are like toothpaste. Once they are out, you cannot put them back in. Choose your words wisely and kindly.

NOTABLE NOTES



COURTESY PHOTO

Students from kindergarten through fifth grade at North Wauchula Elementary School are getting ready for college and career success. In the school's new Advancement Via Individual Determination program, students are learning important skills for success, such as note taking. Kindergartners begin at a very foundational level of taking two-column notes, while fifth graders take three-column notes.

H IS FOR HAPPY



COURTESY PHOTO

Kindergarten students in Melissa Hartley's class at North Wauchula Elementary School are busy determining where the "h" sound comes from. They think they've narrowed it down to one letter.

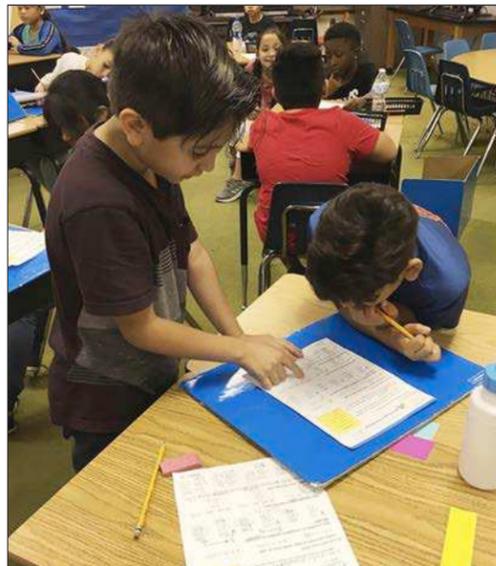
SUPER HERO



COURTESY PHOTO

Hilltop Elementary School received a special visitor on Friday, Aug. 17. Something of a super hero himself, Omegaman inspires and encourages students to be H.E.R.O.s (Helping Everyone Respect Others) and to think about how their choices affect people. Omegaman gains the students' attention for his message by displaying super hero powers, breaking bats over his knee, bending steel in his teeth and shredding phone books.

TEACHING TASK



COURTESY PHOTO

Teaching is the best way to learn. So, third graders in teacher Priscilla Bowes' class at North Wauchula Elementary School took turns teaching one another how to estimate sums.

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given formal written notice of the governor's intention to do so, and agreement reached within that period by both houses on a time for adjournment shall prevail.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE SECTION 4. CABINET.— (a) There shall be a cabinet composed of an attorney general, a chief financial officer, and a commissioner of agriculture. In addition to the powers and duties specified herein, they shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by law. In the event of a tie vote of the governor and cabinet, the side on which the governor voted shall be deemed to prevail. (b) The attorney general shall be the chief state legal officer. There is created in the office of the attorney general the position of statewide prosecutor. The statewide prosecutor shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the state attorneys to prosecute violations of criminal laws occurring or having occurred, in two or more judicial circuits as part of a related transaction, or when any such offense is affecting or has affected two or more judicial circuits as provided by general law. The statewide prosecutor shall be appointed by the attorney general from not less than three persons nominated by the judicial nominating commission for the supreme court, or as otherwise provided by general law. (c) The chief financial officer shall serve as the chief fiscal officer of the state, and shall settle and approve accounts against the state, and shall keep all state funds and securities. The commissioner of agriculture shall have supervision of matters pertaining to agriculture except as otherwise provided by law. (e) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, and the attorney general shall constitute the state board of administration, which shall succeed to all the power, control, and authority of the state board of administration established pursuant to Article IX, Section 16 of the Constitution of 1885, and which shall continue as a body at least for the life of Article XII, Section 9(c).

(f) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall constitute the justices of the internal improvement trust fund and the land acquisition trust fund as provided by law. (g) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall constitute the agency head of the Department of Law Enforcement. The Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism is created within the Department of Law Enforcement. The Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism shall provide support for prosecutors and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies that investigate or analyze information relating to attempts or acts of terrorism or that prosecute terrorism, and shall perform any other duties that are provided by law. SECTION 11. Department of Veterans' Veterans Affairs.—The legislature, by general law, shall provide for the establishment of the Department of Veterans' Veterans Affairs and prescribe its duties. The head of the department is the governor and cabinet.

ARTICLE VIII LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION 1. COUNTIES.— (a) POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. The state shall be divided by law into political subdivisions called counties. Counties may be created, abolished or changed by law, with provision for payment or apportionment of the public debt. (b) COUNTY FUNDS. The care, custody and management of county funds shall be provided by general law. (c) GOVERNMENT. Pursuant to general or special law, a county government may be established by charter which shall be adopted, amended or repealed only upon vote of the electors of the county in a special election called for that purpose.

(d) COUNTY OFFICERS. There shall be elected by the electors of each county, for terms of four years, a sheriff, a tax collector, a property appraiser, a supervisor of elections, and a clerk of the circuit court, except when provided by county charter or special law approved by vote of the electors of the county. Any county officer may be chosen in another manner therein specified, or any county officer may be abolished when all the duties of the office prescribed by general law are transferred to another office. Unless when not otherwise provided by county charter or special law approved by vote of the electors of the county pursuant to Article V, section 16, the clerk of the circuit court shall be ex officio clerk of the board of county commissioners, auditor, recorder and custodian of all county funds. Notwithstanding subsection (e) of this article, a county charter may not abolish the office of a sheriff, a tax collector, a property appraiser, a supervisor of elections, or a clerk of the circuit court; transfer the duties of those officers to another officer or office; change the length of the four-year term of office; or establish any manner of selection other than by election by the electors of the county.

(e) COMMISSIONERS. Except when otherwise provided by county charter, the governing body of each county shall be a board of county commissioners composed of five or seven members serving staggered terms of four years. After each decennial census the board of county commissioners shall divide the county into districts of contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. One commissioner residing in each district shall be elected as provided by law. (f) NON-CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties not operating under county charters shall have such power of self-government as is provided by general or special law. The board of county commissioners of a county not operating under a charter may enact, in a manner prescribed by general law, county ordinances not inconsistent with general or special law, but an ordinance in conflict with a municipal ordinance shall not be effective within the municipality to the extent of such conflict.

(g) CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties operating under county charters shall have all powers of local self-government not inconsistent with general law, or with special law approved by vote of the electors. The governing body of a county operating under a charter may enact county ordinances not inconsistent with general law. The charter shall provide which shall prevail in the event of conflict between county and municipal ordinances. (h) TAXES; LIMITATION. Property situate within municipalities shall not be subject to taxation for services rendered by the county exclusively for the benefit of the property or residents in unincorporated areas. (i) COUNTY ORDINANCES. Each county ordinance shall be filed with the custodian of state records and shall become effective at such time thereafter as is provided by general law.

(j) VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES. Persons violating county ordinances shall be prosecuted and punished as provided by law. (k) COUNTY SEAT. In every county there shall be a county seat at which shall be located the principal offices and permanent records of all county officers. The county seat may not be moved except as provided by general law. Branch offices for the conduct of county business may be established elsewhere in the county by resolution of the governing body of the county in the manner prescribed by law. No instrument shall be deemed recorded until filed at the county seat, or a branch office designated by the governing body of the county for the recording of instruments, according to law. SECTION 6. Schedule to Article VIII.— (a) This article shall replace all of Article VIII of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, except those sections expressly retained and made a part of this article by reference.

(b) COUNTIES; COUNTY SEATS; MUNICIPALITIES; DISTRICTS. The status of the following items as they exist on the date this article becomes effective is recognized and shall be continued until changed in accordance with law: the counties of the state; their status with respect to the legality of the sale of intoxicating liquors, wines and beers; the method of selection of county officers; the performance of municipal functions by county officers; the county seats; and the municipalities and special districts of the state, their powers, jurisdiction and government. (c) OFFICERS. TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE. Every person holding office when this article becomes effective shall continue in office for the remainder of the term if that office is not abolished. If the office is abolished the incumbent shall be paid adequate compensation, to be fixed by law, for the loss of emoluments for the remainder of the term.

(d) ORDINANCES. Local laws relating only to unincorporated areas of a county on the effective date of this article may be amended or repealed by county ordinance. (e) CONSOLIDATION AND HOME RULE. Article VIII, Sections 9, 10, 11 and 24, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect as to each county affected, as if this article had not been adopted, until that county shall expressly adopt a charter or home rule plan pursuant to this article. All provisions of the Metropolitan Dade County Home Rule

Charter, heretofore or hereafter adopted by the electors of Dade County pursuant to Article VIII, Section 11, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, shall be valid, and any amendments to such charter shall be valid; provided that the said provisions of such charter and the said amendments thereto are authorized under said Article VIII, Section 11, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended. (f) DADE COUNTY; POWERS CONFERRED UPON MUNICIPALITIES. To the extent not inconsistent with the powers of existing municipalities or general law, the Metropolitan Government of Dade County may exercise all the powers conferred now or hereafter by general law upon municipalities. (g) SELECTION AND DUTIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS.— (1) Except as provided in this subsection, the amendment to Section 1 of this article, relating to the selection and duties of county officers, shall take effect January 5, 2021, but shall govern with respect to the question of the holding of the primary and general elections for county constitutional officers in 2020. (2) For Miami-Dade County and Broward County, the amendment to Section 1 of this article, relating to the selection and duties of county officers, shall take effect January 7, 2025, but shall govern with respect to the auditing for and the holding of the primary and general elections for county constitutional officers in 2024. (h) DELETION OF OBSOLETE SCHEDULE ITEMS. The legislature shall have power, by joint resolution, to delete from this article any subsection of this article which is in this section, when all events to which the subsection to be deleted is or could become applicable have occurred. A legislative determination of fact made as a basis for application of this subsection shall be subject to judicial review.

NO. 11 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 ARTICLE X, SECTIONS 9 AND 19

BALLOT TITLE: Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes

BALLOT SUMMARY: Removes discriminatory language related to real property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters. Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not affect prosecution or penalties for a crime committed before the amendment; retains current provision allowing prosecution of a crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute.

FULL TEXT: SECTION 2. Basic rights.—All natural persons, female and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and to acquire, possess and protect property; except that laws may be enacted to regulate the use and possession of real property by persons ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or prohibited by law. No person shall be deprived of any right because of race, religion, national origin, or physical disability.

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS SECTION 9. Repeal of criminal statutes.—Repeal or amendment of a criminal statute shall not affect prosecution or punishment for any crime previously committed before such repeal. SECTION 19. Repealed high-speed ground transportation system.—To reduce traffic congestion and provide alternative to the traveling public, it is hereby declared to be in the public interest that a high-speed ground transportation system consisting of a monorail, fixed guideway or magnetic levitation system, capable of speeds in excess of 400 miles per hour, be developed and operated in the State of Florida to provide high-speed ground transportation by innovative, efficient and effective technologies consisting of dedicated rails or guideways separated from motor-vehicular traffic that will link the two largest metropolitan areas of the State to the extent that the system is shown to be economically feasible to existing air and ground transportation facilities and services. The Legislature, the Cabinet and the Governor are hereby directed to proceed with the development of such a system by the State and/or by a private entity pursuant to state approval and authorization, including the right of eminent domain, financing of design and construction of the system, and the operation of the system, as provided by specific appropriation and by law, with construction to begin on or before November 1, 2009.

NO. 12 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE II, SECTION 8 ARTICLE V, SECTION 13 ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

BALLOT TITLE: Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers

BALLOT SUMMARY: Expands current restrictions on lobbying for compensation by former public officers; creates restrictions on lobbying for compensation by serving public officers and former justices and judges; provides exceptions; prohibits abuse of a public position by public officers and employees to obtain a personal benefit.

FULL TEXT: SECTION 8. Ethics in government.—A public officer is a public trust. The people shall have the right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse. (a) All elected constitutional officers and candidates for such offices and, as may be determined by law, other public officers, candidates and employees shall file full and public disclosure of their financial interests. (b) All elected public officers and candidates for such offices shall file full and public disclosure of their campaign finances. (c) Any public officer or employee who breaches the public trust for personal gain and any person or entity inducing such breach shall be liable to the state for all financial benefits obtained by such actions. The manner of recovery and additional damages may be provided by law. (d) Any public officer or employee who is convicted of a felony involving a breach of public trust shall be subject to forfeiture of rights and privileges under a public retirement system or pension plan in such manner as may be provided by law. (e) No member of the legislature or statewide elected officer shall personally represent an other person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which the individual was an officer or member for a period of two years following vacation of office. No member of the legislature shall personally represent another person or entity for compensation in any term of office before any state agency other than judicial tribunals. Similar restrictions on other public officers and employees may be established by law. (f)(1) For purposes of this subsection, the term "public officer" means a statewide elected officer, a member of the legislature, a county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a superintendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority, or a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government. (2) A public officer shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the federal government, the legislature, any state government body or agency, or any political subdivision of this state, during his or her term of office. (3) A public officer shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement for a period of six years after vacation of public position, as follows: a. A statewide elected officer or member of the legislature shall not lobby the legislature or any state government body or agency. b. A person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby the legislature, the governor, the executive office of the governor, members of the cabinet, a department that is headed by a member of the cabinet, or his or her former department. c. A county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a superintendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, or an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority shall not lobby his or her former agency or governing body. (4) This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit a public officer from carrying out the duties of his or her public office.

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(5) The legislature may enact legislation to implement this subsection, including but not limited to defining terms and providing penalties for violations. Any such law shall not contain provisions on any other subject. (6) There shall be an independent commission to conduct investigations and make public reports on all complaints concerning breach of public trust by public officers or employees not within the jurisdiction of the judicial qualifications commission. (7) A code of ethics for all state employees and nonjudicial officers prohibiting conflict between public duty and private interests shall be prescribed by law. (8) A public officer or public employee shall not abuse his or her public position in order to obtain a disproportionate benefit for himself or herself, his or her spouse, children, or employer, or for any business with which he or she contracts; in which he or she is an officer, partner, a director, or a proprietor, or in which he or she owns an interest. The Florida Commission on Ethics shall, by rule in accordance with statutory procedures governing administrative rulemaking, define the term "disproportionate benefit" and prescribe the requisite intent for finding a violation of this prohibition for purposes of enforcing this paragraph. Appropriate penalties shall be prescribed by law. (9) This section shall not be construed to limit disclosures and prohibitions which may be established by law to preserve the public trust and avoid conflicts between public duties and private interests. (10) Schedule.—On the effective date of this amendment and until changed by law: (1) Full and public disclosure of financial interests shall mean filing with the custodian of state records by July 1 of each year a sworn statement showing net worth and identifying each asset and liability in excess of \$1,000 and its value together with one of the following: a. A copy of the person's most recent federal income tax return; or b. A sworn statement which identifies each separate source and amount of income which exceeds \$1,000. The forms for such source disclosure and the rules under which they are to be filed shall be prescribed by the independent commission established in subsection (g) (f), and such rules shall include disclosure of secondary sources of income. (2) Persons holding statewide elective offices shall also file disclosure of their financial interests pursuant to paragraph (1) subsection (g) (f). (3) The independent commission provided for in subsection (g) (f) shall mean the Florida Commission on Ethics.

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Gov. Scott Speaks At GOP Reagan Day Dinner

Florida Gov. Rick Scott, candidate for U.S. Senate, was keynote speaker Friday night at the Reagan Day Dinner sponsored by the Hardee County Republican Party at the Hardee County Civic Center.

Local GOP chair and dinner emcee Sue Birge estimated the crowd at 375 to 400. The dinner was beef brisket, potatoes, green beans and cheesecake.

Scott was introduced by State Sen. Denise Grimsley, a candidate for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services. She said he ran for governor in 2000 on a platform of "jobs, jobs, jobs" and that over 1.5 million jobs have been created in Florida since then, with a current unemployment rate of under four percent.

Scott said the state's crime rate is at a 47-year low and that 120 million to 125 million tourists visit Florida annually.

Scott said Florida has a population of over 21 million,

third largest in the nation, and 250 languages are spoken in the state.

Scott said he grew up for a time in public housing with his mother. "I never met my (biological) father. My Mom insisted that I do three things: make all A's in school, become an Eagle Scout and get a job."

He said Florida created 26,000 jobs last month, with a 3.7 unemployment rate, and the state has paid off one-third of its debt. "The University of Florida is rated the ninth best public university in the nation."

