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## The Thin Blue Line Runs **Thick**



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## Mother In Bus Stop Crash Dies Boy, 6, Out Of Hospital

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The mother who was struck by a car as she walked her two young children to the bus stop has died.

Josefina Pablo Aguirre, 26, of Wauchula, died last Thursday at Tampa General Hospital.

Aguirre — who was eight months pregnant at the time of the crash — suffered severe brain trauma after being hit by a sedan driven by Jose Manuel Montes-Loredo around 6:45 a.m. on Sept. 10 in front of her home on Old Bradenton Road. Her unborn baby died.

Funeral services for the mother and baby have been set for this Saturday at Ponger Kays Grady Funeral Home in Wauchula. Visitation starts at 10 a.m. Services are scheduled to begin at noon.

Aguirre's two children — Joel Diaz Pablo, 6, and Anay Diaz Pablo, 8 — were also struck by the car. The younger child suffered serious injuries and was also flown to Tampa

General Hospital. He was released from the hospital last Thursday and is recovering at the home of a family member in Polk County, according to school officials.

Hilltop Elementary School — where the children attend — is continuing to rally around the family as officials ask the community to "please continue to pray" for the Pablo siblings and their family.

"They will need support and love in the coming days and months," said Donna Parks, dean of students.

The school is also coordinating a financial collection for the family to defray funeral costs.

"After speaking with the father and asking what we can do to support them, he mentioned the financial strain that is the most immediate need for them," Parks said.

Financial donations can be made to school bookkeeper Veronica Noel in the front office.

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## Remembering Dep. Julie Bridges

By CYNTHIA KRAHL  
Of The Herald-Advocate

"I honestly can't remember if I knew before I left the EOC that the deputy involved was Julie, but I knew it was a deputy, and I had a job to do."

Cpl. Kimberly Benavidez, homicide crash investigator for the Florida Highway Patrol, recalled that day a year ago when a law officer was killed while driving home to retrieve some supplies for a hurricane shelter.

Dep. Julie Ann England Bridges, a deputy with the Hardee County Sheriff's Office for 13 years, had made her final run. She became the first Hardee County law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty.

Benavidez was at the Hardee County Emergency Operations Center when the call came in.

"The hurricane was already coming, with outer bands of rain immediately pending," she described. "I took photographs of the scene prior to one of the rain bands hitting us. After that, everything else was done in the pouring rain."

Bridges had been traveling eastbound on State Road 66 when a westbound vehicle driven by Joseph Ossman Jr., of Sebring, a corrections officer headed to work at Hardee Correctional Institution, crossed over the center line and struck her cruiser head-on.

"Both were pronounced deceased on scene prior to my arrival," Benavidez continued. "I remember both drivers being removed from the vehicles and placed in the back of the ambulance while I continued to work."

"The medical examiner's transport van had arrived about the time I was finishing with scene measurements and putting my equipment back into my patrol car," she said. "FHP, Hardee sheriff's officers and EMS personnel lined up on either side of the back of the ambulance to pay respect and salute Julie as they transferred her from the ambulance to the transport van."

"And that's when it hit me! Uncontrollable emotions of grief and sadness," said Benavidez.

Others, too, remembered that day, Sept. 10, 2017, as they observed the first anniversary of Dep. Bridges' death last week.

Sheriff's Dep. Kim Pfeiffer, who was the last to work with Bridges as they shared a shift at

the hurricane shelter established at Bowling Green Elementary School, has difficulty putting those memories into words. "It is hard to relive that day," she said.

The two had just finished a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. shift at the shelter, which drew record crowds as

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## No Decision Until October On IDA Offer

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

It will likely be next month before The School Board of Hardee County makes a decision on relocating administrative offices for the school district to a centralized location.

"It will likely be at one of the regular meetings in October," said Chairman Paul Samuels. "We need to give staff enough time to review all of the specifics."

The School Board met Tuesday afternoon in a workshop session to weigh the possibility of consolidating the administrative offices at the now-vacant CareSync building on U.S. 17.

Bill Lambert, director of the Hardee County Industrial Development Authority, attended the workshop to answer questions about the complex.

Lambert said initial talks between himself and Samuels focused on the possibility of swapping the IDA's CareSync building in exchange for the district's complex of administrative buildings on U.S. 17.

"In the conversation that Paul (Samuels) and I originally had, we felt like we would try to exchange buildings," Lambert said.

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## Courthouse Bats Cause Minor Illnesses

By MICHAEL KELLY

Of The Herald-Advocate

The colony of bats taking up residency in the attic of the Hardee County Courthouse has been removed but the lingering effects from its presence are being blamed for about a dozen illnesses suffered by courthouse personnel last week.

Nick Sudzina, court administrator for the 10th Judicial Circuit in Bartow, said he was confident the bat guano and the initial removal and cleanup process were responsible for causing the respiratory issues experienced.

Sudzina said most of the symptoms were "mild in nature" and consisted of people coughing, sore throats, eye irritations and itchy skin.

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### WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
09/11	92	73	0.00
09/12	94	76	0.00
09/13	94	75	0.91
09/14	94	72	0.01
09/15	93	75	0.00
09/16	93	75	0.00
09/17	93	73	0.00

Rainfall to 09/17/2018 - 43.34  
Same period last year - 64.23  
Ten Year Average - 49.17

Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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## RIP ROARIN'

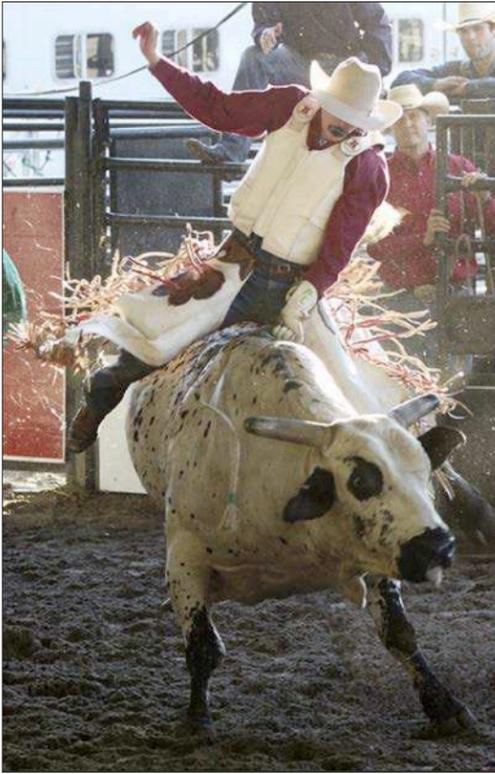


PHOTO BY KATHY ANN GREGG

Looking for some excitement this weekend? Then come on out to Lucky C's Open Rodeo on Saturday at the Hardee County Cattleman's Arena at Stenstrom and Altman roads. Events are breakaway, tie-down and team roping, barrel racing, steer wrestling, and ranch bronc-riding and bull riding. Gates open at 5 p.m., with the rodeo action starting at 7. Admission is \$12 for adults, seniors 60+ are \$8, and children 10 and under are free. And come hungry, as Vision Ace Hardware is sponsoring the concessions to raise money for Hardee's Relay for Life. See y'all at the rodeo!

## CRASH

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Montes-Loredo was arrested by the Florida Highway Patrol and charged with careless driving involving a death and driving with no valid driver's license involving a death. He was booked in the Hardee County Jail.

County Judge Jeff McKibben set Montes-Loredo's bond at \$50,000 during a first-appearance hearing Tuesday morning.

Montes-Loredo has since bonded out of jail.

According to court records on file with the Hardee County Clerk of Courts Office, the suspect allegedly told investigating troopers that he veered off the road because "it was dark out and that his windows were fogged up."

Montes-Loredo, who does not have a valid license according to the FHP, was identified by investigators by "the photograph on his Mexican Consular Identification Card." He has yet to be charged with Aguirre's death.

The State Attorney Office in Bartow did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The investigation into the crash is continuing, according to the FHP.

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### SEPTEMBER

- 20 – Storytime, HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am
- 20 – "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
- 20 – Pokemon Limited League/Sanctuary Gaming Club/1321 E. Main St., Wauchula/3:30 pm
- 21 – Friday Night Magic/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- 24 – Gaming Club/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- 25 – One-Shot RPG/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- 25 – Money Smart for Families/Hardee Help Center/713 E Bay St, Wauchula/6 pm
- 26 – Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
- 26 – Gaming Club/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- 27 – Storytime, HC Public Library/10 am
- 27 – "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
- 27 – Pokemon Limited League/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- 28 – Friday Night Magic/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm

### 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
- 5 – Homecoming Parade/2:30 pm
- 10 – Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
- 11 – Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am
- 11 – "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
- 15 – Open Mic Night/Heritage Park/6 pm
- 16 – Devotion & Lunch/Hardee Help Center/Noon
- 17 – Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
- 18 – Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am
- 18 – "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
- 24 – Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
- 25 – Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am
- 25 – "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
- 27 – Community Fall Festival/Main Street Wauchula/4 pm
- 31 – Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
- 31 – Fall Fest/Florida's First Assembly of God/6:30 pm

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## Kelly's Column

By Jim

The Herald-Advocate average weekly paid circulation this past year was 3,388, an increase of 14 from a year ago. Although a small increase, we're glad to take it, considering Hardee County is not growing in population to any degree and some newspapers are seeing circulation decreases.

The recent price increase from 69 cents to 93 cents was needed (state sales tax made the price 75 cents and \$1). Our printing bill with the Lakeland Ledger in August was just over \$9,000, which included a back-to-school issue.

Paid circulation is far more effective for advertisers than free circulation, and paid weekly newspapers are read by two to three people, an average of 2.5.

Several decades ago in Miami my Aunt Pat Kelly introduced me to a great drink--Coca Cola with fresh juice from Florida Key Limes.

About 15 years ago a lady shopper in Winn-Dixie told me how to make a Key Lime pie that does not have to be baked or cooked. Does not seem possible, I said. She was right.

You blend an 8-ounce package of Philadelphia Cream Cheese with a can of Eagle Brand Condensed Milk, add a lot of fresh Key Lime juice and lime peel zest, and pour into a Graham Cracker Pie Crust. Then put into the refrigerator or freezer to thicken. Cut a piece and add whipped cream on top for a sour-sweet contrast. I used a little over a half cup of lime juice for extra tartness. To me, much better than other Key Lime pies.

Jackie See and Johnny Terrell will be inducted into the Wildcat Sports Hall of Fame Friday night at the Hardee Athletic Foundation Dinner at the Hardee Agri-Civic Center.

The Hardee Wildcat football team rolls on with three shutouts in the first four games. A key piece of the defense is three-year starting junior linebacker Matt Tyson. Look for his No. 42. The defensive secondary is not shy about trying to intercept passes, a trait encouraged by a former HHS defensive back — now head coach Brian Kemp.

On offense the Cats have a good group of runningbacks, but new quarterback James Pearson, a Sebring transfer, is throwing the pigskin all over the field to some receivers who can catch it. He is given good protection by a big experienced O-line coached by Jason Clark.

Look for a letter to the editor inside this issue by former Wildcat star Jim Moseley (has four photos) who is establishing a self-perpetuating athletic scholarship at his alma mater Arkansas State University in memory of HHS coach Leon Sharp. He's looking for donations to the fund to make it complete.

There is an interesting page inside about code enforcement of properties, especially one owned by David Lee Smith who lives on Snell Street in rural Wauchula.

The September 2018 issue of Citrus Industry Magazine has at least two interesting topics: the overuse of glyphosate (Roundup) which causes fruit drop when applied to the lower canopy of trees (page 12) and soil health (page 27).

For years I have felt that using too much weed killers are bad for the soil and long-term tree health. Among other things but extremely important, citrus trees need healthy soil and healthy roots.

Dr. Joy Jackson, director of the Florida Department of Health in Hardee County, spoke to the Wauchula Kiwanis Club on Tuesday and mentioned the fairly new concept called 5-2-1-0 for better health and life outcomes.

This means 5 daily servings of fruits and vegetables, 2 hours or less of screen time, 1 hour of physical activity, and 0 sodas.

Sad but true — a loss for Hardee County, Charles Cannon, 91, of Wauchula will be moving in a couple of months to Lakeland to Carpenters Home Retirement Village to be closer to his doctors. Others have done the same, including the late Dr. Bill and Neva Howard of Wauchula.

**Don't Be Left Out!**  
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## IDA

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The IDA building, according to Lambert, is assessed by the Hardee County Property Appraiser's Office at roughly \$1.4 million.

The school district's complex, according to Finance Director Greg Harrelson, includes two adjoining properties roughly assessed at \$1.1 million.

The move would also most likely involve additional costs for remodeling, technology upgrades, new furniture, and inspections.

Facilities Director Rob Krahl presented the board with a bleak outlook on available infrastructure funds.

"The most concerning is the current year, because we are at

\$850,000 (in projects) and we are not even out of the first quarter yet," Krahl said.

According to Harrelson, the district has approximately \$410,000 in uncommitted infrastructure funds in reserve.

The funds, according to Krahl, might not last long as the district continues to battle systemic infrastructure failures at school sites across the county.

"We have got a lot of aging infrastructure," Krahl said. "We have deferred maintenance for years and it has caught up with us, and it is time to pay the piper."

Lambert said he would be prepared to present alternative offers from the School Board

including leasing the CareSync building or a purchase agreement where the IDA would accept payments over time for the sale of the building.

Kathy Clark, former Bowling Green Elementary principal, was the only member of the public to speak at the meeting. She advocated the largely vacant old Hardee High School building for the site of a consolidated administrative complex.

"I think that it is a term of endearment to a lot of the alumni," Clark said.

Due to printing deadlines on Tuesday, detailed coverage will be available in next week's edition of The Herald-Advocate.

## BATS

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After the guano was removed, the third floor of the courthouse was reopened last Thursday before the illnesses occurred. Out of precaution, the third floor of the courthouse was once again closed later that day until the situation can be remediated, he said.

Sudzina said he is meeting with a hygienist to come up with a plan to address the air-quality issues.

"We don't want to send anyone back into that environment until the issue is resolved, no matter how mild the symptoms are" he said.

The county initially hired a professional consulting firm to assist in assessing the situation and in instructing county staff how to properly clean up the mess left behind by the estimated 1,500 bats living in the attic.

County Manager Lex Albritton said he wished the company he initially hired had better prepared county staff about how to properly clean up the mess. He said another company that is better suited to deal with the situation has been hired to further assist in the cleanup efforts.

He said all the guano has been removed but now urine seems to be causing the issue.

Albritton said as the urine dries over time, it crystallizes and can't be readily seen by the naked eye.

The new company brought in black lights which show the crystallized urine scattered throughout the area inhabited by the bats.

County staff was provided with vacuum equipment to begin initial cleanup efforts but more specialized equipment is needed to adequately address the issue.

Some of the urine has soaked into the wood of the building, which might need to be sanded down or encapsulated with paint or another sealant before the smell and air-quality problems are permanently resolved.

Albritton did say one employee briefly went to the hospital after the air caused complications to a pre-existing asthma condition.

Hardee County Judge Jeff McKibben and Circuit Judge Marcus Ezelle decided to close the third floor of the courthouse last month when the foul odor in the courtrooms was first discovered.

Sudzina said county staff has been very cooperative throughout the past several weeks.

Jury trials have been held in the County Commission Chambers adjacent to the courthouse, and the hearing room at the Hardee County Jail has also been utilized.

"We are not missing a beat and will also not be putting people in harm's way until the air-quality issues are resolved," Sudzina said.

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

The odor issue was initially caused by the air ducts carrying the smell from the attic area down into the third floor of the building.

Last month McKibben said county staff had sealed all apparent access point into the attic and installed a one-way portal to allow any bats that remained an opportunity to get out.

Albritton said he expects the third floor of the courthouse to remain closed for another week or so.

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**BRIDGES**  
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Hurricane Irma closed in on Hardee County in what was predicted to be a direct hit. "Our plan was to run home and grab some things for the shelter and come back," Pfeiffer said. "It was supposed to be a quick trip home, so that we could get back to the shelter and get some sleep there before our next shift started."

Bridges was a half-mile from her house when the fatal crash occurred – just 2,640 feet from safety.

Pfeiffer was at Hardee County Fire Rescue at that moment, checking in with her husband, Lt. Greg Pfeiffer, who also was on duty that day. Deputies Alice Simandl and Maria Hall were on day shift back at the shelter.

"I was at Station 1 when I heard the tones drop and dispatch saying there was an accident at 66 and Old Crewsville Road. I didn't realize it was her."

"I got in the car to head back to the shelter," she continued. "I heard on the law enforcement channel that it was a marked unit. When I got back to the shelter and when I saw Dep. Simandl and Dep. Hall, I knew, I just knew."

Dep. Ryan Abbott remembered, "News of her accident came when the hurricane was at our doorstep, and when our mindsets, resources, and patience were stretched to the thinnest of breaking points."

"But somehow, during that following dark night as the storm rolled through, there was a strange calmness," he went on to describe. "While assisting with shelter assignments, comforting those in fear, and securing windows and doors, I think I speak for most officers that found an elevated sense of purpose."

Said Sheriff Arnold Lanier, "It was a very hard time for all employees at the Sheriff's Office, as Hurricane Irma was upon us and all of us being prepared for a disaster, as we have in the past."

"There are no words to describe how we all felt when we got the news of Julie's crash and death," Lanier continued. "Each one grieves differently. We all tried to maintain ourselves and make it through, not only the tragedy of the hurricane but the tragedy of the loss of one of our own."

In Abbott's words, "Julie's sacrifice was painful and sobering, yet still a powerful and motivational reminder of what this calling may one day ask of any one of us. Julie's sacrifice was and will continue to be instrumental in the development of new officers, training even now, who will one day take the oath to walk The Thin Blue Line."

**The Thin Blue Line**

"It was, and still remains, a very traumatic event in our lives," said Lanier. "We pulled together for Julie's family. We pulled together as a law enforcement family."

"It has a very devastating effect on agency members. It is FOREVER, one that we may never totally get through, but from the grace of God," the sheriff said.

A memorial sits at the corner of State Road 66 and Old Crewsville Road. There are the highway fatality markers placed by the state, one for Bridges and one for Ossman, but there is more.

A large wooden cross and a flagpole mark the spot. The U.S. flag and the Thin Blue Line flag wave in gentle breezes unlike the winds of that fateful morning. A miniature stuffed Minnie Mouse, affixed to one arm of the cross, sits vigil – those who knew her knew Bridges loved all things Disney.

Lanier noted the memorial was erected by and is maintained by "all who loved and worked with Julie."

Those numbers are vast; the roadside tribute remains well-maintained.

"The best memory of Julie is that smile, no one could ever forget her smile," Det. Yolanda Hernandez said last week on the anniversary of Bridges' line-of-duty death. It was Hernandez who took the photograph which accompanies this article, of Dep. Mitch Johnson, Dep. Chris Bandy and Cpl. Donnie Eversole in the dark of night saluting their fallen sister as a cruiser's light bar emits a thin blue line.

"Regardless if she had a good or bad day, she smiled through it all, which in turn made others

around her smile," the detective recalled.

"It is, without a doubt, different without Julie being around," Hernandez continued. "Everyone has their daily routines during their workdays, and seeing her at the office getting ready for shift or at the end of the day changing into her personal vehicle from her marked unit, because she had something to do with (son) Caiden, was the biggest adjustment not only for me but several of us at the office."

"I keep Julie's challenge coin in my office and another in my work vehicle, to keep her with me at all times," Hernandez noted.

Said Johnson, "I remember Julie at the station and at the courthouse. Julie always seemed to be happy, and she always had a positive attitude. I remember sharing a story with her about her child and mine, several weeks before she left us. Happy and loving, that is how I remember Julie."

"To cope with the loss, I live my life to the fullest and enjoy each moment, because it can all be lost in an instant," he added.

"I remember Julie's vibrant smile and infectious personality," Eversole said. "Despite her everyday struggles, she never showed it. Seeing Julie instantly

made everyone's day better."

"I cope with this by riding by her memorial on occasion, and also I try to have a moment of silence for her when I'm back in the civil section," said Eversole.

"Julie loved her little boy like nobody's business," Dep. Sylvia Hendrickson noted. "I actually have a picture in my office of her and her little boy holding a chalkboard that says 'Who needs a superhero when your mom is a deputy sheriff.'"

"That," she added, "is my all-time favorite picture of her because that said it all. She loved being a cop, and would move heaven and earth for her family."

Hendrickson went on to remember, "I first met Julie in January of 2004. She and Lt. (Rosie) Wendell pulled up at Pine Cone Trailer Park. Lt. Wendell was showing her around, and all I remember was her smiling."

"Julie would stop and talk to anyone and everyone," she continued. "She was always trying to help. At times she would get herself in trouble for not hustling back to the office, when the supervisor would ask 'Where's Julie,' it was 'never mind, I know.'"

Dep. Pfeiffer shared similar memories. "Julie was an absolutely amazingly sweet person!" Pfeiffer began. "She lived by my mom, dad, and brother for a little while, and she would always take them some kind of small sweet gift, just to let them know she was thinking about them."

"She was that person who would always try to do something small for the people around her," she said.

"Her death still affects me to this day. It still affects everyone at the office, but we know she would want us to be strong for Caiden, so for her and Caiden, we stay strong," Pfeiffer said.

"Julie was such a sweet person, with a golden heart," the FHP's Benavidez concurred. "She was always cheerful, and had a bright and godly outlook to life. I will truly miss her and our little chats throughout the day."

"She was the epitome of genuine," Dep. Abbott commented.

"Regardless of circumstance, weather, time or length of day or shift, Julie Bridges was ALWAYS eager to smile and greet anyone who called upon her."

"She was never ill-tempered that I remember, nor was she rushed or hurried in her responses," he recalled. "She devoted her time to speak, listen, and genuinely show how much she cared about each person and their circumstances."

"Her soft and gentle approach, although it being an almost oxymoron in the field of law enforcement, is what most found so refreshing and helpful at time of most need, including her fellow officers," said Abbott.

It feels "awkward" no longer seeing her at the courthouse, he added.

"Julie's memory is not one of sorrow, pain, regret, or even anger. But one of hope! Hope that thousands of men and women like her don that uniform, lace those boots, and honor the badge

or star each and every day with pride and without hesitation," Abbott continued.

"Julie answered the call to serve and help her community in a time it needed her most. I hope that one day, I will be able to tell her just how much her testimony, her story, and her sacrifice meant to not only me, but an entire community."

"It is my sincere prayer and hope that more officers and deputies will serve their communities with an unashamed and unapologetic love for people the way Julie Bridges did," Abbott concluded.

**Runs Thick**

"Julie will be FOREVER in our hearts and minds, not only in Hardee County, but the state of Florida and the nation," Sheriff Lanier said last week. "Julie's name is inscribed in the Florida Sheriff's Law Enforcement Memorial in Tallahassee and the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C., because of her unselfish service and dedication to law enforcement."

"Julie stood for service above self. She would help anyone in need."

"She served as a patrol deputy for years and was currently in the civil division upon her death, to spend more time with her 8-year-old son, Caiden. Julie loved what she did, and the Hardee County Sheriff's Office reaped the benefits."