The current national budget has a \$600 billion deficit, with the nation's debt at \$21.3 trillion. U.S. senators make \$174,000 a year and should work harder, said Scott.

"The federal government needs term limits. A senator should not be up there for 40 years."

Scott said federal funding has been slow for repairing the

Lake Okeechobee but noted it will be finished by 2022.

He said Florida has more population than New York but New York gets 30 percent more federal transportation money than Florida.

Officers of the local Republican Executive Committee are Sue Birge, chair; Yolanda Esquivel, vice chair; Ann Schwartz, secretary; David Durastanti, treasurer; Patty Clark, State Committee Woman; and Dan Graham, State Committee Man.

Other members of the Executive Committee are James Youmans, Sam Fite, Shawna Lambert, Colon Lambert, Jean Kelly, Michelle Yeomans, Wendell Smith, Tanya Royal, Sandy Scott, Ken Lambert, Bob Shayman, Vanessa Hernandez, Mary Idsardi, Rick Knight, Floyd Rice, Ginger Rice, Russell Melendy, Charlie Scott, Edward Schwartz, Gloria Shackelford, Mike Thompson, Tommy Watkins and Jim Harris.



Dr. Julio Gonzalez, candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, stands with Hardee High School Junior ROTC Honor Guard.

PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY



Greg Steube, candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, poses with his wife Jen. The couple live in Manatee County.



Matthew Stunkard of Florida's First Assembly of God sang the National Anthem.



Sue Birge is chair of the Hardee County Republican Party and a county commissioner who is seeking re-election. She was emcee of the dinner.



Melony Bell, a Polk County Commissioner is running for Florida State Representative.



Dr. Elver Hodges, 106, of Wauchula attended with his daughter Margaret Blanco.



B.J. Norris, 100, of Wauchula was in attendance. Hodges and Norris were honored for their longevity and service to the country and community. Norris is a World War II veteran and was part of the Normandy Invasion.



State Sen. Denise Grimsley, a candidate for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Grimsley introduced keynote speaker Gov. Rick Scott, a candidate for the U.S. Senate.



From left are Doyle E. Carlton III, chairman of the Florida State Fair in Tampa, Sen. Denise Grimsley, and U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney, who chose not to seek re-election in 2018.



Michael Pierson (right), U.S. Navy 1967-71, presented a hand-carved wooden plaque of the U.S. Navy to Gov. Scott, who also served in the Navy.



Dr. Julio Gonzalez poses with his wife, Dr. Gina Arabity. The couple live in Sarasota County.



From left are Marlene Hyde, campaign manager, and Jeff Mann, candidate for Florida State Representative. Mann is a septic tank business owner from Polk County and has been active on volunteer boards.



Marlene Hyde poses with her son Andrew Bozeman, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.



Sue Birge with Gov. Rick Scott.



Bill Akins, candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, poses with his wife Kathy. The couple live in Port Charlotte.



From left are David Stamey, assistant state attorney who runs the Wauchula office, and Brian Haas, elected state attorney for the 10th Judicial Circuit which includes Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties.

Courthouse Report

COUNTY COURT

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

Rita Eileen Zimmerman, 52, of Wauchula, and Daniel Maxwell Smith, 54, of Wauchula.
 Stacy Neff Westbrook, 38, of Fort Meade, and Steven Lee Medrano, 30, of Wauchula.

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

Pamela Sellers vs. Andrew Rupert, order of dismissal.
 Salvador Deloera vs. Destiny Herrera and Mark McCormick, order of dismissal.
 Saul Delgado vs. Heather Eubanks, order of dismissal.
 Suncoast Credit Union vs. Cynthia Torres, final judgment for \$5,705.24.
 Travis Revell vs. Julie Alcantor, final order of dismissal.
 Hayden Leon Cobb vs. Shyann Baker, final order of dismissal.
 Billy or Janice Hill vs. David Coughlin, order of dismissal.
 Carl Wilburn and Tammy Paterson vs. Charlie Sunday Jr. and Stephanie Sunday, order of dismissal.
 Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Blas Galvan, voluntary dismissal.
 Irma Darty and Clarence Darty vs. Timothy Shawn Allen Darty and Jessica Nicole Taylor Darty, two cases, final judgment for \$205 and final judgment for tenant eviction.
 Highlands Regional Medical Center vs. Ivy Knight, settlement stipulation and dismissal order.
 Discover Bank vs. Keri M. See, default final judgment for \$10,521.39.
 Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Carla Gonzales and Joshua Gonzales, default final judgment for \$12,323.57.

The following criminal traffic and misdemeanor cases were disposed of recently in County Court:

Carl Benjamin Coleman, DUI, 12 months' probation, license suspended one year, 50 hours' community work; refusing to submit to a DUI test, not prosecuted; \$1,078 fines, costs and fees.

Leonardo Lopez Santiago, DUI, 12 months' probation, license suspended six months, ignition interlock six months, 50 hours' community work, \$1,653 fines, costs and fees.

Carlos Cruz, resisting arrest without violence, 12 months' probation, 50 hours' community work, \$525 fines, costs and fees.

Marcus David Roberts Jr., use of firearm while under the influence of alcohol and resisting arrest without violence, 90 days' jail, credit time served followed by 12 months' probation, no weapons/firearms, no alcohol or bars, \$575 fines, costs and fees.

Marcus David Roberts, violation of pretrial release condition, not prosecuted.

Candice Danielle Dubose, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, not prosecuted; possession of narcotics equipment and/or use, 57 days' jail, credit time served, \$590 fines, costs and fees.

Maria Suarez, trespassing, 18 days' jail, credit time served, \$500 fines, costs and fees.

Irvin Martinez, criminal mischief (above \$200), 60 days' jail, \$400 fines, costs and fees, \$250 restitution.

Irvin Martinez, trespassing structure/conveyance, not prosecuted; giving false identification to law enforcement, 60 days' jail, concurrent with other case, \$500 fines, costs and fees.

Santiago Lopez, disorderly intoxication, 60 days' jail, credit time served, \$950 fines, costs and fees; giving false identification to law enforcement, not prosecuted.

CIRCUIT COURT

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

Doris Ann Hall and the Florida Department of Revenue vs. James Ray Day, petition for administrative enforcement order on child support.
 Alex Quesada, petition for name change to Alcibiades Eustaquio Quesada Perdomo.
 Blanca Lidia Vargas Discua vs. Donnie Ray Boyett and Marjorie Boyett, property foreclosure.
 Miranda Louise Sunday and William Robert Sunday, peti-

tion for divorce.
 Kimberly L. Barber and Otho A. Barber, petition for divorce.
 Linn Whisman and Shellie Hunt, petition for divorce.

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

Tiffany Verrell vs. Hector Rodriguez, final judgment of injunction for protection.

Anthony Lee Thomas and Billie Jo Goodwin, final order of divorce.

William McClenithan and Robin Chrisman, final order of divorce.

David Allen Sanders and Tracy A. Sanders, final order of divorce.

Heather Elizabeth Eubanks and Florida Department of Revenue vs. Amanda Jean Benner, order suspending ongoing child support order on arrears.

FDOR and Elizabeth L. Thompkins vs. Keith Brown, recommendation of hearing officer order on civil contempt.

The following felony criminal cases were disposed of recently by the circuit judge:

Benjamin Lazo, burglary with assault, 364 days' jail, credit time served, \$1,220 fines, costs and fees.

Ricardo Luis Colon, resisting arrest without violence, possession of marijuana and possession of narcotics equipment and/or use, 45 days' jail, credit time served, license suspended one year, anger management course, \$350 fines, costs and fees.

Eric Luis Santiago, uttering a forged check, not prosecuted; grand theft, 12 months' probation, \$1,220 fines, costs and fees.

Ty Lane Trammell, intentional killing/wounding of an endangered species, reduced to attempted killing/wounding of an endangered/threatened species, adjudication withheld, 12 months' probation, 50 hours' community work, hunter safety class, \$1,120 fines, costs and fees.

Mohammed Iqbal, possession of marijuana with intent to sell/deliver and delivery of

narcotics equipment, not prosecuted.

Alicia Calderon, possession of meth, not prosecuted; possession of narcotics equipment and/or use, 12 months' probation, \$1,320 fines, costs and fees.

Demetrius Stewart, criminal mischief (\$1,000 or more), not prosecuted; improper exhibition of dangerous weapon, 100 days' jail, credit time served followed by 12 months' probation, no weapons/firearms, \$1,220 fines, costs and fees, \$1,221 restitution.

Terry Lynn Fischer, possession of meth, possession of marijuana and possession of narcotics equipment and/or use, transferred to drug pretrial intervention.

Waylan Pleger, violation of probation (original charges: battery, aggravated assault with deadly weapon and resisting officer without violence/force), charge withdrawn.

Jessica Danielle Sanchez, grand theft auto, failure to appear \$5,000 cash/surety.

Noah Levi Yoder, burglary

with assault/battery, criminal mischief (above \$200), battery on law enforcement officer, resisting officer with violence and battery on law enforcement officer, failure to appear \$25,500 cash/surety.

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

Marilyn Ford to Marilyn Ford and Angel F. Whidden, for \$16,600.

Rawlings Family Limited Partnership to Schneider Group Holdings, for \$180,000.

Ellen E. Smith to Garza Rentals 1, for \$85,000.

Wesley W. Wilson and Cheryl A. Brewster to Lester T. Bates and Donna S. Bates, for \$25,000.

Helen F. Keller to Marco and Ludmilla Giacomelli, for \$220,000.

Robert L. Shiver Sr. to Justin and Ashley S. Svendsen, for \$107,000.

Dewitt F. Vanarsdale to Kathleen B. Arnold and Laura K. Hollister, for \$22,000.

NOTICE

The following individuals have unclaimed monies at the Hardee County Sheriff's Office. Any monies not claimed by October 5, 2018 will be turned over to the Board of County Commissioners, to be placed in the Fine and Forfeiture Budget. This is Pursuant to Florida State Statute 116.21.

Persons claiming such funds need to come to the Hardee County Sheriff's Office, with photo identification; Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Almaraz, Osvaldo	\$435.00
Beck, Andrew	\$277.95
Delacruz, Reinaldo	\$18.17
Garcia, Mark	\$34.76
Garcia, Leonardo	\$35.00
Gist, Taylor	\$35.00
Green, Gregory	\$20.00
Huerta-Casillas, Marco	\$38.75
Johnston, Joseph	\$4.06
Lopez, Jose	\$15.45
Lopez-Rendon, Guillermo	\$25.25
Matteson, John	\$59.78
McManus, Michael	\$105.00
Moore, Dustin	\$13.25
Nix, Rebekah	\$186.35
Perada, Antonio	\$70.56
Prestridge, Amy	\$3.44
Rodriguez, Steven	\$179.25
Rugama, Samir	\$221.00
Santiago-Guman, Olegario	\$103.96
Tomlinson, Justin	\$5.00
Vasquez, Alfredo	\$34.55
Velasco, Juan	\$81.38
Velasquez, Ruben	\$69.11
Ybarra, Michael	\$23.10

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Notices

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

CASE NO. 25-2016-CA-000306

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
 Plaintiff,

v.

JESUS L BRITO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JESUS L. BRITO; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2;
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 7, 2018, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on August 24, 2018, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Hardee County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Hardee County, Florida, described as:

N 1/3 OF THE N 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1533 N HOLLAND-TOWN ROAD, WAUCHULA, FL 33873-4413

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the second floor hallway outside Room 202 of the Hardee County Courthouse, 417 W. Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873, on September 12, 2018 beginning at 11:00 AM.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Dated this 24th day of August, 2018.

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

By: **Connie Coker**
 Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

WARNING

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

The property will be sold at a public auction on the 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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The HARDEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

will hold a

PUBLIC HEARING on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018**

6:05 P.M. or as soon thereafter

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

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

Agenda No. 18-12

Joyce A. Holton requests approval of a **Special Exception** with **Site Development Plan** to add an **Accessory Dwelling Unit** to an existing dwelling on an F-R-zoned parcel, in the Town Center Future Land Use Category

1.0+/-acres 32 33 25 0000 04770 0000

On or abt 1450 Kazen Rd, Hardee County

A portion of S32, T33S, R25E, Hardee County, Florida being more particularly described as follows: Commence at SE corner of SE1/4 of SE1/4 of SW1/4 of said Section 32; thence N 90deg00min00sec W along S line of S32 a dist of 453.85 ft for Point of Beginning; thence continue N 90deg00min00sec W a dist of 208.71 ft; thence N 0deg01min05sec E a distance of 208.71 ft; thence S 90deg00min00sec E a dist of 208.71 ft; thence S 0deg01min05sec W a distance of 208.71 ft to POB; subj to S 30 ft thereof for road r/o/w

Russell A. Melendy, Chairman

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

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

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

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

All interested persons shall have the right to be heard. In rendering its decision, the Board of County Commissioners shall rely solely on testimony that is relevant and material.

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

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2018 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR HARDEE COUNTY COMMISSION AND APPOINTED BOARDS
 Meetings to be held in County Commission Chambers, Room 102 Courthouse Annex, 412 W. Orange Street, Wauchula, Florida unless otherwise noted

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular meetings first Thursday at 8:30 a.m. & third Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
 MONTH OF September--06th at 8:30 a.m. and 20th at 6:00 p.m.
 Planning Session -No Planning Session
 Labor Day Holiday - 03rd
 Tentative Budget Hearing - 11th at 6:00 p.m.
 Final Budget Hearing - 25th at 6:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY "INDEPENDENT BOARD"
 MONTH OF September- To be announced.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTH.
 Meets on second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.
 MONTH OF September--11th

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD - meets first Thursday night of each month at 6:00 p.m.
 MONTH OF September-- 06th

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD
 Meets on the second Monday night of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Building Department Conference Room, 401 West Main Street
 MONTH OF September--10th

COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
 Meets first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
 MONTH OF September- No meeting scheduled

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
 Friends of Library meets on first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at Library in Annex II
 MONTH OF September - 04th

HOUSING AUTHORITY
 Meets quarterly on the third Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at 701 LaPlaya Drive, Wauchula
 MONTH OF September - No meeting scheduled

HARDEE COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE BOARD
 Usually meets third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
 MONTH OF September - 18th

This is a Disabled-Accessible facility. Any disabled person needing to make special arrangements should contact the County Commissioner's office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public meeting.

This notice is published in compliance with Florida Statutes 286.0105. Interested parties may appear at the public meeting and be heard. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the members, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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ORANGE & BLUE REVIEW



A Whole New World

by Susan Barton, HSHS STEM Coordinator

Research, innovation, and entrepreneurship flourish in America. The development of new construction materials, experimental medical procedures, and life-altering technologies is continuous. In just the past few years a whole new terminology has been created to describe these inventions such as quantum computing, robotic artificial intelligence, 3-D construction printing, precision agriculture, amorphous metals, regenerative medicine, nanosensors, and space-based solar power to name a few.

At Hardee High School, our goal is to introduce our students to many possible fields of study and career choices in the hopes that they will secure a meaningful, high-paying job. This summer many of our students have been given the opportunity to advance their knowledge in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) through their participation in an engineering camp at Florida Gulf Coast University, an agriculture program at University of

Florida, and a mathematics camp at South Florida State College. Additionally, students are learning about orangutans and chimpanzees through Internships at the Center for Great Apes and about the manufacturing of new types of fertilizers at Florikan.

Hardee High School senior Jansen Walker used her summer to begin training in aviation. She reported, "While working towards my Private Pilot License, I have come to know that all flying is STEM! Every day I use every letter of the acronym and let me tell you, pilots LOVE to use acronyms. I am so glad I got the opportunity to start working on my future STEM career this summer!"

With new jobs being created every day to meet the demand for these developing technologies it is more important than ever that our students be prepared in STEM. As someone once said, "What good is an idea if it remains an idea? Try. Experiment. Iterate. Fail. Try again. Change the world."



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HHS IN PICTURES



Spanish II student, Kareli Plata begins her first day greeted by Mr. Pierre, HHS Foreign Language teacher. Mr. Pierre, new to Hardee County, holds a passion for teacher and is certified in Spanish and French. He was thrilled with his students' enthusiasm and preparedness to take on the responsibilities of learning a new language.



The Wauchula Masonic Lodge Number 17 presented the pamphlet "Dynamic Freedoms," to Hardee Senior High School. HHS Principal, Dr. Michele Polk accepted the donation of 1600 pamphlets to be used in the Social Studies Department and the Air Force Junior ROTC Program. Accepting the pamphlet on behalf of the Social Studies Program were Dr. Brian Kennedy and Mr. Kerry Fitzgerald. Pictured above, front row (L to R): Danny Todd Lackey-Junior Deacon, Edgar Talley, Lt. Colonel McDaniel and Dr. Polk. Back row (L to R): Ron Herron, HSHS Asst. Principal, Dr. Kennedy, Steven Muller-Junior Warden, Lodge Master Scott Johnson and Mr. Fitzgerald.



Students in Mrs. Trott's Environmental Science class discuss how new and changing scientific knowledge can change existing theories in science. Boys (L to R): Cason Gough, Greyson Weeks, and Timothy Cowart.



HHS athletes wear their team shirts on game days. These football players are proud to don their Varsity Wildcat Football jerseys each Friday!



Incoming freshman, Alex Fenton takes time before school to instruct Coach Kemp on the proper technique for playing various chords on his guitar.

Calendar of Events

- 9/3 Labor Day Holiday
- No school for students & staff
- 9/6 Freshman Parent Night
- 6:00pm HSHS Media Center
- 9/7 Varsity Football v Avon Park
- 7:30pm Wildcat Stadium
- 9/8 ACT Test
- 8:00am HSHS

WILDCATS MAUL MINERS

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Hardee Wildcats were undeterred by the more than one-hour rain delay and came out and unleashed a dominating performance in every facet of the game, pummeling the Fort Meade Miners in route to a 45-0 victory—one of the most lopsided scores in the history of the longtime rivalry between the two schools.

Hardee Head Coach Brian Kemp was very pleased how his team played Friday night.

“Fort Meade is a big game for our community,” he said. “They had some good athletes and we were just more talented on the offensive and defensive lines.”

He credited both of his coordinators for their game plans.

“Coach (Jeff) Smothers had a good offensive game plan coming into the game to wear them down during the game,” he said. “Steve (Rewis) had a great game plan for the defense and is always prepared and never surprised by anything he sees.”

This week Hardee has its regular-season home opener against Sebring, which had its game rained out last week.

The Wildcats took the lead less than a minute into the game when cornerback Myron Refoure jumped in front of Dearthick Howard’s pass at the

Fort Meade 30-yard line and returned it for a touchdown.

Hardee elected to go for a two-point try and Ellis Hodges successfully ran up the middle to give Hardee an 8-0 lead with 11:17 to go in the opening quarter.

Kemp said Hardee will go for two points more often this year when he feels it is a good matchup.

He said “stealing a few extra points” during the game can be a big advantage for the Wildcats.

Fort Meade’s next possession ended with a three-and-out and Hardee took over at the Miner’s 44-yard line after a short punt.

Hodges rushed for two first downs before Jean St. Louis ripped off a 21-yard run to the 2-yard line.

Three plays later, on fourth and goal, St. Louis took a handoff up the middle for a one-yard touchdown run, his first of three rushing touchdowns for the night.

Hardee again elected to go for two and quarterback James Pearson rolled left and found tight end Isaac Moreno open in the end zone to go up 16-0 with 2:58 left in the first quarter.

The teams traded punts on their next possessions before Hardee scored again with 3:21 left in the first half.

Pearson found wide re-

ceiver Dylan Davis open in the left flat and he made one defender miss a tackle before stiff-arming another on his way to the end zone for a 10-yard touchdown.

Leo Duarte came in and made the PAT kick to give Hardee a 23-0 lead.

Hardee scored again on its second possession of the second half when St. Louis ran up the middle and bowled over a Miner defender near the goal line for a 14-yard touchdown.

The PAT kick was no good and Hardee stretched its lead to 29-0 with 4:23 left in the third quarter.

Fort Meade’s next possession ended with a safety when Trenton Roberson and Ray Zuniga pressured Howard in the end zone and caused him to throw the ball away, which resulted with an intentional grounding call and a safety to put the Wildcats up 31-0.

Freshman Ke’Variss White nearly returned the ensuing kick for a touchdown but a block-in-the-back penalty gave Hardee the ball at the Miner’s 45.

Hodges rushed for a first down before St. Louis rushed for his third touchdown of the game, this one coming from 28 yards out on a nifty run off the left end before he bounced outside and raced untouched to the goal line for the score.



PHOTOS BY NOEY DESANTIAGO

Hardee running back Jean St. Louis runs over a Fort Meade defender at the 2-yard line before scoring his second of three touchdowns Friday night.

Duarte made the PAT kick, which put Hardee up 38-0 and instituted a running clock for the remainder of the game due to Hardee leading by more than 35 points.

Hardee’s defense forced another quick punt and Jean Youte picked up the short kick and returned it 28 yards for a touchdown, giving Hardee a score on defense, offense and special teams.

After the Duarte PAT, Hardee led 45-0 with just

under six minutes to go.

Roberson recovered a fumble on Fort Meade’s next drive and Hardee was able to take a knee and run out the clock before celebrating the victory.

Kemp said Sebring has been the best team in the Heartland the past few seasons and Hardee will have a real test against the Blue Streaks, which could be the best team the Wildcats will face in the regular season.

He said Sebring is very physical, fast and well coached.

They have a good athlete at quarterback who can throw but is very dangerous running the ball after switching from running back to quarterback this season.

Pearson will also be facing his former team, after transferring from Sebring this spring and winning the starting quarterback job for the Wildcats.



Dylan Davis celebrates with Caden Dunlap after scoring on a 10-yard touchdown reception.



Trenton Roberson and Ray Zuniga pressured Fort Meade quarterback Dearthick Howard in the end zone which led to a safety after he was flagged for intentional grounding.



Four Hardee defenders converge on running back Kamron Simmons. Hardee’s defense held Fort Meade to only 80 yards of total offense for the game and forced two turnovers.

Game Statistics

	HARDEE	FORT MEADE			
PASSING COMPLETIONS, ATTEMPTS AND INTERCEPTIONS	9-15-0	7-18-1			
PASSING YARDS	65	27			
RUSHING ATTEMPTS/YARDS	29-184	20-53			
TOTAL YARDS	249	80			
TURNOVERS	0	2			
FIRST DOWNS	11	4			
PENALTIES, LOST YARDAGE	6-40	10-50			
SCORING BY QUARTER:					
Hardee	16	7	8	14	45
Fort Meade	0	0	0	0	0



Trenton Roberson recovers a fumble for the Wildcats.



Hardee coaches and players had plenty to celebrate after beating Fort Meade 45-0, one of the most lopsided defeats ever in the “Highway 17” rivalry game.

Players of the Week Fort Meade



#54 Bo Villarreal
Offense



#22 Trenton Roberson
Defense



#17 Leo Duarte
Special Teams



#55 Tom Pace
Lineman



#4 Jean St. Louis
Wildcat

THE CLASSIFIEDS

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

BILLINGAds must be pre-paid.

CLASSIFICATIONS:

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| Agriculture | Mobile Homes |
| Appliances | Notices |
| Automobile | Personal |
| Boats | Pets |
| Furniture | Plants/Produce |
| Guns | Real Estate |
| Help Wanted | Recreational |
| Houses | Rentals |
| Livestock | Rentals, Commercial |
| Lost & Found | Services |
| Miscellaneous | Wanted |
| Motorcycles | Yard Sales |

Agriculture

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

Help Wanted

DRIVERS, CDL-A: LOCAL, Avon Park Openings! These part-time, daytime runs are all no-touch! Excellent hourly pay! Great for those seeking supplemental weekly income. 2 yrs CDL-A exp. Call Penske Logistics: 866-936-5356. 8:23,30c

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

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

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

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

ENCYCLOPEDIAS FREE TO anyone. Paid \$1,600 years ago. Complete books. 863-767-0510. 8:30p

WANTED: SOFA & LOVESEAT. Do you have one for sale? 863-832-0197. 8:30p

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 2002 Buick Century
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 VIN: 2G4WS52J821167099
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 VIN: 1G1JH52FX37352566
 8:00 A.M., SEPT 12, 2018
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Pets

FOUND: MEDIUM-SIZED Pit type dog near Sonic drive-in, 863-773-0059, 863-781-2558. 8:30nc
3 FREE KITTENS, eat and drink on their own, 5 weeks, healthy & cute, 863-735-2894, 863-832-0309. 8:30p

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. ttc-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. ttc-dh

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

Rentals

2 BEDROOM HOUSE large lot \$200/week no deposit. 863-445-0915 or 863-773-6616. 8:9-9:6p
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. ttc-dh

Services

I WILL CUT small yards. Joe 863-245-9898. 8:30p
I, JOE, WILL PICKUP for FREE old stoves, refrigerators, microwaves, freezers, lawn mowers and other metals. Call 863-245-9898. 8:30p
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 Dan 735-0188 3505 US Hwy 17 S ZOLFO SPRINGS	 Sandra	 Jimmy 375-4441 4205 US Hwy 17 N BOWLING GREEN cl5:10tfc
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\$113,000
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- 3BR 1B 920 South 10th Ave., nice corner lot on Carlton St. \$105,000 SOLD
- 109 North Bridle Path, Arcadia 2BR 1B Large corner lot, concrete block, central heat and air. \$89,000
- 628 Terrell Rd., Wauchula Lg. 4BR 2½B frame house on 2.14 acres Price Reduced \$80,000 SOLD
- 4520 Fair Ave. Bowling Green 3BR 2B stucco block home \$99,000
- 314 Walton Ave. Wauchula 3BR 2B stucco house \$89,000

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 cl8:30c

20 temporary Christmas tree workers needed for Butler Farms, Inc. in Alleghany and Ashe Counties, North Carolina, with work beginning on or about 10/23/2018 and ending on or about 12/09/2018. Job duties include manual labor to cut, bale and stack fresh-cut Christmas trees. Load fresh-cut trees by hand, perform farm, field and shed sanitation duties. All work is performed outdoors during all types of weather. Must be able to lift 50-100 lbs. repetitively throughout the work day and must keep up with other workers in the field. Requires minimum 1 month verifiable work experience as a Christmas Tree Worker. The minimum offered hourly wage rate is \$11.46. No minimum education requirements. 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 US. Workers may be required to submit to random drug and alcohol testing at no cost to the worker. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Alleghany County, 115 D Atwood Street, Sparta, NC 28675, (336) 372-9675, and reference job order #NC10920168, EOE, case #H-300-18227-457979. cl8:30c

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Services

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

Services

NEED A WELL OR HAVE PUMP TROUBLE? CALL ULLRICH'S PITCHER PUMP For complete well, sales, service and installation, call 863-773-6448. 7:18tfc

THE WAUCHULA LIONS CLUB collects NOT broken prescription eyeglasses, cases and sunglasses. Please drop off at 735 N. 6th Ave. tfc-dh

Services

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

IS ALCOHOL CAUSING a problem? Call Alcoholics Anonymous in Hardee county at 863-781-6414. Several weekly meetings. 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.

SATURDAY, 8-?, OFF Bell Street. Tools, Vera bags, wedding items, misc. 8:30p

FRIDAY, 8/31 & SATURDAY 9/1 from 7 am to 1 pm, little bit of everything. 401 Orange Place, Wauchula. 8:30c

ANGIE'S ATTIC THRIFT Store has relocated to 752 North 6th Ave., Wauchula. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm. Closed Sunday & Monday. 8:30-9:27p

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, 8am-2pm, corner of Orange & 1st Ave., Wauchula. Clothes 50c. 8:30p

FRIDAY, 7:30-?, 312 Pennsylvania Ave., Wauchula. 8:30p

Sandoval Wholesale, Inc. is hiring 15 farmworkers to cultivate and harvest vegetable crops in Colquitt County, GA for a temporary period starting on 10/14/2018 and ending on 11/15/2018. One (1) month of verifiable work experience harvesting vegetables is required. The wages offered are the highest of \$10.95/hr. or applicable piece rates. This job requires prolonged standing, bending, stooping, and reaching. Job is outdoors and continues in all types of weather. Workers must be able to lift 70lbs. to shoulder height repetitively throughout the workday and able to lift and carry 70lbs. in field. Employer guarantees work will be available for at least three-quarters of the period stated. Required tools supplies, and equipment will be provided at no cost to worker. Housing will be available for workers who cannot reasonably return home after each working day. Transportation and subsistence expenses will be provided, or reimbursed after 50% of the work contract is completed, if appropriate. Applicants should apply for the position at their local State Workforce Agency office. Job Order Number: GA2586889476. c18:20c

S. Derringer Harvesting, Inc. is hiring five Ag Equipment Operators to operate equipment used to harvest watermelon in Beaufort County, SC for a temporary period starting on 09/23/2018 and ending on 11/08/2018. Twelve (12) months of verifiable work experience operating ag equipment are required. The wages offered are the highest of \$10.95/hr. or applicable piece rates. Must have the correct type of license required by State and Federal laws. All drivers will be required to have a CDL license, and drivers responsible for transporting workers will be required to have a valid and unexpired Federal Farm Contractor or Federal Farm Labor Contractor Employee Registration with driving authorization. Will be responsible for operating the buses used to move watermelon from the field to the packinghouse and storage facility. Must be able to safely operate the buses that are used to transport workers to and from work sites. Should be able to provide proof of accident-free driving record and background. Workers may be requested to submit to random drug or alcohol tests at no cost to the worker. Failure to comply with the request or testing positive may result in immediate termination. Also, drug testing and background checks will occur during the interview process and will be conducted at the sole cost and discretion of the employer. Workers must be able to lift 50lbs. to shoulder height repetitively throughout the workday and able to lift and carry 50lbs. in field. Employer guarantees work will be available for at least three-quarters of the period stated. Required tools supplies, and equipment will be provided at no cost to worker. Housing will be available for workers who cannot reasonably return home after each working day. Transportation and subsistence expenses will be provided, or reimbursed after 50% of the work contract is completed, if appropriate. Applicants should apply for the position at their local State Workforce Agency office. Job Order Number: SC798851. c18:30p

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4.7+ ac parcel located in Florida. Call John O'neal for more information.

5.43 ac vacant land in town on Florida Avenue South. Zoned C-1. \$320,000

1.19 ac metal warehouse with an office. 9,600 total square feet. Zoned A-1. Has a shallow well. \$130,000

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LET'S LOOK!



COURTESY PHOTO

Mary Idsardi's second-grade R.E.A.C.H. class at North Wauchula Elementary School explored and tinkered with some S.T.E.M. Center activities. The class name stands for Realizing Excellence through the Advanced academic Curriculum of Hardee, and the center is for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math studies.

VIVACIOUS VERBS



COURTESY PHOTO

First graders in Maggie Santana and Megan Poreda's classes at North Wauchula Elementary School enjoyed getting together to act out some action verbs. Perhaps passive verbs won't be as popular with these young grammar scholars!

HAPPY HUNTERS



COURTESY PHOTO

Nicole Keen's fifth-grade R.E.A.C.H. class at North Wauchula Elementary created maps of the school and wrote clues using cardinal directions to take their classmates on a scavenger hunt. The acronym stands for Realizing Excellence through the Advanced academic Curriculum of Hardee.