"We are a better agency because of Julie Ann England Bridges' service for 13 years," Lanier ended.

"As I reflected yesterday on the tragic events that took Dep. Julie Bridges from us a year ago, I was overwhelmed with emotion," Wauchula Police Chief John Eason said last week.

"Julie was a shining example, and exemplified the characteristics of a law enforcement officer," he continued. "Julie was always willing to help anyone who was in need, and would go above and beyond to ensure they received that help. Julie always had a smile on her face and represented the Hardee County Sheriff's Office, and the law enforcement profession, with pride and professionalism."

Eason went on to note, "The bond that exists between law enforcement officers, as well as the entire public safety community, is one that many 'civilians' will never be able to understand."

"Yesterday, the 2018 Brotherhood Ride passed through Hardee County, riding in honor of 20 Florida heroes whom they never met. These men and women will ride just over 600 miles over the next few days to honor the sacrifice each of these fallen heroes gave in defense of their community and the citizens they serve," said Eason.

Bridges' name was among the 20 etched onto plaques and hearts at the riders cycled up U.S. 17, detouring to stop at the roadside memorial to Bridges. Riders included Todd Barton, Javier Fernandez and Bobby Respress with Hardee County Fire Rescue and, for the first time ever, a member of a deceased first responder's family, Bridges' brother Brett England.

"When we (LEOs) hear of a law enforcement death, or any other public safety death, we immediately come to the aid of the family and agency which experienced the tragedy," Eason explained. "Many times we do not know the officer or family, but know they are part of the bigger family which is the law enforcement/public safety community."

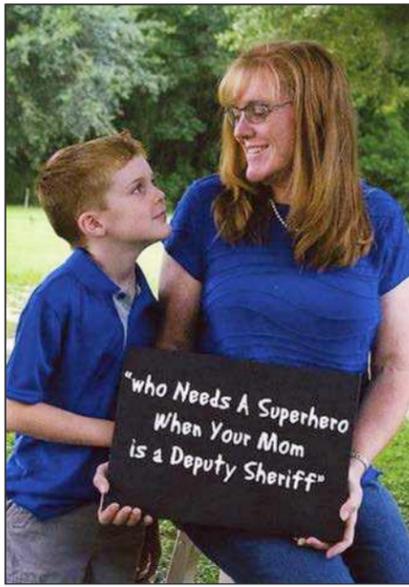
"We will never forget the sacrifice each of heroes, and their families, have given to their community," said Eason. "While it may sound cliché, each of the members of our local agencies is ready and willing to 'run in while others are running out' to ensure the safety of our community. We do not do this for glory, fame or even pay. We do this, because I truly believe, being a LEO is a calling and a career, not 'just a job.'"

"I am honored to have worked with Julie and to have been a friend," Eason concluded. "I miss her dearly, think of her often and am grateful to have been able to know her for 13 years."

Bowling Green Police Department Capt. Brett Dowden stated a similar sentiment. "There



This photo is the last of Dep. Julie Bridges, in a selfie taken by Dep. Kim Pfeiffer at the end of the night shift at the hurricane shelter.



# Hardee Ranch Supply, Purina Host Cattlemen's Field Day



About 160 attended Purina Field Day Thursday, Sept. 13, at Robertson Farms in the Sweetwater area. The cattle event was hosted by Hardee Ranch Supply and landowner/cattlemen Wilbur Robertson. Lunch included prime rib, potatoes, green beans and peach cobbler.



Damon Hughes serves prime rib. PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY



From left are Hardee Ranch Supply assistant manager Jay Cook with prize winners Matt Warren, rocking chair; Farrell Johnson, Yeti cooler; and Donald Griffin, truckload of liquid feed.



Wilbur Robertson was one of five area cattlemen on a panel who said Purina products helped their cattle herd.



From left are Hardee Ranch Supply manager Ronnie Durrance, Tracy Hood, Rod Nulik, Dr. Elizabeth Backes, Wilbur Robertson, Dr. Martha Moen, Jay Cook, Matt Pearce, and Kevin Huesman.

## Letter To The Editor

### All Humans Have The Same Value To Jesus

Dear Editor:

Humans are human this is true. None are worth more or less than me or you.

We all have equal value, purchased by the blood of the Son of God slain. Tho we are uniquely different we humans are all the same. Just not all of us see it that way.

People who look down on others and consider them less because they do not have the right bank account or the right career or live in the right neighborhood or wear the right clothes are placing a monetary value on human life, and they are cheapening the blood of Jesus.

All life, every person is worth his blood. When we see it any other way I think it means we serve money, not God. I have been guilty of it myself.

I look around, and I see it everywhere. People get their self-worth by taking value away from others by looking down on them and treating them like they are less because of what they have or what they can do.

The Bible says we are to esteem others better than ourselves.

I think only someone who understands that their worth is based on the fact that the Cre-

ator gave His life for them is capable of esteeming others better.

I do not think that means we are to take value away from ourselves to give it to another. I think it means that we understand that it doesn't take away from our own value to acknowledge other humans to be of a worth that is not based on monetary value, because if we place monetary value on human life then I think that is serving mammon (money). Jesus said we cannot serve both God and mammon.

If I get my self-worth and value from what I do or what I have or who I know, then I am saying all that is more important than the blood of Jesus that gives me my true worth.

My life is worth God's life and so is every human life on this planet.

But the world's value system is money. It is good to get a paycheck for a job done, but when we place our own value on the amount of the paycheck we get and compare ourselves to others who are making more or less than us, then we are serving money not God because in God's eyes every human is worth Jesus' blood that was shed.

Mary Ellen Ybarra  
Wauchula

## Letter To The Editor

### My Early Experiences At Florida Southern College

Dear Editor:

Your True Story writer has not told you anything about her college experience at Florida Southern College which is located in Lakeland beside Lake Hollingsworth.

My first year at Florida Southern my room was on the second floor of the Joseph Reynolds Building. The majority of the girls in the suite were from New York and were of Jewish background.

I was a plain old farm girl who enjoyed country music---like that from WSM in Nashville, Tenn. My radio was on that kind of music. I left it on one day to go to the restroom. When I returned to my room someone had changed my station to music I didn't care for.

Nearly all the girls in this area were of Jewish nationality. (I don't have anything against them, but I have my rights, too!) I liked and still like country music which comes from WSM.

Our "house mother" moved me to the other end of the freshman dorm right next to a room of two girls---one was a doctor's daughter and the other

one was a Methodist preacher's daughter. We got along real well.

One day the "house mother" came to me and explained to me that there was a girl who had been accused of stealing money from her roommate. The house mother asked me if I would mind if she moved this girl to be my roommate. I said, "No", move her in," which she did.

The girl and I got along fine. She ran out of money one day and asked me if I would loan her some. I said, "Sure." (I had only been given 15 dollars a month, but I was willing to give her what she needed. The majority of the girls received close to \$50 a month.)

When she received her allowance she paid me back. We had no problem. We got along well. We were roommates for the rest of our freshman year.

Be sure when a person is "up-the-creek" and needs help, do what you can to help them "swim." That's what our Bible tells us to do. That's what the Lord tells us to do!

I'll talk to you another day!  
Roxie Bentley  
Wauchula

## Hip-Hop Artist Signs First Deal

The next time you hear hip-hop music while watching TV or a movie, check to see who it's by.

You might be listening to Bowling Green native Theo Jones, known in the music world as Theolodge.

Theolodge just signed his first publishing deal last month after returning from his European tour. The deal is with 411 Music Group, which he says is a music publishing company and custom songwriting house out of Los Angeles, Calif.

Members of 411 Music Group heard Theolodge's music and set up a meeting in southern France while he was on his tour earlier this year.

He says they started negotiating a contract when he got back to the United States, and came to a final agreement. Theolodge signed the deal on Aug. 23.

So in the future, when

you're watching your favorite movie, TV show, or sport, "be on the listen for my music," Theolodge says.

Theolodge, who was performing as an independent artist during his European tour, received four contract offers before returning to the states.



Theolodge

411 Music Group posted on its Facebook page on Aug. 28, "We are so excited to announce our newest signee, Theolodge... We're super excited to be working with Theo and repping some of his music - the future is bright!"

"It all started with a dollar and a dream," Theolodge says of his career. He wants people to dream, believe, and know that God is great.

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Hardee County Independent Indigent Health Care Special District Board has tentatively adopted a budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

**September 24, 2018**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**412 West Orange Street**  
**BoCC Chambers**  
**Wauchula, FL 33873**

9:20c

## BUDGET SUMMARY

HARDEE COUNTY INDEPENDENT INDIGENT HEALTH CARE  
SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD  
FISCAL YEAR 2018-19  
MILLAGE RATE: 0.2137

AD VALOREM TAXES	344,884
OTHER SOURCES	225
LESS 5%	(27,493)
CASH FORWARD	205,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>532,864</b>

ADMINISTRATIVE COST	34,750
INDIGENT HEALTH CARE COST	493,114
CONTINGENCIES/RESERVES	5,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>532,864</b>

9:20c

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## Comfort Foods Made Fast And Healthy

By Healthy Exchanges

**CRESCENT MEAT BAKE**  
From its caramel-color golden crust to the filling inside, this is a wonderful main dish.

**8 ounces extra-lean ground sirloin beef or turkey breast**  
**1/2 cup chopped onion**  
**1 (2.5-ounce) jar sliced mushrooms, drained**  
**1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce**  
**2 tablespoons Brown Sugar**  
**Twin**  
**1 cup chunky salsa (mild, medium or hot)**  
**1 teaspoon chili seasoning**

**1 (8-ounce) can Reduced Fat Crescent Rolls**  
**4 (3/4-ounce) slices reduced-fat American cheese**

1. Heat oven to 350 F. In large skillet sprayed with olive oil-flavored cooking spray, brown meat and onion. Stir in mushrooms.  
2. In small bowl, combine tomato sauce, brown sugar, salsa and chili seasoning. Pour 1/2 cup sauce mixture into skillet with browned meat. Mix well to combine. Remove from heat. Place skillet on wire

rack and allow mixture to cool completely.

3. On large baking sheet, press crescent rolls together to form an 8-by-13-inch rectangle. Spread cooled meat mixture on one-half of dough, long ways. Place cheese slices on top of meat. Fold over other half of dough. Pinch sides shut with fork. Form into crescent moon shape. Make slits over top for steam vents. Lightly spray top with olive oil-flavored cooking spray. Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.  
4. Meanwhile, in medium saucepan, pour remaining sauce mixture. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally until crescent is done. Cut crescent into 6 servings. Place each serving on a plate and pour about 2 tablespoons sauce mixture over top. Serve immediately.

• Each serving equals: 239 calories, 11g fat, 11g protein, 24g carbs, 878mg sodium, 173mg calcium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Protein, 1 Starch, 1/2 Vegetable; Carb Choices: 1 1/2.

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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.**

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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 10th day of October, 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.: 529  
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2016  
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Annie Pace Lee

Description of Property:  
Parcel ID Number: 10-34-25-0843-00001-0007

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All of the property is in HARDEE County, Florida.

Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on October 10, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

Pursuant to F.S. 197.512  
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Hardee County, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller  
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# Obituaries

### In Loving Memory



### JERRY WAYNE PURSER JR.

Wayne Purser Jr. passed away on Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, in Lakeland.

Jerry was a lifelong Hardee County resident. When he graduated from high school in 1987, he joined the U.S. Army. He returned home in 1991 and began his career with IMC.

Jerry never met a stranger. He was humbly known for his willingness to help if ever a friend needed. He enjoyed life to the fullest and loved his family and

friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jerry "Wayne" Purser Sr.