BOTTLES & BOXES



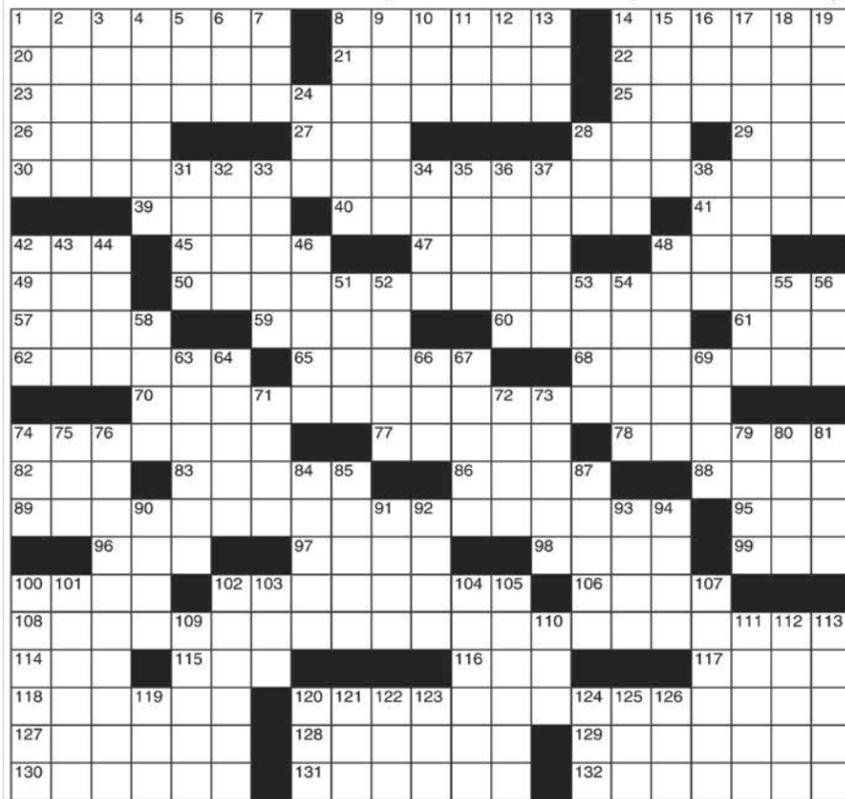
COURTESY PHOTO

North Wauchula Elementary School recently received a donation of bottles of school glue and boxes of facial tissues from Pastor Wendell Smith and Cutting Edge Ministries. Both will come in handy in the classrooms.

Super Crossword

HOPPER IN THE SOOT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Whip material
 - 8 Complain
 - 14 Publisher
 - 20 Red-faced
 - 21 Fly a 727, e.g.
 - 22 "Heat" co-star
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 One running away to wed
 - 26 Title for Tennyson
 - 27 Roadside stopover
 - 28 Old Glory's land
 - 29 Desktop machines
 - 30 Riddle, part 2
 - 39 Chop into small cubes
 - 40 Fit to be donned
 - 41 Tire-trapping furrows
 - 42 Sharp nudge
 - 45 Tot's "piggies"
 - 47 Glass parts
 - 48 End of many 28-Downs
 - 49 — Pro
 - 50 Riddle, part 3
 - 57 — suit (1940s outfit)
 - 59 Football Hall of Famer
 - 60 Precipitates
 - 61 Ram's partner
 - 62 Equine animals
 - 65 Bert's buddy
 - 68 Turned in for the night
 - 70 Riddle, part 4
 - 74 Signaled incorrectly, as an actor
 - 77 Substitute for chocolate
 - 78 Force of rotation
 - 82 System of beliefs
 - 83 Horse noise
 - 86 Virginie, par exemple
 - 88 "Gross!"
 - 89 Riddle, part 5
 - 95 "Dark" quaff
 - 96 Kit —
 - 97 As regards
 - 98 Vague sense
 - 99 Pop
 - 100 Suffix with prank or trick
 - 102 Swiss franc divisions
 - 106 Squishy ball brand
 - 108 End of the riddle
 - 114 With 24-Down, drilling structure
 - 115 Lady-Tramp link
 - 116 Sargasso Sea fish
 - 117 Woody Guthrie's son
 - 118 Future revealer
 - 120 Riddle's answer
 - 127 Mosey along
 - 128 With milk, French-style
 - 129 Leading female role
 - 130 Service songbook
 - 131 Artifacts
 - 132 Result of an absent goalie
 - DOWN**
 - 1 "A Natural Man" singer
 - 2 Put on — (act)
 - 3 "Void — prohibited"
 - 4 Picked up and gave to
 - 5 "— Believer"
 - 6 Dawn beads
 - 7 Old Tokyo
 - 8 "Catch my drift?"
 - 9 Broad street
 - 10 Pre-2001 space station
 - 11 Big mouth
 - 12 H, to Homer
 - 13 — gestae
 - 14 "— Fideles" (carol)
 - 15 Put off action
 - 16 Yoko of song and art
 - 17 Cosmetic to enhance the kisser
 - 18 Trimmed to size in advance
 - 19 Equine animals
 - 24 See 114-Across
 - 28 Virtual address
 - 31 Falafel wrap
 - 32 Reversed one
 - 33 Essentialities
 - 34 Boat cover
 - 35 Singer India
 - 36 Really denounces
 - 37 "Peer Gynt" playwright
 - 38 Frizzy dos, informally
 - 42 Dixieland or bebop
 - 43 Emollient plant additive
 - 44 Oozy lump
 - 46 Like chiffon
 - 48 Sam's Club competitor
 - 51 50+ org.
 - 52 — Wars (Rome-Carthage conflicts)
 - 53 Actress Diana
 - 54 Nest sound
 - 55 Have debts
 - 56 Poet Hughes
 - 58 — II (Gillette brand)
 - 63 Summer appliance, for short
 - 64 Charlie of "Spin City"
 - 66 — rut (stuck)
 - 67 Marsh bird
 - 69 "Just doing my best"
 - 71 Hippie-style "Got it"
 - 72 Tiniest bit
 - 73 Channel for hoops fan
 - 74 1/1,000 inch
 - 75 Prefix with lateral
 - 76 Fire safety device
 - 79 College area
 - 80 Coll. near Beverly Hills
 - 81 Managed, with "out"
 - 84 Rat race
 - 85 Tip-offs
 - 87 "For — is the kingdom ..."
 - 90 Kid's racing vehicle
 - 91 Basic street layout
 - 92 Powerful auto engine
 - 93 Wild goat of Eurasia
 - 94 Former Ford auto, in brief
 - 100 Nike symbol
 - 101 Six times five
 - 102 Howard of sportscasts
 - 103 Slice of time
 - 104 Like a utopia
 - 105 Ream's 500 bottle
 - 107 Perfume
 - 109 Writer Cather
 - 110 Bridge writer Culbertson
 - 111 "Argo" actor Alan
 - 112 TV actress Graff
 - 113 Sacred choral piece
 - 119 Cell dweller
 - 120 Hertz rental
 - 121 Shade
 - 122 Not well
 - 123 — tai
 - 124 Margaret of stand-up
 - 125 Congress mem.
 - 126 Mad feeling



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) People have always relied on your integrity not only to get the job done, but to get it done right. So don't be pressured by anyone into cutting corners to save time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While others might get rattled over unexpected changes, your ability to adapt calmly and competently helps you make a positive impression during a crucial period.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing environment might be daunting for some, but the adventurous Sagittarian takes it all in stride. A friend from the past could awaken some meaningful memories.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-assurance rising to full strength, the bold Goat should feel confident about opening up to new ventures as well as new relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reaching out to someone who has been unkind to you might not be easy. But in the long run it will prove to have been the right thing to do. A friend offers moral support.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your keen insight once again helps you work through a seemingly insoluble problem in your workplace. The weekend offers a good chance to develop new relationships.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a knack for finding details that others would overlook. You would make a fine research scientist.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your Arian charm quotient at an almost all-time high this week, plus all the facts to back you up, you just might win over the last doubters to your proposal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be in line for that job change you applied for. But be advised that you could be called on to defend your qualifications against supporters of other applicants.

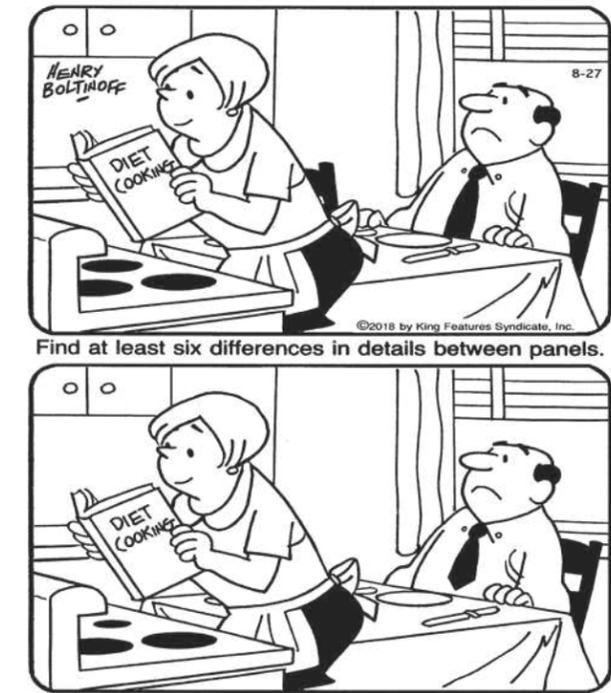
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new approach to an old idea is one way to get beyond that workplace impasse. No such problems in your personal life, where things continue to flow smoothly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be more forthcoming about your feelings concerning a proposed change either in your workplace or in your personal life. Your opinions are valuable. Don't keep them hidden.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation in your life needs more patience than you appear to be willing to offer. Allowing it to develop at its own pace is the wisest course you can take at this time.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With more stability in your life — on both personal and professional levels — this could be a good time to strengthen relationships with both friends and colleagues.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Burner is smaller. 2. Burner is moved. 3. Cabinet is not as wide. 4. Tie is different. 5. Hand is not showing. 6. Chair is missing.

GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

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

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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆
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MAGIC MAZE • SHARP TOOLS

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

Awl Drill Hoe Razor
 Chisel Gouge Ice pick Scissors
 Cleaver Hacksaw Knife Sickle
 Clippers Hatchet Machete

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Answers

Go Figure!

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

Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals D

BDKZ PAV CVXXKZTP MKY W MEKWY
 QXKW WAVY W NTAVXRVECY,
 BAVTX PAV NWTY YDWY W
 EWQZCYAEJ REWQZCYAEJ?

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

CFG UKXXGQGMWG DGCRGGM
 NYV EMOGNV EMU SYOACQ
 KV CFEC SYOACQ FEV EM
 EWCKPG, NPKMO WANCAQG.
 — VYAQWG AMHMYRM

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Super Crossword

Answers

RAWHIDE YAMMER ADOLPH
 ASHAMED AVIATE DENIRO
 WASHINGTON KREWAS ELOPER
 LORDED UGURTADRTFLUE
 SWEPINGO UTADRTFLUE
 DICE WEARABLE RUTS
 JABTES RIMS COM
 ALLTANDAPENEDOTSPOT
 SEAU MONS RETIRED
 ZEBRAS ERINNE RETIRED
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 MISCUED CAROB TOQUE
 ISMNEIGHETAT YUCK
 LEOKINGRIGTATHIMVALE
 KATINRE VIBE DAD
 STERCENTIMES NEF
 WATWOSDIDHEXELALAM
 OITLVA
 OTRACLE CHIMNEYCRICKET
 STRAITLLOITLORINE
 RELLIS
 MANNAL
 POE

Cryptoquote

The difference between Los Angeles and yogurt is that yogurt has an active, living culture. — Source Unknown

Answers

Cryptoquip
 When you suddenly get a great idea about a cloudburst, would you call that a rainstorm brainstorm?

Letter To The Editor

Words 'Laus Deo' Are On The Washington Monument

Dear Editor:

One detail that is seldom mentioned is that in Washington, D.C. there can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument.

With all the uproar about removing the Ten Commandments, etc., this is worth a moment or two of your time. I was not aware of this amazing historical information.

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., are displayed two words: Laus Deo. No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter probably couldn't care less.

Once you know Laus Deo's history, you will want to share this with everyone you know.

These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words.

Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say "Praise be to God!"

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848 when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public.

It took 25 years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, Laus Deo, "Praise be to God!"

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments.

From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre

Charles L'Enfa nt ... a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north, the Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution.

So, read on. How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice.

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848, deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy "One Nation, Under God."

I am awed by George Washington's prayer for America ... Have you ever read it? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on!

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

"And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Laus Deo!
Editor's Note: This item was e-mailed by Henry Rhodes of Sarasota to Rev. Lorraine Gillespie of Wauchula. She requested it be published in The Herald-Advocate.

Banking: Then, Now, And Later

Held out from last week.
My first acquaintance with banks came in elementary school in 1947, when I became a depositor in the Second Grade National Bank at Bartow Elementary School.

This institution (I'm pretty sure that it was in second grade) was created by the teacher to teach us the concept of setting aside some of our meager revenue for our old age, say when we turned 11 or 12.

Deposits — mostly nickels and dimes — were duly recorded on the blackboard, and periodically transferred to the Florida National Bank at Bartow.

In today's regulatory environment, I suspect the Second Grade National Bank would have violated several dozen federal laws and hundreds of banking regulations, but in the post-war 1940s, it seemed like a good idea. And it was.

In those days, deposits were recorded in a bank book, which was not a whole lot larger than today's credit cards.

You took the book and your deposit into the bank, an imposing building with marble floors, tellers cages (so called because of the barred window openings which separated tellers from customers), and an armed guard.

All in all, a bank had the welcoming atmosphere that one might associate with the enforcement division of the IRS.

All bank employees (with the possible exception of the president's secretary) were

men. Deposits were posted by hand to your bank book, and every three months, interest earnings were computed and posted, also by hand.

Today, males have all but disappeared from your typical bank, which often offers orange juice, coffee, cookies, lollipops or popcorn to its customers. The armed guard has gone the way of the teller's cage.

For customers who don't want to leave the air-condi-



Thinking Out Loud

By S.L. Frisbie IV

Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame Member, 4th-Generation Polk County Newspaper Publisher

tioned comfort of their cars to walk 50 or 100 feet into the bank lobby, there are drive-through teller windows which allow you to conduct your banking without that degree of physical exertion. I only use them after the lobby is closed for the day.

There are also automated teller machines that allow you to do your banking after the drive-through facilities are closed. I do not know how to use them.

Bank books have been replaced by deposit receipts generated in an instant by computers which simultaneously record your upgraded account information.

Now (as in the days of the Second Grade National Bank)

bank buildings typically are among the largest and most prominent structures in the business community.

But according to my most reliable banking authority, even that will change.

Banking offices, she predicts, are an endangered species. Banking of the future will be conducted almost entirely on line, she says.

I did not ask her for details, since I am sure that (1) I would not have understood her answer and (2) I figure anybody

who can't use an ATM will never figure out how to master computerized banking.

Fortunately, I have three adult children who already have.

Progress is finding a new way for today's septuagenarians to become a burden to their children.

S.L. Frisbie is retired. He can remember when Bartow got its second bank. One morning, there was a rumor that robbers would target one of them later that day. The two banks were less than two blocks apart on Main Street, and the chief of police conspicuously stationed himself, armed with an automatic firearm, on the sidewalk half-way between them. There was no robbery.

Baptism and Overwhelming Grace

When I was 8-years old, our church had a week-long revival. I don't remember the visiting preacher's name, but I remember Thursday night of that week. There was something in the message or the song that pulled me forward for my "public profession of faith." I remember writing on the back of an offering envelope what I wanted to tell our pastor: "I want to accept Jesus as my personal Savior."

We were on the third verse of "Just as I Am," and I had this sense of now or never. I made my way past my parents; I think my mother began to cry. I was trying to squeeze past strangers in the pew when the music stopped, and the preacher started talking. He was talking about the need to come forward, receive Christ, and be obedient to Christ in baptism.

I should fill in non-Baptists. Baptists do not baptize infants; we only dunk people old enough to make their own decisions. We'd heard tell of Methodists and Presbyterians who baptized babies, and regarded them (Methodists and Presbyterians, not the babies) with suspicion.

When one of our deacons was asked if he



Directions

By Clay Smith

Hardee County Native

had ever heard of infant baptism, he declared, "Heard of it? I've seen it with my own two eyes!" We were of the tribe that believed baptism meant "put 'em under till they bubble."

I was stuck amongst a family I didn't know, waiting for the preacher to be quiet and the music to start again, so I could get up there and do what he was asking us to do. Finally, mercifully, he stopped, and I started back down the aisle.

I remember taking the preacher's hand and reading my declaration of faith off the back of that offering envelope. What happened after that was a blur. People came by, shook my hand, and my baptism was set along with others for the next Sunday.

For some reason, we only baptized on Sunday night. Because of revival there were a bunch of people to baptize, including my stepfather Lawrence. I was excited because so many of my relatives came to see us baptized. I was also excited because I was eager to let the world know I believed in Jesus.

When 8-year old boys get excited, their bodies burst with energy. Twenty times I'd been

told to calm down that Sunday. I was trying to, but the excitement had to go somewhere. My excitement went to my bladder.

Now it's Sunday night. With others, I'm standing in the baptistry, in a pool of water. Every 8-year-old boy knows the magic of being in the water: you can do things and no one knows.

The preacher recited from memory the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch. Pressure was building inside my plumbing. The preacher said, "Let us pray" and began one of his very long prayers thanking God for creation, Jesus, salvation, those being baptized, the faithful work of the evangelist, the wonderful songs that drew us close to Jesus, for the generous offering, for life itself, for his education, for justice and mercy. It was a long list of thanks. Meanwhile, in my 8-year old body, the dam was about to be overtopped.

Growing up in church, I had always heard about the sweet moment of surrender. The moment came. Excitement released. The volume in the baptistry increased slightly.

The preacher finished by thanking God for "The sacred waters of baptism and the willingness of these candidates to enter these baptismal waters." If only they knew.

I never told this story until after my stepfather passed away and went to be with Jesus. I'm pretty sure Jesus met him at the gates of heaven, laughing, and said, "Lawrence, you remember the night you were baptized? Let me tell you the rest of the story."

I once told this story to a Presbyterian and a Lutheran pastor. After they wiped the tears from their eyes, they laughingly said, "Sounds like everyone who was baptized that night was baptized and sprinkled."

I'm sure that some people who were baptized that night, March 4, 1968, are still alive. Please accept my profound apologies. But remember baptism is a picture of what Jesus has done for us. The Gospel was present at my baptism: the impurity of who I was and am, was and is overwhelmed by the grace of Jesus. Thank God for his grace.

This, by the way, is why I never let 8-year old boys in the baptistry until right before I baptize them.

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 unlike-lyclay.com.

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 '70s

Aug. 31, 1978

Routine Rest: This week, Nancy Van Dyck talks about how regular routines can keep everyone stabilized, regardless of age. In her column "Nancy's Fancies," she says she and her husband are returning to work following a vacation while their grandson is starting kindergarten. Nancy has had a few hectic weeks, but life in her daughter's household with the grandson has been smooth sailing.

Golden Air: This rendition of Goldilocks and the Three Bears advertises air conditioning from Willis Heating & Air Con-



ditioning. Papa Bear says, "My house is too hot to sleep in." Mama Bear says, "My house is too hot to live in." But Baby Bear says, "My house temperature is just right! It's air conditioned by Rheem."

Keep Learning: The Hardee County School Board has announced the foundation of an adult and community education program. There will be four different programs: Adult Basic Education, High School Completion for Adults, General Education Development Test, and

Community Education. For information, call Joe Baxter, director of vocational and adult education, or Johnna M. Himrod, coordinator of adult and community education.

Motor Sales: Hardee Motors is advertising its 1978 model year close-out specials: a Monte Carlo for \$5,756 and a Malibu Wagon for \$5,524. Also on sale are a Chevette four-door for \$4,335.15 and a Chevy Lum pickup for \$4,467.

Local Help: The Mental Health Center of Polk County has opened a new counseling center in Hardee County. Located in Wauchula at the corner



of East Orange Street and South Fifth Avenue, this new building is planned to open on Sept. 5. It will offer a wide variety of counseling services.

Notice of Intended Agency Action by the Southwest Florida Water Management District

Notice is given that the District's Intended Agency Action is approval of the application for a Water Use Permit to serve Agricultural activities. The total authorized withdrawal is 35,900 GPD, Peak Month is 247,900 GPD, Drought Annual Average is 52,300 GPD and Maximum is 1,804,300 GPD. The project is located in Hardee County, Section(s) 13 and 14, Township 33 South, Range 23 East. The permit applicant is Bermont Properties, LLC / Attn: Steve Varner whose address is 2947 South East Highway 31, Arcadia, FL 34266. The Permit No. is 20009103.003. The file(s) pertaining to this project is available for inspection Monday – Friday except for legal holidays, 8am – 5pm, at the Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637.

Notice of Rights

Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's action regarding this matter may request an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), of the Uniform Rules of Procedure. A request for hearing must (1) explain how the substantial interests of each person requesting the hearing will be affected by the District's action, or proposed action; (2) state all material facts disputed by each person requesting the hearing or state that there are no disputed facts; and (3) otherwise comply with Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. A request for hearing must be filed with and received by the Agency Clerk of the District at the District's Brooksville address, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 within 21 days of publication of this notice. Failure to file a request for hearing within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice of agency action. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District in this matter have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above. Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., to settle an administrative dispute regarding the District's action in this matter is not available prior to the filing of a request for hearing.

INVITATION TO BID BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HARDEE COUNTY, FL

The Board of Co. Commissioners, Hardee Co., FL, hereinafter referred to as "County" will be soliciting proposals to provide four corrugated aluminum pipes for a bridge structure on Jack Jones Road as specified in the technical specification. Bidding information must be submitted in writing no later than **Thursday, September 20, 2018 by 2:00 PM ET**. Any BIDS received after the time specified will not be accepted. Sealed bids will be received at:

Hardee County Purchasing Office
Attn: Lorie Ayers, Purchasing Director
205 Hanchey Road
Wauchula, FL 33873

Bid documents may be obtained from the Hardee Co. Purchasing Office, 205 Hanchey Rd, Wauchula, FL 33873, or by emailing request to lorie.ayers@hardeecounty.net. Bidders shall confine their bids to the project in its entirety. Partial BIDS will not be considered. Bids submitted by FAX or other electronic media will NOT be accepted under any circumstances. Late bids will NOT be accepted and will be returned to the bidder.

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

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CROSS COUNTRY

Lady 'Cats Take First Over 'Dawgs

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Lady Wildcats opened the 2018 cross country season with a win over the Lady Bulldogs.

The cross-county cross country rivalry saw the both the varsity squad from Hardee Senior High School and the middle school ladies from Hardee Junior High School sprint their way to first place finishes in the Aug. 21 run at Morgan Park at Arcadia.

"Hardee's girls won the meet significantly," said head coach Rob Beatty. "It was hit, and times reflected it, but strong efforts."

Adriana Mier, a freshman, took top individual honors for the varsity squad with a time of 23:43.18. Tatiana Mier, a junior, was second overall with a time of 23:48.89.

The Lady Wildcats dominated the top 10 with all six runners claiming top finishes.

"All six Hardee runners were in the top 10. Hardee newcomers Ingrid Mendoza and Katie Brandeberry really are going to

help the girl's team this year," Beatty said. High school runners trek a 5,000 meter course.

Yadira Sanchez, an eighth grader, took first place honors in the middle school challenge with a time of 13:46.91. Mikayla Metayer, a seventh grader, took second with a time of 15:01.40 and Ava Roberts, a sixth grader, took third place with a time of 17:29.33.

Middle school players compete on a 3,000 meter course.

The junior high runners ran well on their 3000 meter course," Beatty said.

For the Wildcats, senior Zack Durastanti led the pack as he cruised to a first place finish with a time of 19:26.88.

"The boy's team didn't fare as well, but did take the individual first place with Zack Durastanti," Beatty said. "Roberto Gutierrez finished well with 4th place."

Beatty said he hoped the team would shave some time off their runs as they were set to travel Saturday (Aug. 25) for a morning meet at Holloway Park in Lakeland.

"Time should improve as they run in

the morning when it is cooler," Beatty said.

Individual Results:

Girl's 5000M: 1st, Adrianna Mier, 23:43.18; 2nd, Tatiana Mier, 23:48.89; 5th, Ingrid Mendoza, 26:16.64; 6th, Laura Ramos, 26:31.42; 7th, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 28:23.90; and 10th, Kareli Plata, 30:14.83.

Girl's 5000M Team: 1st, Hardee, 21; 2nd, DeSoto, 35.

Boy's 5,000M: 1st, Zack Durastanti, 19:26.88; 4th, Roberto Gutierrez, 20:28.41; 8th, Dalton Kiella, 22:33.52; 12th, Noah Torres, 23:50.53; 13th, Scott Meeks, 24:26.72; and 20th, Mike Trevino, 38:32.07.

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Boy's 3000M: 2nd, Caleb Nadasky, 11:58.48; 3rd, Jacob Duncan, 12:08.99; 6th, Zander Durastanti, 12:53.48; and 7th, Chase Bryant, 12:53.98.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Adriana Mier and Tatiana Mier took first and second place respectively for the Lady Wildcats.



Zander Durastanti took sixth overall for the Hardee Junior High School squad.



Noah Torres took 12th overall for the Wildcats.



Dalton Kiella took eighth overall for the Wildcats.



Zack Durastanti, took first place for the Wildcats.



All six members of the Lady Wildcat squad finished in the Top 10.

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Cats Win Historic Set Over Dragons

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Lady Wildcats made school history this week as the varsity volleyball squad claimed a set against Green Dragons from Lake Placid High School.

"This is the first time they ever won a set against Lake Placid," said head coach Erica Roberts.

The Aug. 21 match-up saw Hardee fall 21-25, 14-25 in the first two sets before striking back to win the third set 25-22. The squad lost the fourth set, 25-21.

The junior varsity squad lost to the Lady Dragons in two sets, 19-25 and 19-25.

The volleyball squads opened the week on Aug. 29 with wins over the visiting Panther squad from Mulberry High School.

Junior varsity won the first two sets, 25-5 and 25-12.

Varsity won the first three sets, 25-15, 25-8, 25-8.

The wins continued last Thursday (Aug. 23) as both squad defeated the visiting Lady Bulldogs from Frostproof Middle/Senior High School.

Hardee's junior varsity squad won the first two sets, 25-18 and 8-25.

The varsity squad won three first sets, 25-15, 20-25, and 25-17.



PHOTOS BY TOM STAIK

The Wildcats prepare to serve against Frostproof last Thursday.



The Wildcats took down the Frostproof Bulldogs in straight sets last Thursday.



The Lady Wildcats set an impressive pace as they returned to the court for the first full week of the 2018 volleyball season.

Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. In 2017, the University of Florida became the fourth Division I school since 1954 to win championships in men's basketball, football and baseball. Name two of the other three to do it.

2. Who held the New York Yankees record for most home runs by a rookie (29) before Aaron Judge hit 52 home runs in 2017?

3. Name the first player in the Super Bowl era to score on a run, a catch and a kickoff return in an NFL postseason game.

4. How many times has the University of Cincinnati's men's basketball team won 30 or more games in a season?

5. How many games did Chicago Blackhawks play to start the 2012-13 NHL season

before they suffered a loss in regulation?

6. Who is the only female skier to win three alpine gold medals in a single Olympics?

7. Name the last male golfer to win the U.S. Open in consecutive years before Brooks Koepka did it in 2017-18.

ANSWERS

1. Michigan, Ohio State and UCLA.
 2. Joe DiMaggio, in 1936.
 3. New England's Dion Lewis, in 2017.
 4. Three times (2001-02, 2016-17, 2007-18).
 5. Twenty-four.
 6. Croatia's Janica Kostelic, in 2002.
 7. Curtis Strange, in 1988-89.

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School Board, City Air Utilities, Road Concerns

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

Representatives of the School District of Hardee County and the city of Wauchula met for a hastily arranged strategy session on Monday afternoon following an outcry of concern from the School Board last week over the maintenance of utilities serving two local schools.

"We met this afternoon and had a great meeting with School Board staff," said Olivia Minshew, assistant city manager on Tuesday morning. "... Both parties are eager to work together to get all issues resolved."

Added Deputy Schools Superintendent Todd Durden, "The city is more than willing to work with us." Concerns over the maintenance of the electrical supply at Hardee Senior High School and Wauchula Elementary were raised at the tail end of last Thursday's meeting of the School Board by member Teresa Crawford.

Crawford additionally criticized deteriorating conditions on Stenstrom Road — an east/west roadway that serves as a main artery funneling students and teachers to and from Hardee High. She specifically criticized deep indentations in the road near recent utility work by the city of Wauchula and a manhole cover on the edge of the westbound lane that has remained unfinished for months, surrounded by city traffic barricades.

"That is a road that students and teachers go down every day," Crawford said. "That is something we need to work on."

Facilities Director Rob Krahl said he had been in contact with Hardee County Road & Bridge concerning the roadway and was informed that while the road was county-maintained, the damage appeared to be near city utility work sites.

The conversation over the road followed questioning from Crawford on the causes of a three-day power outage

earlier this month at Hardee Senior High School.

According to Krahl, the outage began on the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 10, and lasted until Sunday, Aug. 12. Contents of the school's freezers and refrigerators in the cafeteria were shuffled to other schools until power was restored, he said.

The outage, however, illuminated several deficiencies in the school's power grid that were in need of urgent repair.

On that point, Krahl said, both the city and district agree.

The question of who is responsible for the repairs, however, was a sticking point.

"The city seems to think that everything past the pole is the school's responsibility," Krahl said. "We need to get with the city and get an understanding."

"That thing went out on a Friday and didn't come back up 'til Sunday. If it had been during the week, we would have had serious issues," Crawford added. "We need to keep that school running, regardless."

Chairman Paul Samuels noted concern over liability if the district stepped in to fix the school's electrical grid.

"Let's say we pay for it and fix it, what happens if something goes wrong," Samuels said.

Added Krahl: "The comments I get from them now is that it belongs to you and you need to do it."

A broken fire hydrant at the high school is also a concern, Krahl said.

The hydrant, according to Krahl, failed a flush inspection last Thursday by city crews. City officials reportedly informed Krahl repair and replacement was the responsibility of the district and not the city.

Krahl also said the city has yet to repair a faulty feeder line serving the cafeteria at Wauchula Elementary School.

The Herald-Advocate reported last year the line had sparked contention between the city and the district over re-

sponsibility. After weeks of back-and-forth debate, a deal was struck for the city to conduct repairs.

"At the time they told us they would repair what was needed, and they have not," Krahl said.

The totality of the lingering issues prompted the School Board to direct staff to meet with the city for clarity.

Following the meeting, the city reasserted that the power and utility system at Hardee High was the responsibility of the district.

"The infrastructure at the high school all belongs to the School Board and therefore maintenance and upkeep is their responsibility. However, the city is more than willing to aid the School Board to get the necessary repairs completed," Minshew said.

Durden said the two sides are in the process of preparing proposals for repairs.

"They agreed that we had some electrical issues that we need to work on," Durden said. "We do know this is something we need to address."

Durden said details of the repair plan would be presented to the School Board at a regular meeting set for Sept. 6 at 5 p.m.

"All the people at the table were willing to work with us," he added.

The hydrant repair and line work at Wauchula Elementary would be conducted by the city, Minshew said.

Stenstrom Road will also likely see repairs in the near future.

"Stenstrom is a county-maintained right of way. The C.O.W. does have utilities in that right of way. Our manholes have all been inspected and lined and are in good shape there," Minshew said. "While we haven't found anything to lead us to believe that our utilities are the only cause of the damage within that right of way, in the spirit of cooperation, we are making plans to handle necessary repairs along Stenstrom Road."

Hunters: Help State Guard Against Deer Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease, which is fatal to deer, has most recently been detected in Mississippi, the closest it has come to Florida's border.

"We're fortunate that CWD has not been found in Florida or our immediate neighboring states. But it's going to take the help of hunters to keep it that way," said Cory Morea, the coordinator of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission's Deer Management Program.

CWD is a transmissible disease that affects the brains of infected cervids, such as mule deer, white-tailed deer, moose and elk, eventually causing them to become emaciated and display unusual behavior and die.

It is caused by an abnormal protein called a prion.

"While there's no evidence that CWD can be transmitted to humans or livestock, this disease can have a significant negative impact on deer populations and our traditional hunting activities," Morea said.

Transmission among cervids occurs by direct contact with an infected deer or by consuming prions that have been deposited into the environment. Once in the environment, the prion stays in the soil and can remain infectious for years.

To date, CWD has been found in mule deer, white-tailed deer, moose and elk in these 25 states: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

It also has been detected in Canada, Norway, Finland and South Korea.

Hunting Out Of State

Hunters can help by not bringing CWD back with them when they hunt out of state, and the FWC has adopted rules regulating the transportation of harvested deer into Florida.

Hunters are prohibited from bringing into Florida whole carcasses of any cervid from any of the above-listed CWD-positive states or countries. From these areas, hunters can only bring back deboned meat, finished taxidermy

mounts, cleaned skulls, antlers and hides — as long as all soft tissue (meat) has been removed.

The importation of live deer into Florida is also prohibited.

The public is encouraged to report any possible violations to the FWC by calling the Wildlife Alert Hotline, toll-free, (888) 404-FWCC (3922).