He is survived by his loving mother, Delphine Purser; one son, Jarrod Wayne Purser and wife Amanda; brother, Steven Purser; brother, Michael Purser and wife Kelly; four grandchildren, Olivia, Penelope, Kamryn, and Mireya; nieces and nephews, Dustin, Caleb, Noah, Lane, Alana, and Ethan; wife, Jennifer Purser; and stepchildren, Bryant, Alex, and Caitlyn.

Jerry will be greatly missed by many.

A memorial service was held in the Robarts Garden Chapel on Monday, Sept. 17, 2018. Officiating was Pastor Mike Davis.

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### En Memoria



### JOSEFINA PABLO AGUIRRE

Josefina Pablo Aguirre octubre 28, 1991-septiembre 13, 2018 y Chiara Diaz Pablo septiembre 10, 2018

Josefina nacio en El Municipio De El Por Venir, Oaxaca Mexico el 28 de Octubre de 1991. Fue miembro de la Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Cristo Jesus, Lakeland, FL.

Ella deja a su esposo Joel Diaz Sanchez; dos niñas, Maria Elena Diaz Pablo de 9 años y Anai Diaz Pablo de 8 años; un niño, Joel Diaz Pablo de 6 años; a su mama, Maria Crispina Aguirre Gonzales; tres hermanos y dos hermanas.

Amados hermanos, familia, y amigos, mi carrera ha terminado. Voy a casa.

He peleado la buena batalla, he acabado la carrera, he guardado la fe.

Por lo demás, me está guardada la corona de justicia, la cual me dará el Señor, juez justo, en aquel día; y no sólo a mi, sino también a todos los que aman su venida. 2 Timoteo 4:7-8

El velorio sera de 10 a.m. a 12 p.m. el sábado, 22 de septiembre. El servicio funerario seguira a las 12 p.m.

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### In Loving Memory

### SALVADOR VILLEGAS

Salvador Villegas, 62, of Zolfo Springs, died on Sept. 5, 2018, in Sebring.

He was born in Reynosa, Mexico, on Aug. 24, 1956, and came to Hardee County in 1972. Salvador was Catholic and worked in citrus as a laborer.

Survivors include five brothers, Jose Salvador Villegas, Lorenzo Villegas, and Alfredo Villegas, all of Zolfo Springs, and Jesus Villegas and Jose Enrique Villegas, both of Mexico; and two sisters, Maria Deanda (Isidro) and Maria Suarez, of Zolfo Springs.

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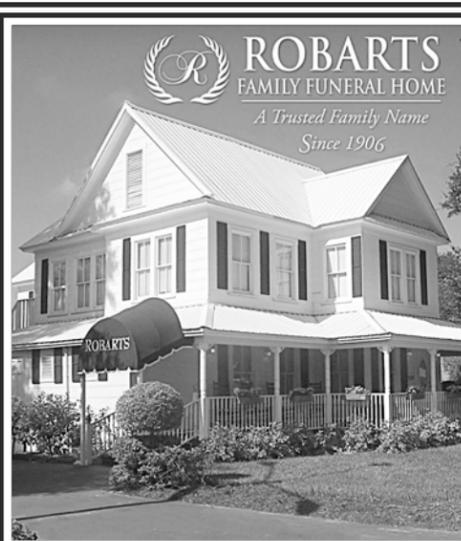
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# New Spa Brings Resort-Like Treatments To Wauchula

Feeling stressed, dealing with pain or wishing you had fewer wrinkles?

Bonnie Horton recently opened Koinonia Spa to help people with those problems.

types of massages: Swedish, medical, deep tissue, hot stone and hot bamboo. Horton had to take three extra classes to get certified to give medical massages, which help with ongo-

Carla Watts, an esthetician from Ona, will do facials. Maria Rex, from Punta Gorda, will be offering permanent makeup treatments.

Horton is planning an open house for the spa on Oct. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. The open house will include a drawing for free services, live video and an introduction to Watts and Rex.

To schedule an appointment or learn more about Koinonia's services, you can contact Horton through the spa's Facebook page. Just send a private message asking for rates or other information and Horton will contact you.

Horton says she offers seasonal specials, so you might want to ask about those also.

Koinonia Spa is open every day but Tuesday, but you need to have an appointment scheduled before you go.

The spa is located at 212 W. Main St. in Wauchula. Horton is sharing the building with Ashbrook Realty.

*Do you have, or know of, a business that is opening, moving, remodeling or under new management? Call Jennifer McConkey at 773-3255 for a free write-up.*



**In Business**  
By Jennifer McConkey

Koinonia is a Greek word meaning "Christian fellowship with God or with fellow Christians." Horton says she chose it as the name for her spa because she loves the meaning and the way the word looks.

The spa, which opened on Aug. 14, offers services like facials, massages, detox body wraps and lipo cavitation, which can help with weight loss, cellulite reduction and wrinkle reduction.

Facial services include anti-aging, acnaic and lipo cavitation facials. For the detox body wraps, Horton will use dry-brushing and all-natural products to help with skin hydration.

Koinonia Spa offers five

ing issues like pain.

She plans to eventually offer manicures, pedicures and health coaching at the spa as well.

Horton is a fourth-generation Wauchula native. She was working as the executive director of the YMCA when she learned about massage during her health and wellness training.

She was able to get a lot of good training and experience in the field during the past four years - Horton and her husband lived on a sailboat during that time, and she was able to work at some luxury resorts.

In addition to Horton, two contractors will soon be working at Koinonia Spa.



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER McCONKEY

Bonnie Horton is ready to ease your stress or pain, among a myriad of other services.



Koinonia Spa is located on Main Street in downtown Wauchula, right across from Heritage Park.

# Hurricane Florence: Too Soon To Send Disaster Relief

By JENNIFER McCONKEY  
Herald-Advocate Intern

It's too early to start sending small disaster relief teams to help with victims of Hurricane Florence, says Jamie Samuels, president of SendMeMissions Inc., but a local team will go in a few weeks.

SendMeMissions is a local Christian non-profit group that helped lead disaster relief in Hardee County after Hurricane Irma struck last September.

Samuels says the evacuation shelters have enough to worry about without having to house a relief team right now, and there's not much a small group could do until the flooding subsides anyway.

But she knows from experience that the areas affected by the storm will have long-term needs.

That's why the SMM disaster relief team will wait until the first part of October to head out. The team will either go from Oct. 3-7 or Oct. 10-14. Samuels hopes to finalize the dates by this weekend.

She says they will probably go to either Wilmington, Lumberton or Fayetteville, N.C., where SMM has contacts with ties to Hardee County.

Whichever city they go to, Samuels says SMM will partner with a local disaster relief organization.

The team will be taking heavy equipment to help with tree removal. They will also be helping with jobs like mud-outs (getting wet debris out of homes) and serving food, depending on the community's needs.

Anyone who's interested in joining the team or supporting it financially or through prayer can visit [sendmissions.com](http://sendmissions.com) to get more information. The Hurricane Florence disaster relief page will be updated as more information about the trip is available.

Filling out the site's Volunteer Interest Form is just to let SMM know you want to get updates about trip preparations, Samuels says. It's not a commitment to join the team.

If you want to go on the

trip, she says you'll need to be able-bodied.

Teenagers 16 and older are allowed to come if a parent fills out a release form and a chaperone who is able and willing to work comes on the trip with them.

When it's closer to the trip date, SMM will post a list of needed supplies on its website.

Until they know the specific needs of the community they're going to, though, Samuels says SMM will not be accepting donations for victims of the storm.

When the supply list is posted, it will probably be an Amazon.com Wish List so donors can order the supplies to be shipped directly to the team's destination.

Samuels says SMM will probably have the details about five days before the trip.

Before then, community members can help by donating financially to SMM. You can also sign up for the Hurricane Florence prayer list on the SMM website to get updates about specific prayer requests.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER McCONKEY

A map at the SendMeMissions Inc. office shows several cities in North Carolina with residents who have ties to Hardee County. SMM has been in contact with those people, and toward the end of September will decide which city to send a disaster relief team to.

## FUTURE PLANS



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It's never too early to begin thinking of what you want to do with your future. Here are some plans for Maggie Santana's first graders at North Wauchula Elementary School.

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**BULLETIN BOARD**



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North Wauchula Elementary School teachers participated in a friendly competition by decorating bulletin boards for the cafeteria. Each bulletin board was to reflect college/career awareness to support the Advancement Via Individual Determination program begun at the school this year. Photos of each team's bulletin board were posted on Facebook for followers to vote on by "liking." The winning team was third grade, with teachers (from left) Mary Rodriguez, Alecia Hughes, Louisa Juarez, Priscilla Bowes and Angie Ioannidis.

BUDGET SUMMARY TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS FLORIDA FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019	
<b>THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET (INCOME AND EXPENDITURES) OF THE TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ARE 17.8% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.</b>	
	<b>Proposed Millage 8.5540</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Ad Valorem Taxes.....	\$213,082.00
Utility Taxes.....	59,654.00
Franchise Fees.....	65,000.00
Occupational Licenses.....	1,000.00
State Revenue Sharing.....	70,000.00
Mobile Home Taxes.....	800.00
Half Cent Sales Taxes.....	56,491.00
1 Cent Sales Taxes.....	126,966.00
Fuel Tax Refund.....	1,000.00
Civic Center Rental.....	4,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues.....	23,000.00
Wastewater Revenue.....	475,000.00
Water Revenue.....	265,000.00
Reconnect Fees.....	2,000.00
Sanitation Service.....	125,000.00
Local Option Gas Tax.....	37,563.00
Vapor Lights.....	279.00
Interest Income.....	700.00
	<b>\$1,526,535.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Legislative.....	\$ 15,600.00
Clerk's Office.....	197,593.00
Public Safety.....	162,616.00
Water Department.....	267,300.00
Wastewater Department.....	483,000.00
Sanitation Department.....	104,000.00
Transportation Department.....	281,426.00
Recreation Department.....	15,000.00
Reserves.....	0.00
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THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

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<b>9/20/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:15 AM Set: 7:26 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 11 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 5:00 PM Set: 3:11 AM Overhead: 10:31 PM Underfoot: 10:08 AM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 82% Waxing Gibbous  <b>Major Times</b> 10:08 AM - 12:08 PM 10:31 PM - 12:31 AM  <b>Minor Times</b> 3:11 AM - 4:11 AM 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Average  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4  <b>9/21/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:15 AM Set: 7:25 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 10 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 5:40 PM Set: 4:03 AM Overhead: 11:17 PM Underfoot: 10:54 AM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 89% Waxing Gibbous  <b>Major Times</b> 10:54 AM - 12:54 PM 11:17 PM - 1:17 AM  <b>Minor Times</b> 4:03 AM - 5:03 AM 5:40 PM - 6:40 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Average  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4	<b>9/22/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:15 AM Set: 7:23 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 08 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 6:17 PM Set: 4:56 AM Overhead: 11:40 AM Underfoot: 11:40 AM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 94% Waxing Gibbous  <b>Major Times</b> 11:40 AM - 1:40 PM  <b>Minor Times</b> 4:56 AM - 5:56 AM 6:17 PM - 7:17 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Better  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4  <b>9/23/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:16 AM Set: 7:22 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 06 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 6:53 PM Set: 5:49 AM Overhead: 12:02 AM Underfoot: 12:24 PM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 98% Waxing Gibbous  <b>Major Times</b> 12:02 AM - 2:02 AM 12:24 PM - 2:24 PM  <b>Minor Times</b> 5:49 AM - 6:49 AM 6:53 PM - 7:53 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Better  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4	<b>9/24/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:16 AM Set: 7:21 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 05 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 7:28 PM Set: 6:43 AM Overhead: 12:47 AM Underfoot: 1:09 PM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 100% FULL MOON  <b>Major Times</b> 12:47 AM - 2:47 AM 1:09 PM - 3:09 PM  <b>Minor Times</b> 6:43 AM - 7:43 AM 7:28 PM - 8:28 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Best  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4  <b>9/25/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:17 AM Set: 7:20 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 03 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 8:02 PM Set: 7:38 AM Overhead: 1:31 AM Underfoot: 1:53 PM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 100% Waxing Gibbous  <b>Major Times</b> 1:31 AM - 3:31 AM 1:53 PM - 3:53 PM  <b>Minor Times</b> 7:38 AM - 8:38 AM 8:02 PM - 9:02 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Best++  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4	<b>9/26/2018</b> <b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 7:17 AM Set: 7:19 PM  <b>Day Length</b> 12 hrs. 02 mins.  <b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 8:38 PM Set: 8:32 AM Overhead: 2:16 AM Underfoot: 2:39 PM  <b>Moon Phase</b> 97% Waning Gibbous  <b>Major Times</b> 2:16 AM - 4:16 AM 2:39 PM - 4:39 PM  <b>Minor Times</b> 8:32 AM - 9:32 AM 8:38 PM - 9:38 PM  <b>Prediction</b> Hunting or Fishing Better  <b>Time Zone</b> UTC: -4
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**Kovels Antiques & Collecting**  
By Terry & Kim Kovel

**VICTORIAN FURNITURE**  
Large, ornate Victorian furniture is selling for low prices at auctions for many reasons. Houses are smaller and bedrooms have more windows and closets, so there are fewer plain walls for large double beds or dressers. Plus, the elaborate carvings are out of style. The furniture also is very heavy and hard to move. Sometimes the headboard is too high for a modern room with an 8-foot ceiling, and the bedroom sets have too many pieces.

A few makers are so important that their work is treated as art. John Henry Belter, Alexander Roux, Joseph Meeks and John Jelliff are a few designers who still are getting very high prices; however, bargains also exist in well-made, stylish Victorian pieces manufactured away from the East Coast.

The H.B. Mudge Furniture Co. of Cincinnati designed and made a Victorian suite consisting of a washstand with mirror, commode, dresser and a bed with a high, carved headboard and footboard (pictured). It descended in the Mudge family and was auctioned by Cowan Auctions of Cincinnati for \$5,400 (includes buyer's premium). The company was founded in 1837 and made many kinds of household furniture.

**Q: I just bought a hand-crafted silver ring with a multicolored flat "stone" with a tag that reads "sterling silver with an authentic piece of Fordite." No one here knows what Fordite is. Can you help?**

A: We first learned about Fordite over 20 years ago. Many car manufacturers were closing their plants. Someone noticed that the floor where they had been painting the cars was covered with a thick layers of hard automobile paint. Since cars were made in many different colors, the floor had swirling patterns in the hardened material. Rock hounds and other collectors "mined" the material, sometimes with permission and sometimes after the plants were about to be torn down. Small pieces of this mined material are still available, and they usually are made into jewelry. We have seen pendants and rings made with Fordite set in gold that sell for more than \$1,000.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE**

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**Last year's property tax levy:**

A. Initially proposed tax levy.....\$218,780

B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes..... 7,252

C. Actual property tax levy.....\$211,528

**This year's proposed tax levy.....\$224,297**

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing On the tax increase to be held on:

Monday, September 24, 2018  
6:00 P.M.  
At 3210 Main Street  
Zolfo Springs Town Hall  
Zolfo Springs, FL 33890

**A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.**

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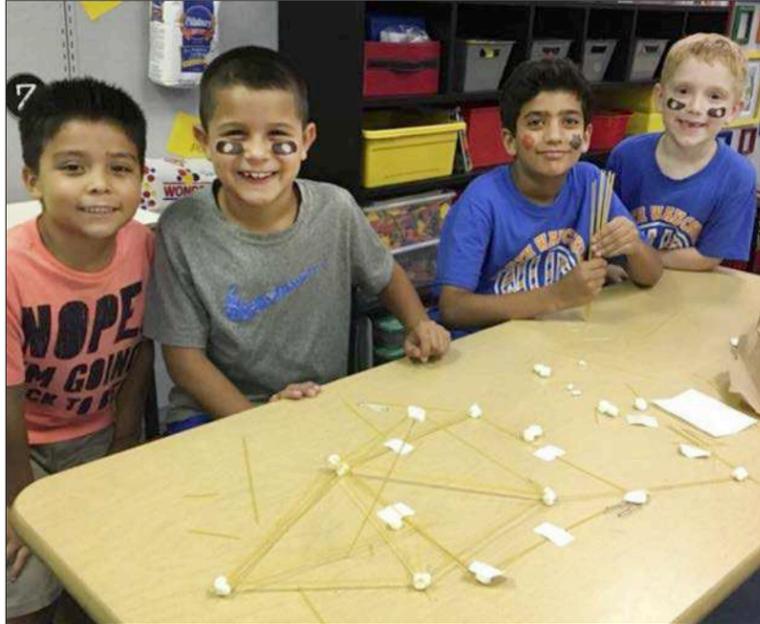
**READING REVIEW**



**Students in Blanca Chavez's class at North Wauchula Elementary School chart their understanding of the historical fiction book "Sarah, Plain and Tall." The students identify things like character names, the book's theme, and what happens at the beginning, middle and end of the story.**

COURTESY PHOTO

**SPAGHETTI STRUCTURES**



**Mary Idsardi's second graders at North Wauchula Elementary School were challenged to work cooperatively in groups to build tallest tower possible using spaghetti, marshmallows, toothpicks, labels and paper clips. Points were awarded per inch of height and use of different materials. The top team earned 18 points but every team had fun.**

COURTESY PHOTO

**STORY STUDIES**



**Students in Mary Rodriguez's third-grade class at North Wauchula Elementary School are putting their heads together to map story elements. This process helps them better understand the stories they read.**

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**SUNSHINE CLUB**



**The first-grade team members at North Wauchula Elementary School celebrated being the first team to have every member join the school's Sunshine Club. The Sunshine Club provides encouragement and boosts morale for staff members in good times and bad: new babies, weddings, loss of an immediate family member, etc.**

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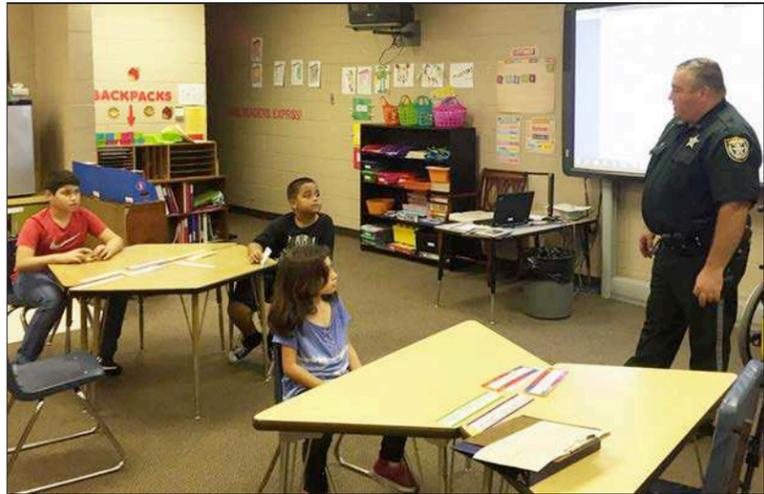
**PLANNING PLEDGES**



**North Wauchula Elementary School students enjoyed an assembly with "Mr. Walkathon Man" Pablo Montanez, of Go Take A Hike. The kids were entertained by his hilarious stories and excited to collect pledges to earn prizes for themselves and funds for their school.**

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**OFFICER ORATOR**



**Students in Katelyn Reader's class at North Wauchula Elementary School listen to a special guest speaker, school resource officer Sgt. Paul Johnson of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office. Reader arranged the visit after several students had expressed an interest in law enforcement. Students received honorary badges during the visit.**

COURTESY PHOTO

**Strange But True**

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 19th-century English naturalist and biologist Charles Darwin who made the following sage observation: "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."
- In Nazi Germany it was illegal to name a horse Adolph.
- If you grew up with the Girl Scouts decades ago (as I did), you might be surprised to learn about a new badge they're offering: cybersecurity. Yep, that's right. The national organization worked with a security company to come up with a curriculum, and now Girl Scouts everywhere can earn a badge for learning about cyberattacks, online safety and computer networks.
- In 1950, 70 percent of all the cars, buses and trucks in the world could be found in the United States.
- Statisticians claim that the more money a man makes, the more likely he is to cheat on his spouse.
- On at least one early map of the New World you'll see the name "Codfish Country" on the area now known as the United States.
- Between 1960 and 2006, the average American's production of solid waste — including everything from paper packaging to lawn clippings — increased by 150 percent to 4.5 pounds every day.
- Those who study such things say that the tradition of a bride and groom exchanging wedding rings originated in the Middle East.

**Thought for the Day:**  
 "The first symptom of love in a young man is timidity; in a girl, boldness."  
 — Victor Hugo

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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 10th day of October, 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.: 107  
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2014  
 NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Guadalupe M. Ramirez Estate

Description of Property:  
 Parcel ID Number: 04-33-25-0060-00003-0001

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All of the property is in HARDEE County, Florida.

Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on October 10, 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: 252018TD036XXXX  
 Date: 09/04/2018  
 Ad No.: 1

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**BUILDING VOCABULARY**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
North Wauchula Elementary School first graders in Maggie Santana's class were able to have some hands-on experience with their vocabulary word, "rebuild."

**JUST A TAD**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
Magnifying glasses in hand, students in Julia Roberts' first-grade class at Zolfo Springs Elementary School are observing tadpoles as they study the life cycle of a frog.

**SPIRIT DAY**



*COURTESY PHOTOS*  
Students were filled with excitement and all smiles during Spirit Day at Zolfo Springs Elementary as they lined up to have their hair sprayed orange and blue, get white spirit beads and bracelets, or to have their faces painted in Wildcat colors.



**GOOD MORNING!**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
Bayside Community Church in Wauchula provided breakfast to the staff of Bowling Green Elementary during those hectic pre-school days of planning and preparing. Staff members enjoyed a bounty of fruit, breakfast burritos, juice and fellowship.

**TERRIFIC TOSS**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
Students at North Wauchula Elementary School have been working on mastering a good underhand throw during physical education class. They've been practicing using rings, bean bags, balls and more under the guidance of PE coach Austin Helms and assistant coach Tonya Grice.

**BOOK CLUB**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
North Wauchula Elementary School students who read the Sunshine State Young Reader Award book "Ugly Cat and Pablo" and successfully tested on it were invited to an after-school book club. There, they enjoyed having their knowledge of the book and its Spanish words and phrases challenged through a game of Kahoot and Quizlet Live. They also had an art lesson on how to draw a mouse, which was a character in the book, and enjoyed a coconut paleta treat.

**SCIENTIFIC SPRINGS**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
North Wauchula Elementary School fourth graders in teacher Jamie Heine's class are learning to measure with a spring scale during science. Paraprofessional Sylvia Reyna (above) is helping with the lesson.

**SCOOT'S A HOOT**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
Giselle McDaniel's fifth-grade science students at North Wauchula Elementary School enjoyed a game of "Scoot" to demonstrate their knowledge of scientific tools. In Scoot, questions are placed around the table and students are given a time limit to answer the question in front of them on a record sheet. They "scoot" when time is up to the next question or task.