How To Help

Another way hunters can help is by reporting deer that are sick or found dead from unknown causes to FWC's toll-free CWD Hotline at (866) CWD-Watch (293-9282).

Warning signs that hunters can look out for while in the field include deer that are extremely thin or appear sick, or those exhibiting odd behavior such as staggering, walking in circles, standing with a wide stance or head tremors.

Do not handle the deer, but simply call the CWD Hotline, and the FWC will collect the whole carcass and conduct an examination.



Outta The Woods
By Tony Young
Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission

Finally, hunters can help by providing samples from their harvested deer. The FWC would like to test more samples from the counties of Baker, Bradford, Brevard, DeSoto, Duval, Flagler, Hardee, Hillsborough, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Okeechobee, Sarasota, Seminole, Union and Volusia.

Call the CWD Hotline to coordinate sample collection from your harvested deer. The deer's head is needed for testing, and it may be frozen and the antlers/skull cap can be removed.

"Our goal is to collect samples throughout Florida, and we're asking private landowners and hunting clubs to participate in this research. Since 2002, we've tested over 10,000 hunter-killed, road-killed and sick/diseased deer for CWD," said Mark Cunningham, FWC state wildlife veterinarian.

Early detection of CWD is key, and the best chance for eradication or controlling it is to be able to detect it and act quickly to prevent its spread.

To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: With everyone drinking a lot of water during the summer, I noticed that the water depot where I fill up my gallon jugs supplies water in different ranges of alkalinity, from 8-10. This seems to be a new venture for the depot. The owner sells the alkaline water from inside the store and claims the benefit of this water is to neutralize the acidity of the many products we eat daily. He suggests that one might start by taking water with a pH of 8 or stronger, then dilute it to one's requirements.

The purified water involves reverse osmosis so the company reintroduces calcium, magnesium and potassium to bring it up in value. Do you have any comments on alkaline water being consumed during this hot summer season?

—B.A.

ANSWER: I recently have seen much confusion about acid and alkaline consumption. By adding a base to water, you raise the pH, making it more alkaline. You can do this at home simply by adding a bit of baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) to your water — you don't need

to buy alkaline water. Calcium carbonate is a common antacid. Calcium, magnesium and potassium are all elements we need, so in that respect, the alkaline water you are talking about is better than the sodium you would add to water with baking soda.

However, the important point is that under normal circumstances your body does not need any help in maintaining pH or in neutralizing acid. The body's systems are able to maintain pH under almost any dietary condition. Alkaline water is not necessary for health.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 90 years old, physically and mentally in good health. Fourteen years ago, I had a triple bypass, which was very successful. Since then I have had trouble with my blood pressure. The low always runs between 50 and 70, which is fine, but the high side is between 150 and 190, which is not good. My doctor has me on amlodipine and hydrochlorothiazide. Is there any way to lower the high pressure without also lowering the low side? My doctor does not want to increase the

dosages because it would keep me tired all the time.

—J.B.

ANSWER: High systolic blood pressures in the elderly often are due to very stiff blood vessels. Since you have coronary artery disease, I think it's likely that you have calcium in your large arteries, which make them unyielding to the degree that the rush of blood from the heart drives the pressure up very high. It may be impossible to lower the pressure without causing symptoms, so I understand your doctor's concerns and position.

When I think about treating blood pressure, I think more about trying to prevent bad outcomes (like stroke and heart attack) than just treating a number. There is good evidence that ACE inhibitors, like ramipril, reduce heart attack risk in people with known risk factors, so I might try a very low dose to see if it helps the blood pressure without making you feel fatigued or light-headed.

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

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Damage to the travel lanes of Stenstrom Road prompted outcry from the School Board of Hardee County last week. Since then, the city of Wauchula has agreed to begin repairs on the county-maintained road.

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Monday, Sept. 3rd

there will be no service on this day.

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

Thursday, Sept. 6th.

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Top 8 Movies

1. Crazy Rich Asians (PG-13) Constance Wu, Henry Golding
2. The Meg (PG-13) Jason Statham, Bingbing Li
3. Mile 22 (R) Mark Wahlberg, Lauren Cohan
4. Mission: Impossible — Fallout (PG-13) Tom Cruise, Henry Cavill
5. Alpha (PG-13) Kodi Smit-McPhee, Natassia Malthe
6. Christopher Robin (PG) Ewan McGregor, Hayley Atwell
7. BlacKkKlansman (R) John David Washington, Adam Driver
8. Slender Man (PG-13) Joey King, Julia Goldani Telles

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT
SAMUEL LOUIS
Jersey #: 2
Position: Line backer, running back
Parents: Marc Louis and Sinclia Avlus
Hobbies/Special Interests: Playing instruments such as piano, drums and guitar.
Future Plans: To make it to the NFL and in college I am pursuing musical engineering.

Hardee Roster

#	Name	Grade	Position
1	Jean Youte	12	WR/DB
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
10	Cade Alexy	11	RB/DB
11	Ray Zuniga	12	TE/DE
12	Damian Rodriguez	12	QB/DB
13	Myron Refoure	10	WR/DB
14	Jacob Davidson	12	WR/DB
15	Trayvon Thomas	10	TE/LB
17	Leo Duarte	11	K
18	Caden Dunlap	9	WR/DB
19	Issac Moreno	12	TE/LB
20	Kaleb Floyd	12	WR/DB
21	Quintin Lindsey	11	WR/DB
22	Trenton Roberson	11	TE/LB
25	Griffin Clark	11	WR/DB
28	Eli Bertrand	9	RB/LB
33	Aaron Cook	12	WR/DB
34	Bryce Rucker	11	RB/DB
42	Matt Tyson	11	RB/LB
44	Ariel Whilters	10	RB/LB
45	Hardee Pace	12	TE/DL
51	Rakeim Baker	10	OL/DL
53	Tyler Steedly	12	OL/DL
54	Bo Villarreal	11	OL/DL
55	Tom Pace	12	OL/DL
56	Jesus Lopez	11	OL/DL
58	Evan Webster	10	OL/DL
59	Michael Rodriguez	11	OL/DL
65	Rafael Alvarez	11	OL/DL
70	Dustin Willis	12	OL/DL

Sebring

#	Name	Grade	Position
1	Norris Taylor	12	WR
2	Shareal Taylor	12	WR/DB
3	DJ Williams	12	QB
4	Jabari Knighten	10	WR/DB
5	Kasey Hawthorne	11	WR/DB
6	Roger Yarde	12	RB/LB
7	Devion Littles	12	RB/LB
8	Jaray Harrison	10	WR/DB
9	Chase Doty	11	QB/DB
10	Austin Smith	10	FB/LB
11	Emmitt Beck	9	WR/DB
12	CDL	12	KP
15	Michael Jesta	12	TE/DE
17	Ethan McMillan	11	WR/DB
18	JC Crenshaw	12	DB
20	Edrick Lockett	10	RB/LB
21	Dylan Crisman	12	WR
22	Jacob Pasley	10	TE/LB
23	Gage McNellis	12	DE/LB
28	Jahri Holdman	10	LB
29	J'Darien Barrett	12	WR/DB
31	Trinton Lee	12	TE/DE
32	Michael Healy	12	WR/DB
33	Jakari Clayton	11	WR/DB
34	Devon Chazhitattu	11	TE/LB
34	Keegan White	11	TE/LB
40	Wesley Gilbert	10	OLB
42/52	Jordan Rose	12	OLDT
50	Dustin Greene	10	OL
52	John Bender	10	TE/DL
53	TY Martz	12	OL/DL
54	Jovious Joseph	14	OL/DL
55	Ian McRoy	11	OL/DL
56	Hunter Ritenour	10	OL/DL
58	Joshua Bible	10	OL/DL
62	Daniel Balfour	10	OLDT
63	Sidero Oliveras	12	OL/DL
64	AJ Hicks	10	OL/DL
65	Jaden Lee	10	OL/DL
66	Dustin Drake	10	OL/DL
70	Nic Young	9	OL/DL
75	Beau Riley	9	OL
77	Zach Yanis	12	OL/DL
78	Malakiah Ray	10	OL
79	Will Moore	12	OL
80	Mason Hutchins	12	TE/DL
88	Eric Brown	11	WR
99	Quentin Jeyner	9	DL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT
SHELBY ZEIGLER
Co-CAPTAIN
Parents: Melissa & Cory Zeigler
Hobbies/Special Interests: School cheer, competitive cheer, hanging out with friends and going to the beach.
Future Plans: I plan to attend UF and major in zoology.

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Deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on Thursday. Please include the name and phone number of a contact person. Qualifying items will be published as space allows.

tas de tabaco, **minoristas de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor**, habitaciones designadas para fumadores en hoteles y otros establecimientos públicos de alojamiento; y en bares independientes. Sin embargo, nada en esta sección o en su legislación de aplicación o reglamentos, le prohíbe al propietario, arrendatario u otra persona en el control de la utilización de un lugar de trabajo encerrado el derecho de imponer prohibiciones o limitaciones más estrictas con respecto a fumar **o usar dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor** en el lugar.

(C) DEFINICIONES. A los fines de esta sección, las siguientes palabras y términos tendrán los significados indicados:

(1) "Fumar" significa inhalar, exhalar, quemar, transportar o poseer cualquier producto de tabaco encendido, incluidos cigarrillos, habanos, tabaco para pipa y cualquier otro producto de tabaco encendido.

(2) "Humo de segunda mano", también conocido como humo de tabaco ambiental (HTA), significa humo emitido por el tabaco encendido, humeante o en combustión cuando el fumador no está inhalando; humo emitido en la boquilla durante el soplo; y humo exhalado por el fumador.

(3) "Trabajo" significa cualquier empleo o servicio de empleo provisto por una persona a petición de otra persona o personas o de cualquier entidad pública o privada, ya sea pago o no, ya sea a tiempo completo o parcial, ya sea legal o no. "Trabajo" incluye, sin limitaciones, cualquier servicio realizado por un empleado, contratista independiente, agente, socio, propietario, gerente, representante, aprendiz, pasante, asociado, servidor, voluntario y similares.

(4) "Lugar de trabajo encerrado" significa cualquier lugar donde una o más personas se dedican al trabajo, cuyo espacio esté predominantemente o totalmente delimitado por barreras físicas en todos los lados y por encima, independientemente de si tales barreras constituyen o incluyen aberturas descubiertas, aberturas parcialmente cubiertas o con pantallas; ventanas abiertas o cerradas, persianas, puertas o similares. Esta sección aplica a todos los lugares de trabajo encerrados sin importar si el trabajo se está produciendo en un momento dado.

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(6) "Tienda minorista de tabaco" significa cualquier lugar de trabajo público o no principalmente a la venta al por menor de tabaco, productos de tabaco y accesorios para tales productos, en el cual la venta de otros productos o servicios sea meramente incidental.

(7) "Habitaciones designadas para fumadores en establecimientos de alojamiento" significa las habitaciones o áreas privadas directamente asociadas, tales como baños, salas de estar y áreas de cocina, si las hay, alquiladas a huéspedes para su ocupación transitoria exclusiva en establecimientos públicos de alojamiento, incluyendo hoteles, moteles, condominios de resorts, apartamentos transitorios, establecimientos de alojamiento transitorio, casas de hospedaje, pensiones, viviendas de complejos turísticos, posadas de alojamiento y desayuno y similares; que sean designadas por la persona o personas que tienen autoridad de gestión sobre el establecimiento de alojamiento público como habitaciones en las que se permite fumar.

(8) "Bar independiente" se refiere a un lugar de negocios dedicado, durante cualquier momento de su operación, en mayor parte o totalmente a servir bebidas alcohólicas, bebidas embriagantes, licores embriagantes, o cualquier combinación de los mismos para su consumo en las instalaciones autorizadas; en el cual el servicio de alimentos, si lo hay, es meramente secundario al consumo de tales bebidas; y que no se encuentra dentro, ni comparte, cualquier entrada o área interior común con ningún otro lugar de trabajo encerrado que incluya cualquier negocio para el cual la venta de alimentos o cualquier otro producto o servicio sea más que una fuente incidental de ingresos brutos.

(9) "Dispositivo electrónico generador de vapor" significa cualquier producto que emplee un medio electrónico, químico o mecánico capaz de producir vapor aeroso para fumar, **incluyendo, entre otros, un cigarrillo electrónico, cigarro electrónico, pipa electrónica u otro dispositivo o producto similar, cualquier cartucho de recambio para dicho dispositivo, o cualquier otro recambio para una solución de sustancia destinada a ser utilizada con o dentro de un cigarrillo electrónico, cigarro electrónico, pipa electrónica u otro dispositivo o producto similar.**

(10) "Minorista de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor" se refiere a cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrado principalmente a la venta al por menor de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor, y componentes y accesorios para tales productos, en el que la venta de otros productos o servicios sea meramente incidental.

(11) LEGISLACIÓN. En la próxima sesión legislativa regular que se produzca después de la aprobación de esta sección o cualquier enmienda a esta sección ~~emitida~~ por parte de los votantes, la Legislatura de Florida aprobará legislación para implementar esta sección y cualquier enmienda a esta sección ~~emitida~~ de una manera consistente con su objetivo general y términos establecidos, y con una fecha de vigencia a más tardar del 1 de julio del año siguiente de la aprobación de los votantes. Dicha legislación deberá incluir, sin limitaciones, sanciones civiles por violaciones de esta sección; disposiciones para la aplicación de medidas administrativas; y el requisito y autorización de las reglas de la agencia para su implementación y cumplimiento. Esta sección ~~no~~ **Nada de lo contenido** le prohíbe a la Legislatura promulgar una ley que constituya o que permita una regulación más restrictiva sobre el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor, que la proporcionada en esta sección.

(f) POSTERGACIÓN POR EL GOBERNADOR. Si durante alguna sesión regular o especial las dos cámaras no pueden acordar sobre el tiempo de posterogación, el gobernador podrá postergar la sesión sine die o a cualquier fecha durante el período autorizado para esas sesiones, siempre y cuando, por lo menos veinticuatro horas antes de postergar la sesión y mientras ninguna cámara esté en receso, cada cámara reciba aviso formal y por escrito de la intención del gobernador. Un acuerdo alcanzado por ambas cámaras acerca del momento de posterogación durante ese período deberá prevalecer.

ARTÍCULO IV EJECUTIVO

SECCIÓN 4. Gabinete. —

(a) Existirá un gabinete compuesto de un fiscal general, un jefe financiero, y un comisionado de agricultura. En adición a los poderes y deberes especificados aquí, podrán ejercer tales poderes y desempeñar tales deberes como pueda ser provisto por ley. En caso de una votación empate entre el gobernador y el gabinete, el lado en el cual el gobernador votó a favor se considerará prevaleciente.

(b) El fiscal general deberá ser el jefe legal estatal. Será creada en la oficina del fiscal general la posición de fiscal del estado. El fiscal del estado tendrá jurisdicción concurrente con los abogados del estado para procesar la violación de cualquier ley, estatuto o ordenanza municipal, en dos o más circuitos judiciales como parte de una transacción relacionada, o cuando cualquier tal delito esté afectando o haya afectado a dos o más circuitos judiciales tal y como provisto por ley general. El fiscal del estado será nombrado por el fiscal general de entre no menos de tres personas nominadas por la comisión de nominaciones judiciales para la Corte Suprema, o como sea provisto por ley general.

(c) El director de finanzas servirá como el principal funcionario financiero del estado, y aprobará cuentas debidas por el estado, y administrará todos los fondos y valores del estado.

(d) El comisionado de agricultura tendrá supervisión sobre asuntos relacionados con la agricultura excepto cuando sea provisto de lo contrario por ley.

(e) El gobernador como presidente, el director de finanzas, y el fiscal general constituirán la junta estatal de administración, la cual asumirá todo el poder, control, y autoridad de la junta estatal de administración establecida por el Artículo IX, Sección 16 de la Constitución de 1885, y la cual continuará como entidad por lo menos durante el año del Artículo XII, Sección 9(c).

El gobernador como presidente, el director de finanzas, el fiscal general, y el comisionado de agricultura constituirán los administradores fiduciarios del fideicomiso de mejora interna y del fideicomiso de adquisición de tierras como provisto por ley.