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Letter To The Editor

# Daughter Defends Dad In Code Enforcement Issue

Dear Editor:

Hardee County elderly residents treated unfairly ...

I care not to mention who I am in this letter of complaint. I was born and raised in Hardee. I have not lived here in over 30 years, but I would like to make a verbal complaint of my feelings in regards to the County Judge McKibben (who covers the codes affairs) and Code Enforcer Mr. Jim Wells.

When you have worked all your life and try your best to follow the rules, I want to know what type of jurisdiction the code enforcer has here in this town. It makes me sick to know that only certain people are made to clean up their properties around Wauchula.

I want the judge who is over this department to take a ride through every community in Wauchula and see who has the junkiest places. No one makes those who are able body to clean up.

Take a ride down through Magnolia Manor, out on 64 and some of these neighborhoods out by the high school and tell me what you see in every yard. Don't come telling me that only the ones who are sickly or disabled have to clean their property.

If the code enforcer and the judge are being fair, take a look around and make those other properties get cleaned up also.

I have been spending a significant amount of time over these last few months to clean up some property there due to fines and fees from the code enforcer. But when I look around I see others that are in worse shape than the one I've cleaned. I refuse to allow the County Judge McKibben or Code Enforcer Jim Wells to abuse their power in this matter any longer, from them telling people in town that they will seize their property deeds,

to threatening to arrest them.

Also, if items are contained in a fence it is not the county's business to make them tear the fence down and remove the items inside the fence. That is why people have fences. See, I don't think the county cares as long as they are not their family or their problem.

But now this is your problem because I'm making it known that people are being treated unfairly and it's time to STOP this yard racism of who has to clean up and who does not.

If we do not speak out when things like this take place, government will continue to walk over you and your family's property. I am speaking out because I'm tired of the changes every week when Jim Wells comes by my property. Today tops the cake.

Mr. Wells, stop making up rules as you go along. It's called being unfair, to the citizens who have no money and those who cannot clean their property themselves.

In the eyes of the law you are wrong for singling out certain people in certain communities. You want to be fair about the situation. Tell your friends to clean their property and the ones you use to snitch to tell you who needs their property cleaned.

See, you have to be careful. You never know who knows who in Hardee County. Of course, I no longer live here, but my family remains there and refuses to allow you or any others to mistreat them. If you have a job, do it to the best of your ability.

Stacy Lane  
Crescent City, Fla.

*Editor's note: Stacy Lane is the daughter of David Lee Smith, who owns the home and property at 671 Snell St. He lives there with his cat and three redbone hounds.*



COURTESY PHOTO/ HARDEE COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT  
671 Snell St. site visit in Jan., 2011.



COURTESY PHOTO/ HARDEE COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT  
671 Snell St. site visit Sept. 1, 2011. The case started in 2010.



COURTESY PHOTO/ HARDEE COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT  
Old trailer on Fairfax Rd. (open case with code enforcement).



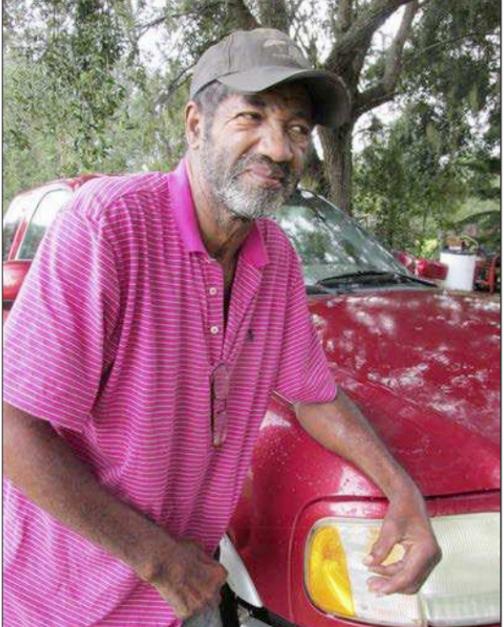
CURRENT PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY  
Mowatt St. and Baker St. scene (open case with code enforcement).



Old abandoned partially built home at Martin Luther King Ave. and Peterson St. (open case with code enforcement. Property recently changed ownership).



David Smith used to love to fish, especially for speckled perch, but said he can no longer hold a pole due to his arm with ports for his dialysis. The decal is on the rear window of his Ford pickup.



David Smith said 9-10-18, "A disabled person catches the devil. Why are they after me so hard when there are many properties that don't look so good?" Smith showed several nearby properties to The Herald-Advocate that he felt were out of compliance, but all but one turned out to be active cases by Hardee County Code Enforcement.



COURTESY PHOTO/ HARDEE COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT  
671 Snell St. site visit Jan. 5, 2011.



COURTESY PHOTO/ HARDEE COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT  
671 Snell St. visit Oct. 11, 2017.



Early 1960s Impala wagon on Lincoln St.



Martin Luther King Ave. and Tuskegee St. house has been flagged (open case goes to court Oct. 5).



David Lee Smith's home on 9-10-18.



David Smith lives alone except for his three redbone hounds and a cat. His wife Simmie used to cook for Double-J Restaurant, but she passed away about five years ago.



Old logging trailer and other equipment at end of Peterson St. (open case with code enforcement).



David Lee Smith has had one stroke and four heart attacks and receives dialysis three times a week for failing kidneys. He is disabled and not able to do physical work to any significant degree. He is 61, lives off of \$760 a month in disability benefits and says buying and selling used items helps earn him a little extra money, saying sometimes he has to borrow \$10 or \$20 to finish out a month (9-10-18).



His redbone hounds are a carryover from when he used to be an avid raccoon hunter, using hounds to trail and tree the coons. Hardee County Code Enforcement officer LaDonna Perry said they are aware of his health and financial condition and have been working with him since 2010. She said he is very near to code compliance. A County Court hearing in early August had him charged with public nuisance and operation of a junk yard, giving him 30 days to comply with getting his trash off Mrs. Bobby Brown's property or the county would proceed with a process of getting bids to clean up his property and file a lien if the costs are not paid.



**BEAT THE HEAT**

COURTESY PHOTOS  
MONTAGE BY DARLENE WILLIAMS  
When the air conditioning went out at North Wauchula Elementary School, the PTO and school administration came to the rescue. The PTO served free snow cones to all the students and the administration served Sonic drinks to the school's staff.



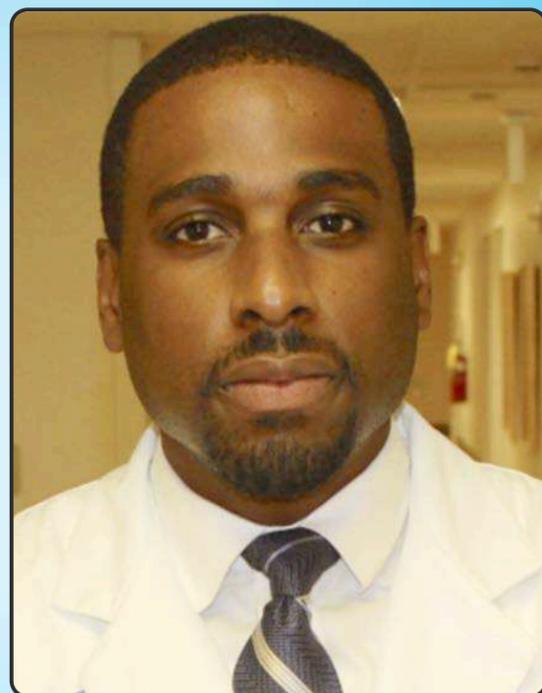
**GRAND DAY!**

COURTESY PHOTOS • MONTAGE BY DARLENE WILLIAMS  
First-grade students at North Wauchula Elementary School enjoyed having some extra special guests join them in their classroom for a Grandparents Day celebration. They shared refreshments while showing their visitors some of the special things they are doing and learning in class.

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Dr. Ashby attended medical school at Cornell University in New York and studied health policy at Princeton University in New Jersey. He completed his internship and residency at Columbia University Medical Center in New York. He completed his cardiology training at George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, DC, where he was named chief fellow. Dr. Ashby also completed a postdoctoral clinical and research fellowship in vascular medicine at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. He started his career as an academic vascular cardiologist at Mount Sinai Medical Center and professor of Medicine at Columbia University. Dr. Ashby is now joining Bay Street Medical.



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Letter To The Editor

### Scholarship Planned In Memory Of Leon Sharp

Dear Editor:

On Easter weekend 1961 Coach Leon Sharp took Jim Moseley, Tom Dillard, Larry Gilliard and Bill McCall on an excursion headed for Southern Arkansas University (then called Southern State College) in Magnolia, Arkansas.

We were to be interviewed and "sized-up" for athletic scholarships by the athletic director and head football coach. After returning to Wauchula, two out of the group received offers for full scholarships, and the other two were asked to "walk-on" to possibly earn a scholarship.

This started a migration of students from Hardee County to Southern State College. Due to Coach Sharp's influence, others who followed that first group included Pete Carlton, Wayne Henderson, Sloan Lesley, Billy Brooks, James Crews and possibly others. Thanks to scholarship programs these students were given the opportunity to further their education.

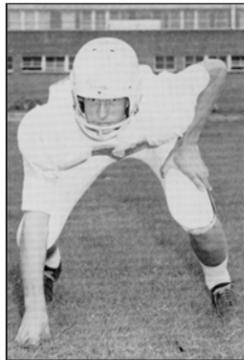
In order to honor Coach Leon Sharp, we are asking for contributions to The Leon Sharp Scholarship for a perpetual scholarship in his name. Please make your checks payable to Southern Arkansas

University Foundation and send them to Southern Arkansas University, 100 E. University, MSC 9174, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753. Please mark all contributions "Leon Sharp Scholarship". Show your return mailing address so that you will receive a tax statement for your tax-deductible gift.

Southern Arkansas University has a tuition cost of approximately \$8,000 per year. The Foundation will only withdraw 4.25 percent per year of the fund, so a full tuition scholarship would need \$190,000 to generate \$8,075 per year for a full tuition-paid scholarship. The Foundation can fund a partial scholarship if the funds for an investment do not earn the full \$8,000.

So please remember Coach Sharp's dedication and generosity when you mail your contributions in his memory. Thank you and please feel free to call me at 979-778-3696 with any questions or comments.

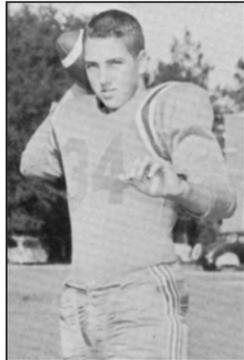
Sincerely,  
James F. Moseley  
Hardee High School,  
Class of 1961  
3924 Austin's Estates Drive  
Bryan, Texas 77808



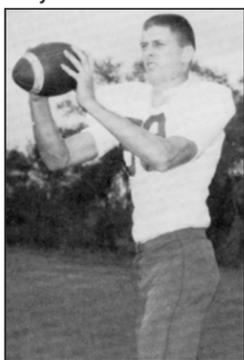
PHOTOS FROM HHS ANNUALS  
Tommy Dillard



Larry Gilliard



Billy McCall



Jim Moseley

## Rabid Raccoon Captured

By JENNIFER McCONKEY  
Herald-Advocate Intern

A rabid raccoon was trapped in the northwest part of Hardee County last week, according to the Florida Department of Health.

The Sheriff's Office reported that a deputy responded to an animal bite complaint. The raccoon had bitten or scratched a girl and bitten a family dog before the family trapped it.

The raccoon was sent to the Florida Department of Health for evaluation. The department reports that the coon has been euthanized.

When the rabies was dis-

covered, the department contacted everyone involved with advice on treatment.