(g) El gobernador como presidente, el director de finanzas, el fiscal general, y el comisionado de agricultura constituyen la directiva de agencia del Departamento de Investigaciones Criminales. La Oficina de Seguridad Doméstica y Contraterorismo se crea dentro del Departamento de Asuntos de la Oficina de Seguridad Doméstica y Contraterorismo proporcionando apoyo a los fiscales y agencias de aplicación de la ley federal, estatal y local que investiguen o analicen información relacionada con intentos y actos de terrorismo o que sancionen el terrorismo, y realizará cualquier otro límite que establezca la ley.

SECCIÓN 11. Departamento de Asuntos Veteranos de Veteranos. La legislación, por ley general, deberá organizar ~~podrá organizar~~ la creación de un Departamento de Asuntos Veteranos de Veteranos y prescribir sus deberes. La directiva del departamento son el gobernador y el gabinete.

(f) GOBIERNO SIN CARTA ORGÁNICA. Condados que no operen bajo cartas orgánicas tendrán tal poder de autogobierno como sea provisto por ley general o especial.

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(b) CONDADOS; SEDE DE CONDADO; MUNICIPIOS; DISTRITOS. El estado de los siguientes condados, distritos, municipios y ciudades que este artículo tome efecto, es reconocido y será prolongado hasta que se cambie de acuerdo con la ley; los condados del estado; su condición con respecto a la legalidad de la venta de licores intoxicantes, vinos y cervezas; el método de selección de los oficiales del condado; el desempeño de funciones municipales por oficiales del condado; las sedes de los condados; los municipios y distritos especiales del estado, sus poderes, jurisdicción y gobierno.

(c) OFICIALES A CONTINUAR EN EL CARGO. Toda persona que ocupe un cargo cuando este artículo tome efecto continuará en el cargo por el resto del término si dicho cargo no es abolido. Si el cargo es abolido, al titular del cargo le será pagada una compensación adecuada, la cual será fijada por ley, por la pérdida de emolumentos del resto del término.

(d) ORDENANZAS. Las leyes locales relacionadas solamente con áreas no incorporadas del condado que estén en existencia en la fecha en que este artículo tome efecto podrán ser enmendadas o derogadas por ordenanza del condado.

(e) CONSOLIDACIÓN Y AUTONOMÍA DEL GOBIERNO LOCAL. El Artículo VIII, Secciones 9, 10, 11 y 24, de la Constitución de 1885, según enmendada, permanecerá en plena vigencia y efecto en cuanto a cada condado afectado, como si este artículo nunca hubiera sido adoptado, hasta que aquel condado adopte expresamente una carta orgánica o plan de autonomía gubernamental mediante este artículo. Todas las provisiones de "La Carta Orgánica de Autonomía Gubernamental del Condado de Dade," adoptadas hasta ahora o de aquí en adelante por los electores del Condado de Dade, en conformidad con el Artículo VIII, Sección 11, de la Constitución de 1885, según enmendada.

(f) GOBIERNO DE DADE; PODERES CONFERIDOS SOBRE MUNICIPIOS. En la medida en que no sea inconsistente con los poderes de municipios existentes o ley general. El Gobierno Metropolitano del Condado de Dade podrá ejercer todos los poderes conferidos ahora o de aquí en adelante por ley general a los municipios.

(g) SELECCIÓN Y OBLIGACIONES DE LOS OFICIALES DEL CONDADO. —

(1) Salvo lo dispuesto en esta subsección, el elector a la Sección 1 de este artículo, relacionada con la selección y obligaciones de los oficiales del condado, entrará en vigencia el 5 de enero de 2021, pero requerirá con respecto a la calificación y la celebración de las elecciones primarias y generales para oficiales constitucionales del condado en 2020.

(2) Para el Condado de Miami-Dade y el Condado de Broward, la enmienda a la Sección 1 de este artículo, relacionada con la selección y obligaciones de los oficiales del condado, entrará en vigencia el 7 de enero de 2025, pero requerirá con respecto a la calificación y la celebración de las elecciones primarias y generales para oficiales constitucionales del condado en 2024.

(3) SUPRESIÓN DE ARTÍCULOS OBSOLETOS DEL APÉNDICE. La legislación deroga el poder, a través de resolución conjunta, de borrar de este artículo cualquier subsección de esta Sección 6, incluyendo esta subsección, cuando todos los eventos a los cuales la subsección que está borrada es o podría ser infracciones contra el fondo público por funcionarios públicos o empleados públicos en la jurisdicción de la comisión de calificaciones judiciales.

(h) Un Código de Ética para todos los empleados estatales y funcionarios no judiciales que prohíba conflicto entre cargos públicos e intereses privados será provisto por ley.

(i) La legislación apropiada será promulgada para evitar el abuso de su posición pública para obtener un beneficio desproporcionado para sí mismo, su cónyuge, hijos o empleador, o para cualquier negocio con el que contrate; en el que él o ella sea un oficial, un socio, un director o un propietario; o en el que posea algún interés financiero, o en el que sea empleado, o por norma de conformidad con los procedimientos legales que rigen la reglamentación administrativa, definir el término "beneficio desproporcionado" y prescribir la intención requerida para encontrar una violación de esta prohibición a los efectos de hacer cumplir esta prohibición. Las sanciones apropiadas serán prescritas por ley.

(j) Esta sección no se interpretará como que prohíba a un funcionario público llevar a cabo los deberes de su cargo público.

(k) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otras cosas, la definición de términos, la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

(l) Habrá una comisión independiente para conducir investigaciones y hacer reportes públicos sobre las denuncias concernientes a infracciones contra el fondo público por funcionarios públicos o empleados públicos en la jurisdicción de la comisión de calificaciones judiciales.

(m) Un Código de Ética para todos los empleados estatales y funcionarios no judiciales que prohíba conflicto entre cargos públicos e intereses privados será provisto por ley.

(n) La legislación apropiada será promulgada para evitar el abuso de su posición pública para obtener un beneficio desproporcionado para sí mismo, su cónyuge, hijos o empleador, o para cualquier negocio con el que contrate; en el que él o ella sea un oficial, un socio, un director o un propietario; o en el que posea algún interés financiero, o en el que sea empleado, o por norma de conformidad con los procedimientos legales que rigen la reglamentación administrativa, definir el término "beneficio desproporcionado" y prescribir la intención requerida para encontrar una violación de esta prohibición a los efectos de hacer cumplir esta prohibición. Las sanciones apropiadas serán prescritas por ley.

(o) Esta sección no se interpretará para limitar revelaciones y prohibiciones que puedan ser establecidas para preservar el bien público y evitar conflictos entre las funciones públicas y los intereses privados de un funcionario público.

(p) Apéndice. — En la fecha en que esta enmienda sea efectiva y hasta que sea cambiada por ley:

(1) La revelación pública y completa de intereses financieros significativos presentar con el custodio de los registros estatales antes del 1 de julio de cada año una declaración jurada mostrando el patrimonio completo e identificado cada activo y deuda de más de \$100 y su valor junto con uno de los siguientes:

a. Una copia de la declaración federal de impuestos sobre ingresos más reciente de la persona, o

b. Una declaración jurada que identifique cada fuente y cantidad de ingreso que supere los \$1000. Los formularios para tal declaración y las reglas bajo las cuales serán archivados serán prescritos por la comisión independiente establecida en subsección (g) 4, y tales reglas incluirán la declaración de fuentes secundarias de ingresos.

(2) Personas ocupando cargos estatales electos también deberán presentar revelaciones de sus intereses financieros de acuerdo con el párrafo (1) la subsección (h) 4.

(3) La comisión independiente establecida en subsección (g) 4 será la Comisión de Ética de la Florida.

ARTÍCULO V
PODER JUDICIAL
SECCIÓN 13. Ética en el Poder Judicial. Actividades Prohibidas. —

Todos los jueces se dedicarán a tiempo completo a sus funciones judiciales. Un magistrado juez ~~electo~~ no podrá participar en el ejercicio de la abogacía o desempeñar cargos en ningún partido político.

(b) Un ex magistrado o ex juez no calificará para obtener compensación sobre asuntos de política, asignaciones o adquisiciones antes de las elecciones o elecciones del gobierno estatal por un período de seis años después de que él o ella desocupe su puesto judicial. La legislación puede promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

ARTÍCULO VI
APÉNDICE
Prohibiciones respecto al calidde por compensación contra el abuso de la posición pública por parte de funcionarios y empleados públicos. — Las enmiendas a la Sección 8 del Artículo II y a la Sección 13 del Artículo V, entrarán en vigencia el 31 de diciembre de 2022, excepto las enmiendas a la Sección 8 (h) del Artículo II que entrarán en vigencia el 31 de diciembre de 2024.

(a) La Comisión de Ética de Florida definirá, por regla, el término "beneficio desproporcionado" y prescribirá la intención requerida para encontrar una violación de la prohibición contra el abuso de la posición pública antes del 1 de octubre de 2019, como se especifica en la Sección 8 (h) del Artículo II.

(b) Luego de la adopción de las reglas de conformidad con la subsección (a), la legislación deberá promulgar una legislación de implementación que establezca sanciones por violaciones a la prohibición contra el abuso de la posición pública a partir del 31 de diciembre de 2020.

(c) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

(d) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

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(i) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

(j) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

(k) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

(l) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

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(n) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

(o) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

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(q) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

(r) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

(s) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

(t) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

(u) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

(b) CONDADOS; SEDE DE CONDADO; MUNICIPIOS; DISTRITOS. El estado de los siguientes condados, distritos, municipios y ciudades que este artículo tome efecto, es reconocido y será prolongado hasta que se cambie de acuerdo con la ley; los condados del estado; su condición con respecto a la legalidad de la venta de licores intoxicantes, vinos y cervezas; el método de selección de los oficiales del condado; el desempeño de funciones municipales por oficiales del condado; las sedes de los condados; los municipios y distritos especiales del estado, sus poderes, jurisdicción y gobierno.

(c) OFICIALES A CONTINUAR EN EL CARGO. Toda persona que ocupe un cargo cuando este artículo tome efecto continuará en el cargo por el resto del término si dicho cargo no es abolido. Si el cargo es abolido, al titular del cargo le será pagada una compensación adecuada, la cual será fijada por ley, por la pérdida de emolumentos del resto del término.

(d) ORDENANZAS. Las leyes locales relacionadas solamente con áreas no incorporadas del condado que estén en existencia en la fecha en que este artículo tome efecto podrán ser enmendadas o derogadas por ordenanza del condado.

(e) CONSOLIDACIÓN Y AUTONOMÍA DEL GOBIERNO LOCAL. El Artículo VIII, Secciones 9, 10, 11 y 24, de la Constitución de 1885, según enmendada, permanecerá en plena vigencia y efecto en cuanto a cada condado afectado, como si este artículo nunca hubiera sido adoptado, hasta que aquel condado adopte expresamente una carta orgánica o plan de autonomía gubernamental mediante este artículo. Todas las provisiones de "La Carta Orgánica de Autonomía Gubernamental del Condado de Dade," adoptadas hasta ahora o de aquí en adelante por los electores del Condado de Dade, en conformidad con el Artículo VIII, Sección 11, de la Constitución de 1885, según enmendada.

(f) GOBIERNO DE DADE; PODERES CONFERIDOS SOBRE MUNICIPIOS. En la medida en que no sea inconsistente con los poderes de municipios existentes o ley general. El Gobierno Metropolitano del Condado de Dade podrá ejercer todos los poderes conferidos ahora o de aquí en adelante por ley general a los municipios.

(g) SELECCIÓN Y OBLIGACIONES DE LOS OFICIALES DEL CONDADO. —

(1) Salvo lo dispuesto en esta subsección, el elector a la Sección 1 de este artículo, relacionada con la selección y obligaciones de los oficiales del condado, entrará en vigencia el 5 de enero de 2021, pero requerirá con respecto a la calificación y la celebración de las elecciones primarias y generales para oficiales constitucionales del condado en 2020.

(2) Para el Condado de Miami-Dade y el Condado de Broward, la enmienda a la Sección 1 de este artículo, relacionada con la selección y obligaciones de los oficiales del condado, entrará en vigencia el 7 de enero de 2025, pero requerirá con respecto a la calificación y la celebración de las elecciones primarias y generales para oficiales constitucionales del condado en 2024.

(3) SUPRESIÓN DE ARTÍCULOS OBSOLETOS DEL APÉNDICE. La legislación deroga el poder, a través de resolución conjunta, de borrar de este artículo cualquier subsección de esta Sección 6, incluyendo esta subsección, cuando todos los eventos a los cuales la subsección que está borrada es o podría ser infracciones contra el fondo público por funcionarios públicos o empleados públicos en la jurisdicción de la comisión de calificaciones judiciales.

(h) Un Código de Ética para todos los empleados estatales y funcionarios no judiciales que prohíba conflicto entre cargos públicos e intereses privados será provisto por ley.

(i) La legislación apropiada será promulgada para evitar el abuso de su posición pública para obtener un beneficio desproporcionado para sí mismo, su cónyuge, hijos o empleador, o para cualquier negocio con el que contrate; en el que él o ella sea un oficial, un socio, un director o un propietario; o en el que posea algún interés financiero, o en el que sea empleado, o por norma de conformidad con los procedimientos legales que rigen la reglamentación administrativa, definir el término "beneficio desproporcionado" y prescribir la intención requerida para encontrar una violación de esta prohibición a los efectos de hacer cumplir esta prohibición. Las sanciones apropiadas serán prescritas por ley.

(j) Esta sección no se interpretará como que prohíba a un funcionario público llevar a cabo los deberes de su cargo público.

(k) La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otras cosas, la definición de términos, la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

(l) Habrá una comisión independiente para conducir investigaciones y hacer reportes públicos sobre las denuncias concernientes a infracciones contra el fondo público por funcionarios públicos o empleados públicos en la jurisdicción de la comisión de calificaciones judiciales.

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(o) Esta sección no se interpretará para limitar revelaciones y prohibiciones que puedan ser establecidas para preservar el bien público y evitar conflictos entre las funciones públicas y los intereses privados de un funcionario público.

(p) Apéndice. — En la fecha en que esta enmienda sea efectiva y hasta que sea cambiada por ley:

(1) La revelación pública y completa de intereses financieros significativos presentar con el custodio de los registros estatales antes del 1 de julio de cada año una declaración jurada mostrando el patrimonio completo e identificado cada activo y deuda de más de \$100 y su valor junto con uno de los siguientes:

CROSS COUNTRY

Runners Attend Jim Ryun Invitational

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Wildcats are eyeing “more aggressive” training following a disappointing showing Saturday at the Jim Ryun Invitational at Lakeland’s Holway Park.

“It was a learning experience,” said coach Rob Beatty.

Runners from both Hardee Senior High School and Hardee Junior High School joined student-athletes from dozens of schools – many considered the Sunshine State’s most elite running programs.

Junior Tatiana Mier narrowly edged ahead of sister Adriana Mier, a freshman, to lead the pack for the Lady Wildcats.

Zack Durastanti led the Wildcat squad.

“He was looking at a pretty good low 18 or better time until about 100 meters before the finish line when things really shut down for him,” Beatty said. “That’s cross country some times.”

The junior high squad performed more competitively in the 3 kilometer challenge.

“Those kids ran really competitively today, especially Caleb (Nadasky) and Ava (Roberts),” Beatty said.

Beatty hopes his team takes the experience to heart.

“Hardee boys and girls learned today that they have a lot of work to do between now and the district meet,” Beatty said. “Heat has put a damper on our long run days, but we need to get more aggressive in our training seeing some of our district competition that was at this meet.”

Results:

Girl’s Varsity Team: 13th, Hardee, 424, TT 2:09:09; AVG 25:50.

Girl’s Varsity: 40th, Tatiana Mier, 23:08.80; 41st, Adrianna Mier, 23:10.70; 123rd, Ingrid Mendoza, 26:59.30; 128th, Laura Ramos, 27:11.70; 152nd, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 28:38.50; 167th, Kareli Plata, 29:20.50; and 232nd, Acheline Delhomme, 34:58.70.

Boy’s Varsity Team: 35th, Hardee, 846, TT 1:51.35, AVG 22:19.

Boy’s Varsity: 50th, Zack Durastanti, 19:01.40; 110th, Roberto Guterrez, 20:37.60; 230th, Noah Torres, 23:29.80; 250th, Dalton Kiella, 24:06.50; and 258th, Scott Meeks, 24:19.20.

Girl’s JV: 97th, Daniella Vilalva, 33:35.10.