The department says signs of rabies include walking in circles, aggressiveness, confused behavior and lethargy (sluggish behavior).

If you think an animal has rabies, contact the Florida Department of Health at 773-4161. If you're bitten or scratched by any wild animal, contact a doctor right away.

While it's important to be careful around unfamiliar animals, the department notes that one rabid raccoon is not an outbreak or a cause for panic.

## Game Statistics

	HARDEE	BOOKER			
PASSING COMPLETIONS, ATTEMPTS AND INTERCEPTIONS	5-9-0	11-16-1			
PASSING YARDS	114	104			
RUSHING ATTEMPTS/YARDS	30/130	13/31			
TOTAL YARDS	244	135			
TURNOVERS	0	3			
FIRST DOWNS	13	6			
PENALTIES, LOST YARDAGE	4-35	12-77			
SCORING BY QUARTER:					
Hardee	19	14	10	6	49
Booker	0	0	0	0	0

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The Hardee County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

### Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy.....\$ 13,756,770.00
- B. Less tax reduction due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....\$ (133,314.00)
- C. Actual property tax levy.....\$ 13,890,084.00

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$ 14,299,951.00

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**412 West Orange Street**  
**Wauchula, FL 33873**

**A FINAL DECISION** on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

9:20c

HARDEE COUNTY BUDGET SUMMARY																
FISCAL YEAR 2018-19																
MILLAGE RATE: 8.8991																
ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL	TRANSPORTATION	FINES & FORFEITURE	FIRE CONTROL	SPECIAL EVENTS	MINING	E-911	DISASTER	TOURIST TAX	GRANTS	VANDOLAH	HILLS	SOLID WASTE	SW CLOSURE	LETF	TOTALS
Ad Valorem Taxes	14,299,951															14,299,951
General Government Taxes	1,371,670	1,263,691							36,000							2,671,361
Licenses/Permits/Fees	188,750	2,350														191,100
Federal Grants	-	121,045						750,000		125,000						996,045
State Grants	54,861	8,045,010						125,000		383,404		1,965,710	103,909			10,677,894
State Shared Revenues	3,717,517	2,842,290		8,200			115,662					200,000				6,883,669
Local Grants										73,248		1,859,548				1,932,796
Charges for Services	983,535	90,000	22,000	23,500	89,000	528,543					108,600	626,104	941,500			3,412,782
Fines & Forfeitures	3,840	-	220,100													223,940
Interest & Other Earnings	21,720	5,000	700	5,200	100	400	200	-	200	1,000	1,000	2,000	10,100	9,000	800	57,420
Rents & Royalties	142,990	-														142,990
Special Assessments	-	-		2,000,000									890,000			2,890,000
Sales	-	1,000											8,000			9,000
Donations	4,055															4,055
Miscellaneous	543,140	25,239					100	55,000					1,000		50,000	674,479
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>21,332,029</b>	<b>12,395,625</b>	<b>242,800</b>	<b>2,036,900</b>	<b>89,100</b>	<b>528,943</b>	<b>115,962</b>	<b>930,000</b>	<b>36,200</b>	<b>582,652</b>	<b>109,600</b>	<b>4,653,362</b>	<b>1,954,509</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>50,800</b>	<b>45,067,482</b>
Less 5%	(1,000,000)	(205,300)	(12,105)	(100,000)								(30,000)	(91,500)			(1,438,905)
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED SOURCES</b>	<b>20,332,029</b>	<b>12,190,325</b>	<b>230,695</b>	<b>1,936,900</b>	<b>89,100</b>	<b>528,943</b>	<b>115,962</b>	<b>930,000</b>	<b>36,200</b>	<b>582,652</b>	<b>109,600</b>	<b>4,623,362</b>	<b>1,863,009</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>50,800</b>	<b>43,628,577</b>
Transfers In	2,025,119	51,200	401,175	229,755						5,385		687	500	100,000		2,813,821
Debt Proceeds	-															-
Cash Forward	4,046,102	2,860,672	405,490	1,188,509	39,992	74,106	211,618	766,058	62,116	-	100,406	970,609	1,995,147	1,275,888	131,641	14,128,354
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>26,403,250</b>	<b>15,102,197</b>	<b>1,037,360</b>	<b>3,355,164</b>	<b>129,092</b>	<b>603,049</b>	<b>327,580</b>	<b>1,696,058</b>	<b>98,316</b>	<b>588,037</b>	<b>210,006</b>	<b>5,594,658</b>	<b>3,858,656</b>	<b>1,384,888</b>	<b>182,441</b>	<b>60,570,752</b>
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	GENERAL	TRANSPORTATION	FINES & FORFEITURE	FIRE CONTROL	SPECIAL EVENTS	MINING	E-911	DISASTER	TOURIST TAX	GRANTS	VANDOLAH	HILLS	SOLID WASTE	SW CLOSURE	LETF	TOTALS
General Government	6,712,581															6,712,581
Public Safety	13,998,852			2,824,855			166,869									16,990,576
Physical Environment	202,288					442,965				68,687	125,312	5,368,562	1,645,604			7,853,418
Transportation		14,076,291														14,076,291
Economic Environment	27,134									351,000						378,134
Human Services	1,090,930									166,289						1,257,219
Culture & Recreation	1,222,164				36,800											1,258,964
Courts			970,144													970,144
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>23,253,949</b>	<b>14,076,291</b>	<b>970,144</b>	<b>2,824,855</b>	<b>36,800</b>	<b>442,965</b>	<b>166,869</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>585,976</b>	<b>125,312</b>	<b>5,368,562</b>	<b>1,645,604</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,497,327</b>
Transfers Out	633,815			135,000	36,000	50,000		1,696,058		2,061	12,887	53,000	195,000			2,813,821
Debt Payments	126,499	20,000											440,000			586,499
Contingencies	200,000	240,000	17,000	75,000	1,500	25,000	160,711		98,316		7,500	33,096	110,500		182,441	1,151,064
Reserves	-										20,000	60,000	1,087,552	1,384,888		2,597,232
Fund Balance	2,188,987	765,906	50,216	320,309	10,000	85,084					44,307	80,000	380,000			3,924,809
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>26,403,250</b>	<b>15,102,197</b>	<b>1,037,360</b>	<b>3,355,164</b>	<b>129,092</b>	<b>603,049</b>	<b>327,580</b>	<b>1,696,058</b>	<b>98,316</b>	<b>588,037</b>	<b>210,006</b>	<b>5,594,658</b>	<b>3,858,656</b>	<b>1,384,888</b>	<b>182,441</b>	<b>60,570,752</b>

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# 12-Year-Old Succeeds In Many Ways On Keto Diet

By JENNIFER McCONKEY  
Herald-Advocate Intern

Many people talk about going on a diet to lose weight, but what if weight loss wasn't the main goal of dieting but was just a happy side effect?

That's what happened for 12-year-old Isaiah Benton.

Isaiah had been dealing with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and several health issues, including high blood pressure, rapid heart rate, headaches, skin irritation and trouble sleeping. In fact, his snoring was so bad that his mom, Nina, said it "sounded like he was choking."

He was also dealing with bullying so severe that he would claim to be sick to get out of going to school or to get sent home early.

When Nina received a message from a school nurse that Isaiah's heart rate was 140 while sitting in class, she knew she needed to take action.

She and her husband, Randy, realized that Isaiah's diet-based troubles were outside his control, since he's too young to buy his own food or drive himself to the gym. "We had to admit that we were the problem and he was the one suffering," Nina said. "That is a horrible place to be in as a parent."

Nina had heard success stories about ketogenic, or keto, diets from some of her co-workers, so she and Randy decided to try it.

According to Healthline, a keto diet "is a low-carb, high-fat diet." It helps the body burn fat more easily and can lower insulin and blood sugar levels.

Isaiah's parents had a serious conversation with him on the first day of the diet, letting

him know it would be hard, but they weren't going to give up on it.

During the first three days, that dedication was put to the test.

As Isaiah's body worked to adjust to getting much less sugar, he experienced severe moodiness.

"I was, like, really mean when we first started," said Isaiah. Nina said those were the worst three days of her life. But things got better.

### Many Positive Changes

"His diet has helped his outlook, self-esteem, physical abilities, and his general health," Nina said.

And he's able to focus better, which is helping a lot with school.

The Bentons had been hoping they could help Isaiah's ADHD through diet instead of medication, since the medicine gave him bad side effects.

Last year, Isaiah failed sixth grade. Nina believes that was primarily because of his ADHD. She recalls that he had trouble focusing in class and would forget to bring his completed homework to school, resulting in many failed assignments.

But according to an Accelerated Reader test Isaiah took after school started last month, he is reading on a seventh-grade level. And Nina said his grades are better so far this year.

The diet has also improved Isaiah's other health problems.

His skin irritation is clearing up and a brown ring that was around his neck, a sign of possible pre-diabetes, is gone.

Nina said she and Randy don't have the same concerns

about Isaiah's health as before.

Isaiah has also gone from 163 pounds at the beginning of summer break to 146 at the start of the school year. He and his family have agreed that the goal is to get down to 130 pounds.

And the diet is helping with weight loss for more than just Isaiah - Randy has lost 13 pounds and Isaiah's older brother, Julien, has lost 15.

To reach his goal of 130 pounds, Isaiah is now focusing more on exercise, which is something he didn't enjoy previously. Before starting the diet, Isaiah didn't even want to go outside and play with his siblings, but now he wants to run.

Isaiah exercises with his parents at least twice a week, and they've added him to their YMCA membership.

He's also hoping to do the Hardee Color Run 5K with his mom later this month.

Nina said Isaiah's doctor wants him to get down to between 100-110 pounds, but the family is focusing more on Isaiah's heart and healthy lifestyle than his weight.

### A Healthy Lifestyle

As part of a healthy lifestyle, Isaiah spent the summer learning to cook for himself and say "no" to bad foods.

Nina's goal is to teach Isaiah to take care of himself so he can overcome issues like bullying, lack of focus, and a sedentary lifestyle.

Nina encourages him that one bad food choice doesn't mean you give up. You get right back on track at the next meal.

Finding healthy food for the diet hasn't been hard.

"There's always new recipes," Nina said, and there's plenty of variety, so the diet doesn't get boring. The family has also had great community support with people sending them recipes.

Even strangers send them keto diet recipes, Isaiah added.

And while he wasn't a picky eater before, Isaiah likes foods now that he didn't used to. One big surprise to him was when he found out the chocolate "pudding" he's been enjoying this summer is made with avocados.

Nina said they also make their own healthy version of ice cream using bananas and peanut butter.

And now that school's started back up, Isaiah's parents pack him a healthy lunch each day.

Nina wants to encourage other parents to pay attention to their children's actions so they can catch problems the children aren't talking about.

"I don't think it would have taken us so long to identify the problems if we would have watched his behaviors, both emotional and physical, more closely," she said.

She said Isaiah rarely talked about the bullying he was going through and never mentioned having a problem with his weight, because he was embarrassed and didn't know how to ask for help.

But he was showing signs of distress, like attitude changes, arguing more than normal, receiving bad grades, having no desire to improve his grades, not wanting to participate in activities, and claiming to be sick to get out of going to school. Once his parents realized the

problems that Isaiah was dealing with physically and socially, things changed.

"Helping him feel better about himself has helped him change his outlook on life," Nina said. "He was always a very happy kid with a very good sense of humor and, somewhere in his struggles, he lost that. We are very happy to have our son back."

"This journey has never been about his weight," Nina said. "It is about his health and the quality of his life. It's about our relationship and how we, as his parents, equip him to live the life he's been given. It's about teaching him how to care for himself now and in the future. It's about identifying what choices are good and what choices are bad, and how his choices affect his life and lives of the people that love him most."