Boy’s JV: 259th, Mike Trevino, 35:57.00.

Girl’s 0.62 Mile: 1st, Amelia Roberts (Hardee Sole Crushers), 4:45.10; and 3rd, Isabella Mier (Hardee Sole Crushers), 5:11.70.

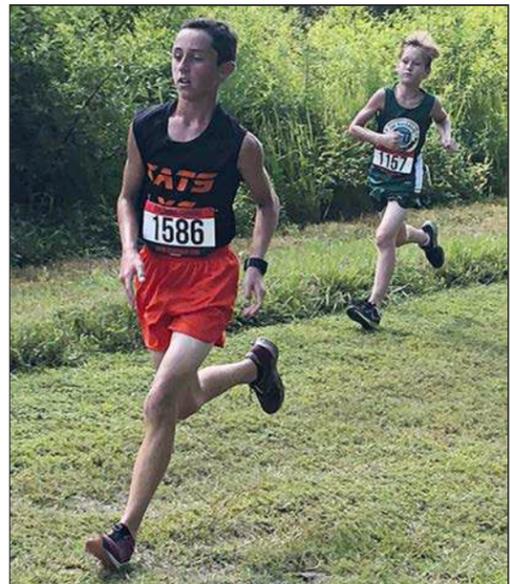
Girl’s 1.23 Mile: 2nd, Shanah Virgile (Hardee Sole Crushers), 10:16.30.

Girl’s Middle School: 39th, Yadira Sanchez, 15:06.90; 58th, Mikayla Metayer, 16:07.60; 79th, Ava Roberts, 17:09.50; and 84th, Madelyn Nadaskay, 17:24.50.

Boy’s Middle School: 33rd,



Adrianna Mier (left) and Tatiana Mier (right) run for the Lady Wildcats.



Caleb Nadasky was the leader of the boy’s team from Hardee Junior High School.



Noah Torres (second from left) runs for the Wildcats.



Stump The Swami

By John Szeligo

Cupcake Saturday Opens Football Season
Well football fans, it is here. Time to kickoff another great year of football!

It is the season for tailgates, wings at game watching parties, and fantasy football. From Pop Warner to little league, from junior high to jay-vee and varsity, from college to pro football, lives will be filled with footballs for the next five months.

The first weekend of college football, as usual, has many top teams opening with cupcakes and some with interesting matches between top teams from power conferences facing off in intra-conference tilts.

Nevertheless, it is finally here and the first weekend of college football is at hand. As my old favorite broadcaster, Chris Schenkle, used to say: “What better way to spend an autumn afternoon than watching college football.”

Now, let’s look at this weeks’ Bill O’ Fare:



UCF at UConn – Knights pick up where they left off last season. Lots of veterans return and even on the road they should have no trouble. UCF has the quarterback and receivers to light it up. UCF 45 – UConn 17



Army at Duke – Blue Devils won’t challenge the top teams in the ACC but should be tough against the rest of their schedule. They enter the game favored by around 12 points. A disciplined run oriented team like Army could make life difficult though. Duke 33 – Army 21



FAU at Oklahoma – Lane Kiffin and the Owls have got a lot of press after winning C-USA last season. This could be an interesting opener. Sooners should prevail but better take this team serious. Oklahoma 31 – FAU 14



Maryland at Texas – Terps are in turmoil. It could be a long season for them. Texas is primed for a turnaround. Texas 44 – Maryland 13



Ole Miss at Texas Tech – Red Raiders get a chance to win a solid out of conference contest. Texas Tech 34 – Ole Miss 27



Furman at Clemson – Tigers empty the bench as they open up with an easy win while getting a look at depth early on. Clemson 58 – Furman 7



Austin Peay at Georgia – ‘Dawgs are so ready to get to the National Championship Game. This opener should see many players get some playing time. The new red shirt rule may let some heralded frosh get a look. Georgia 66 – Austin Peay 10



West Virginia vs. Tennessee – Grier begins his Heisman Campaign as the Mountaineers unleash an offense that could lead the nation. Grier has arguably the best receiving corps in football. West Virginia 45 – Tennessee 23



Indiana at FIU – Hoosiers ruin Butch Davis at home. Although it will not be easy for the Big 10 to get road wins. Indiana 31 – FIU 28



Charleston Southern at Florida – Gators unveil their rebound season with a bang. Quarterback play will be the center of attention but a strong run game will be the difference early for this team. Florida 45 – Charleston Southern 10



Michigan at Notre Dame – Irish have the preseason hype but Las Vegas has Michigan favored by a point and a half. At South Bend, the Irish have always been “lucky.” Notre Dame 34 – Michigan 31



Alabama vs. Louisville – The Tide rolls in the opener and throughout the 2018 season. The Cardinals were overrated in 2017 and should not be in the national spotlight in 2018. Alabama 56 – Louisville 17



Elon at USF – Bulls open with easy win. It could be another magical season for Charlie Strong and his troops. USF 45 – Elon 7



Marshall at Miami (Ohio) – There is no love lost between these two rivals. Miami has made this their Homecoming Game in an attempt to fire up their fan base. Marshall has new offensive and defensive coordinators plus a new quarterback. The Herd does return 19 starters. Las Vegas inexplicably has Miami a 2.5 point favorite. Marshall 34 – Miami (Ohio) 13



LSU vs. Miami – Tigers take on the “other” Miami and the ‘Canes are primed for a great season. Miami’s fast defense and an experienced quarterback should be the difference in this one. Miami 30 – LSU 17



Virginia Tech at FSU – Seminole Nation enters the Willie Taggart era in good fashion. It will be a tough opener against a better ACC foe but it is at Doak. Look for a spirited day with a ‘Nole victory. FSU 31 – Virginia Tech 21



McNeese at Northern Colorado – The UNC Bears return 17 starters including a 1,000 yard wide receiver. The defense must improve if they are to reach a winning record. Northern Colorado 34 – McNeese 27



Stephen F. Austin at Mississippi State – Mullen didn’t leave the cupboard bare for the Bulldogs. They roll in this game. Mississippi State 51 – Stephen F. Austin 13



Middle Tennessee at Vanderbilt – MTSU has a solid quarterback in Stockstill. They could pull a stunner but it would be a long shot. Vanderbilt 33 – MTSU 30



Missouri State at Oklahoma State – Cowboys could be a surprise in the Big 12. Look for a lot of points in a rout. Oklahoma State 59 – Missouri State 17

WATER WORKS



Ryan Mejia and Janelle Rodriguez, kindergartners in Ashley Rigney’s class at Hilltop Elementary School, are conducting their first-ever science experiment. What will happen if we poke a pencil through a zipper bag of water?



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Crime Blotter

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

COUNTY

Aug. 26, a dangerous shooting was reported on the 600 block of Baker Street.

Aug. 25, Ulises Castrejon Tomas, 21, of 1036 Hummingbird Lane, Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Christopher Bandy and charged with battery.

Aug. 25, residences were burglarized on the 300 block of State Road 62 and the 800 block of Chamberlain Boulevard.

Aug. 25, vehicles were stolen from the 600 block of Chamberlain Boulevard and the 1900 block of Heard Bridge Road.

Aug. 24, Kosinski Ontrol Tucker, 36, of 1876 Desoto Landing, Arcadia, was arrested by Dep. Alex Hipple and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams, possession of cocaine and possession of narcotics equipment.

Aug. 24, Oscar Trevino, 18, of 1056 N. Florida Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Todd Souther and charged with possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams and possession of narcotics equipment.

Aug. 24, Samuel Harbarugh, 19, of 4850 Freeman Ave., Bowling Green, and Juan Huitron Molina, 20, of 211 Orange St., Bowling Green, were arrested by Sgt. Todd Souther and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of narcotics equipment and tampering with evidence. Harbarugh was also charged with possession of drugs without a prescription.

Aug. 24, Mikey Retana, 24, of 4616 Chester Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Dean DeDominicis and charged with two counts of probation violation.

Aug. 24, a theft was reported on the 1400 block of U.S. 17 North.

Aug. 24, animal cruelty was reported on the 900 block of Quail Road.

Aug. 23, residences were burglarized on the 100 block of Erler Road and the 1700 block of Griffin Road.

Aug. 23, a theft was reported on the 200 block of Clint Lane.

Aug. 22, Jose Fidencio Garza, 46, general delivery, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Beth Gainous and charged with trespassing.

Aug. 22, John Henry Browdy, 41, of 700 Townsend St., Tampa, was arrested by Det. Carree Williams on an out-of-county warrant.

Aug. 22, a theft was reported on the 1400 block of U.S. 17 North.

Aug. 22, a vehicle was stolen near the corner of State Road 62 and Mini Washer Road.

Aug. 21, Marcus Miguel Moton, 32, of 2800 Minute Maid Ramp Road, Davenport, was arrested by Sgt. Danny O'Bryan and charged with probation violation.

Aug. 21, Karen Rae Hartner, 48, and Daniel Ray Hartner, 47, both of 3084 George Anderson Road, Wauchula, were arrested by Dep. Mitchell Johnson and charged with battery.

Aug. 21, Carlos Gutierrez, 20, of 777 Lake Branch Road, Bowling Green, was arrested by the Drug Task Force and charged with possession of liquor by a person under 21 years of age.

Aug. 21, Adrienne Alvarado, 29, of 4060 Captiva Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by the Drug Task Force and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of narcotics equipment.

Aug. 21, thefts were reported on the 1000 block of South Sixth Avenue and the 1400 block of U.S. 17 North.

Aug. 20, Madison Rucker, 19, of 3942 E. Main St.,

Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Beth Gainous and charged with petit theft and simple assault.

Aug. 20, Christopher Lee Woods, 31, of 3524 Poplar St., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Mitchell Johnson and charged with probation violation.

Aug. 20, a theft was reported on the 8800 block of U.S. 17 South.

WAUCHULA

Aug. 26, Cecil Winthrop Crews, 79, general delivery, Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Estella Islas and charged with battery and trespassing in a structure or conveyance.

Aug. 26, Manuel Casas-Mata, 44, of 2047 Rigdon Road, Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Emmanuel Vazquez and charged with trespassing in an occupied structure or conveyance.

Aug. 25, Jordon Crocker, 26, of 635 S. Fifth Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Estella Islas and charged with grand theft.

Aug. 25, thefts were reported on the 1300 block of East Main Street and the 1000 block of South Sixth Avenue.

Aug. 24, Amber Douglas, 28, of 604 S. Eighth Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Estella Islas and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and criminal mischief.

Aug. 24, a theft was reported on the 800 block of South Sixth Avenue.

Aug. 22, criminal mischief was reported on the 300 block of River Chase Circle.

Aug. 20, thefts were reported on the 300 block of Stenstrom Road and the 200 block of East Oak Street.

BOWLING GREEN

Aug. 24, Alvaro Gutierrez Cruz, 32, of 4820 Epps Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Capt. Brett Dowden and charged with battery.

Aug. 22, a business was burglarized on the 5200 block of U.S. 17 North.

Aug. 22, criminal mischief was reported on the 4500 block of First Street.

Aug. 21, Josephine Marie Gamez, 18, of 810 Redding St., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Ofc. Breanna Locke and charged with possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams.

Aug. 21, criminal mischief was reported on the 4700 block of Central Avenue.

Aug. 20, a theft was reported on the 5200 block of U.S. 17 North.

Aug. 20, criminal mischief was reported on the 4700 block of Central Avenue.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT MODIFICATION AND CONCEPTUAL RECLAMATION PLAN MODIFICATION

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department), gives notice of issuance of an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) Modification (File No. MMR 221122-027) and a Conceptual Reclamation Plan (CRP) Modification (File No. MMR 221122-028, MOS-SFMH-CPF) to Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC, 13830 Circa Crossing Drive, Lithia, Florida 33547 for the existing South Fort Meade Hardee County Mine. These modifications are to: 1) Add eight new parcels and one road segment totaling 222.3 acres to the existing mine; 2) Reclassify 122.3 acres previously identified as undisturbed to mined or disturbed; 3) As a result of items 1 and 2, add approximately 13.9 additional acres of wetland and other surface water impacts and add as mitigation, approximately 13.6 acres of additional wetland creation; and 4) Update the reclamation/mitigation plans for portions of several reclamation parcels to reflect revisions to the final stream and wetland designs including changes to the sizes, shapes and locations of several mitigation wetlands and streams.

The 222.3-acre addition includes a section of Boyd Cowart Road and eight (8) infill parcels in Section 13, Township 33 south, Range 25 east and Sections 18 and 19, Township 33 south, Range 26 east in Hardee County. The 122.3 acres of reclassified lands are in Section 13, Township 33 south, Range 25 east and Section 18, Township 33 south, Range 26 east in Hardee County.

This action is final and effective unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., before the deadline for filing a petition. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hearing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of the application.

The documents can be accessed through the Department's Electronic Document Management System at:

[https://depedms.dep.state.fl.us:443/Oculus/servlet/shell?command=getEntity&\[guid\]=26.88724.11&\[profile\]=Reclamation](https://depedms.dep.state.fl.us:443/Oculus/servlet/shell?command=getEntity&[guid]=26.88724.11&[profile]=Reclamation)

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If you have any questions or have difficulty viewing the electronic documents, please email to MiningAndMitigation@dep.state.fl.us or call 850.245.8336.

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

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

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

In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 21 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

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

Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

The applicant, or any party within the meaning of Section 373.114(1)(a) or 373.4275, F.S., may also seek appellate review of this order before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission under Section 373.114(1) or 373.4275, F.S. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when this order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

8:30c

Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH 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

8:23:30c

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 20, 2018 for the following Proposals:

E1R88 – BDI Median Bullnose Painting in Desoto and Hardee Counties.
Budget Amount: \$45,000.00

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Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/> or by calling (863) 519-2559.

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4-H Kicks Off New Year With Open House

By JENNIFER McCONKEY
Herald-Advocate Intern

A 4-H club is a fun, life-changing experience that lets you grow as a person and gets you out of your comfort zone, according to 4-H Reporter Rebekah Erekson.

She, along with many other 4-H members, attended a 4-H open house on Monday of last week.

There, families were able to visit with leaders from each of the county's clubs to decide which clubs are best suited to them this year.

Returning 4-H'ers Savannah and Haleigh Johns and Lily Southwell say their favorite part about 4-H is the animals. Savannah enjoys "learning cool stuff about animals," and Haleigh's favorite thing is raising them.

Lily's favorite animal is chickens, but she says "it's hard to get your chicken to be

still" during shows. She says you need to cooperate with your animal and respect it.

Savannah Wills says her favorite thing about 4-H is getting a prize for showing, and Jay Southwell's favorite part is making money from his show hog.

The kids said that the hardest part about 4-H is working with their animals and getting them to look good for the county fair.

But that hard work is a natural part of 4-H, which follows the motto "learning by doing."

Hardee County has 12 4-H clubs for families to choose from.

And there are plenty of options for kids who aren't into agriculture or working with animals.

For example, Hardee County has a fishing club, and sewing projects are a popular alternative. Rebekah said one

of her favorites was a wood-working project.

It's not too late to sign up your children. Kids 5-18 can join 4-H anytime during the year, but to show an animal at the fair or do a shooting sports project, they'll need to be signed up by Sept. 1 in order to attend the required amount of meetings.

Email mda@ufl.edu to get more information on the different clubs in Hardee County. And even though it's time to start working on fair projects, 4-H doesn't end in February along with the fair.

There are many 4-H events throughout the spring and summer, like Legislature, an event in Tallahassee; 4-H University, held in Gainesville; a local awards banquet; and local summer camps. This year, Hardee County had two 4-H camps: one for arts and crafts and the other for agriculture.



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4-H'ers (from left) Savannah Wills, Savanna Johns and Haleigh Johns pose in a photo booth at the open house.



Jay and Lily Southwell are 4-H members who attended both summer camps this year. Jay's favorite part was canoeing and Lily enjoyed the people she was with at camp.



Parents were able to learn about the different 4-H clubs in the county at the open house. Leaders from each club were available to answer questions.



Each club had a table for families to visit at the 4-H open house, where they could learn more about what the different clubs do.



Once parents decided which club was right for their kids, they could sign them up at the provided computers.

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Teacher Gloria Neel's first-grade scientists at North Wauchula Elementary School have been learning about their five senses. They then went outdoors for a nature walk and used several of their senses to record their observations.

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