### Watch For Signs



Isaiah Benton before starting the keto diet (left) and at the end of the summer (middle and right). COURTESY PHOTOS

## NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County will conduct a final public hearing to continue the imposition of annual solid waste collection and disposal special assessments for the provision of solid waste collection and disposal services within the unincorporated area of Hardee County.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, in the Board Chambers, Hardee County Courthouse, 412 West Orange Street, Wauchula, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments and their collection on the ad valorem tax bill. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County Commission within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Commissioner's Office at (863)773-9430 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's residential classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Assessment schedule:

### SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2018 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Property Categories	Rates
Unincorporated Residential	
Collection Portion	125.40
Disposal Portion	87.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>212.48</b>

Copies of the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Assessment Ordinance, the Assessment Resolution, and the updated Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the office of Management and Budget, 412 West Orange Street, Room 204, Wauchula, Florida Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2018, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Management and Budget at (863)773-3199, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



COUNTY COMMISSION  
HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

## NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE RESCUE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County will conduct a final public hearing to continue the imposition of annual fire rescue special assessments for the provision of fire rescue services within the unincorporated area of Hardee County and within the municipalities of Wauchula, Zolfo Springs, and Bowling Green.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard on Tuesday September 25, 2018, at 412 West Orange Street, Wauchula, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments and their collection on the ad valorem tax bill. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County Commission within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Commissioner's Office at (863)773-9430 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed Fire Rescue Assessment schedule:

### FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2018 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Property Categories	Rates
Residential	\$146.76 per dwelling unit
Commercial	\$.13 per sq. ft.
Industrial/Warehouse	\$.09 per sq. ft.
Institutional	\$.14 per sq. ft.

Copies of the Fire Rescue Assessment Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution, the Final Assessment Resolution, and the updated Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the office of Management and Budget, 412 West Orange Street, Room 204, Wauchula, Florida Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

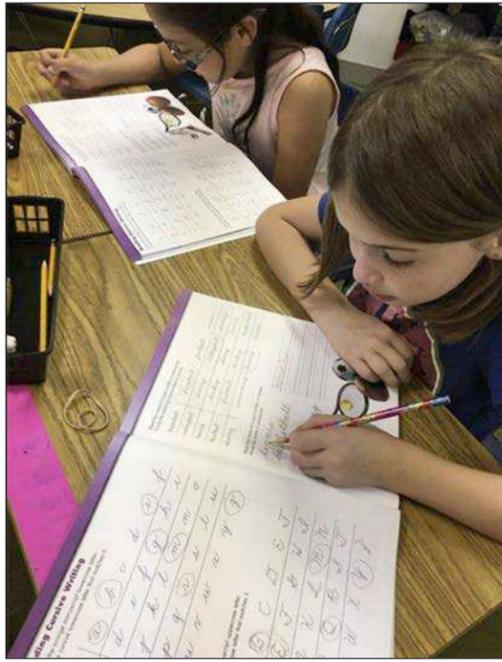
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COUNTY COMMISSION  
HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

**CURSIVE CLASS**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
The tradition of learning cursive continues. Students in teacher Priscilla Bowes' third-grade class at North Wauchula Elementary School were very excited to learn how to have beautiful penmanship.

**DIGITAL DRAWING**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
North Wauchula Elementary School students enjoyed making a digital superhero using drawing tools, and giving their superhero a name and superpowers using text tools. This activity was part of their weekly Media Center class with media specialist Linda Hernandez.

**REACH RESEARCH**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
Students in Nicole Keen's fifth-grade class at North Wauchula Elementary School are learning to work together to carry out controlled experiments in science. This class is part of the R.E.A.C.H. — Realizing Excellence through the advanced Academic Curriculum of Hardee — program.

**P IS FOR ...**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
Kindergartners at North Wauchula Elementary School learned that the letter P is for pizza, pajamas and pals. It was fun to show up for school in their nightwear, spend time with friends and share pizzas with all sorts of toppings, including, of course, pepperoni!

**4-EXPLORE**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
The county's 4-H leaders come to Zolfo Springs Elementary once a week to work with the students who participate in ZSE's after-school program. For the kids, it is time to explore new and fun activities. Currently, the youngsters are learning about growing plants and are also working to hatch quail eggs. With such diverse hands-on pursuits, the kids have come to look forward to the 4-H visits.

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# The Constitution: Certainty In Uncertain Times

Every September, serious students (and admirers) of the United States Constitution give pause to review that document — ratified in September 1787 — and to reflect on its paramount influence on our government.

It is generally acknowledged by scholars to be the finest written constitution in the world; Great Britain is generally acknowledged to

changed things.

Of these, the most dramatic changes were the Civil Rights amendments, all adopted within five years of the end of the Civil War. These were the 13th (abolishing slavery), 14th (extending civil rights to all citizens), and 15th (extending the right to vote without regard to "race, color, or previous condition of servitude").

Women didn't get the right to vote until 60 years later, with the 19th amendment.

The 24th, forbidding poll taxes as a prerequisite to voting, was introduced and shepherded through to passage by U.S. Sen. Spessard L. Holland of Bartow.

The most recent amendment, the 27th, was ratified in 1992, nearly 203 years after it was proposed. It forbids members of Congress from raising their own salaries with an effective date before the next election of members of the House of Representatives.

We in the press tend to think of the First Amendment as "our amendment." Indeed, without it, the right of the press to criticize politicians would never have survived.

But there are four freedoms in the First Amendment — religion, speech, press, and "the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

These rights, arguably more than any others, give Americans a degree of certainty of the survival of the Republic in uncertain times.

*S. L. Frisbie is retired. He has long observed that citizens are more willing to accept actions of government that they don't like when they have the opportunity to voice their opposition before a vote is taken.*



**Thinking Out Loud**  
By S.L. Frisbie IV

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

have the finest unwritten constitution. This I learned in ninth grade civics class.

Neither then, nor in four years as a government major at Florida State University, did I learn how an "unwritten constitution" works.

Apparently it is possible for one of the greatest governments in the history of the world to function based on a commitment to what is "cricket," not what is written.

One of the most remarkable things about the United States Constitution is that in 231 years, it has been amended only 27 times. (By contrast there will be 13 proposed amendments to Florida's Constitution on the November general election ballot.)

Of those 27 amendments, 10 — the Bill of Rights — didn't change the Constitution, but spelled out the rights guaranteed to all Americans.

Two amendments — Prohibition and Repeal — cancelled each other out.

That leaves 15 amendments that actually

# Lord Of The Storm

He was tired. It had been a long day with the crowds, teaching them truths about Kingdom life. If you've ever taught from sun-up to sun-down, you know how exhausting it can be. The crowd was so large he even had to get in a boat, so he could get some distance from the crowd, and be seen and heard.

As the sun faded behind the hills he told his friends, "Let's cross the lake." They were in an open boat, about 25 feet long, with a simple mast and sail. They pushed off from shore and few other boats followed, and the crowd began to make their way home.

With the crowd behind him, he said to the men in the boat, "Mind if I lay down? I'm pretty tired." Someone found a cushion, moldy and damp, for him to lay his head on. When you're exhausted, you're not picky about your pillow.

The stars began to disappear behind clouds, and a dark night was swallowed by shadows on the water. The experienced fishermen on the boat — Peter, Andrew, James, and John — knew the first hints of a storm.

They had ridden out many storms on this lake and like most men were confident in their knowledge. They grinned at each other and hollered good-natured insults at the non-sailors, like Matthew: "Hey, tax boy! Better hold onto your stomach!" From the back of the boat, there was the steady, breathing rhythm of sound sleep.

The wind started to build, the waves began to whitecap with luminous foam. Hard drops of rain began to sting their skin. You would expect a sleeping man to wake up, but the man in the back of the boat slept on.

There comes a point when experience and knowledge run out. The waves grew higher, the wind stopped blowing and started howling, and the rain began to mix with hail. Water was starting to wash over the low gunwale.

Peter and John stopped exchanging wise-guy grins and began to look at each other anxiously. The boat was not

being pushed by the wind; it was being tossed by the waves and slammed by the fierce air. It seemed like the atmosphere was attacking the boat and the others on the lake.

How weary must you be to sleep through a storm? How frightened do you have to be to admit you don't know what to do? It dawned on them that they needed to wake him and let him know they were all about die — and him, too. How could a man sleep with death approaching?

"Rabbi," they said, "don't

same authority he used to drive out demons and heal the sick. It was the voice that had echoes of calling stars into being and commanding plants to spring up out of the ground. When he spoke like this, things happened.

This time, something stopped happening. As the words rolled off his lips, the wind stopped. The waves did not die down — they disappeared. In a second, a blink of an eye, the "we're going to die" storm changed to complete peace.



**Directions**  
By Clay Smith  
Hardee County Native

you even care that we are dying?" Translation: "How can you sleep at a time like this? We're all about to die!"

It was funny when they thought back about it later. His eyes scrunched up, like eyes do when they are woken too early. His shoulder muscles tightened and then relaxed. Finally, his eyes opened, with no trace of anxiety or panic. He was the same Rabbi they had seen awaken so many calm mornings on land.

He looked at their panic-stricken faces and smiled. They were like children who think the world is ending because there is no peanut butter in the house. Lifting his head from the pillow, with just a trace of "being-woke-too-early" in his voice, he turned away from his followers to speak to the storm.

"Peace! Be still!" It was a tone of voice they recognized. He was not speaking a suggestion to the storm but giving a command. His voice held the

He looked at them with a puzzled expression, "Why were you so worked up? Are you still missing faith?"

They looked at each other, jaws dropped. It was Peter who spoke first (always): "Who is this guy? He's not just a healer, not just a teacher. Creation obeys him. Creation only obeys the creator. So, this means ... Whoa!"

Whatever storm you are facing, Jesus is not anxious about it. His peace is greater than any wind that blows. His grace is stronger than your fear. His love can heal the bruises of the hail and the sting of the rain. Call out to him. Tell him you need him. Let him calm the storm raging in you.

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

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Southwest Florida Water Management District has tentatively adopted a budget for fiscal year 2019.

This notice is applicable to the following counties:

Charlotte	Citrus	DeSoto	Hardee
Hernando	Highlands	Hillsborough	Lake
Levy	Manatee	Marion	Pasco
Pinellas	Polk	Sarasota	Sumter

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018**  
5:01 p.m.

at  
**Tampa Office**  
7601 US Highway 301 North  
Tampa, FL 33637-6759



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## BUDGET SUMMARY

### Southwest Florida Water Management District - Fiscal Year 2019

I. ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	MILLAGE PER \$1,000	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	TOTAL BUDGET
<b>CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		<b>\$29,774,323</b>		<b>\$13,813,746</b>	<b>\$43,588,069</b>
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>					
AD VALOREM TAXES	0.2955	\$109,857,178		\$742,254	\$110,599,432
<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>					
Permit and License Fees		1,989,800			1,989,800
Intergovernmental Revenue		5,100,279	\$1,502,260	4,200,000	10,802,539
Interest Earnings		8,900,000			8,900,000
Other		457,800			457,800
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>		<b>\$126,305,057</b>	<b>\$1,502,260</b>	<b>\$4,942,254</b>	<b>\$132,749,571</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES</b>		<b>\$156,079,380</b>	<b>\$1,502,260</b>	<b>\$18,756,000</b>	<b>\$176,337,640</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE ASSIGNED FOR ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES</b>		<b>176,424,162</b>	<b>157,599</b>	<b>528,132</b>	<b>177,109,893</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS</b>		<b>190,812,936</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,460,425</b>	<b>193,273,361</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS</b>		<b>\$523,316,478</b>	<b>\$1,659,859</b>	<b>\$21,744,557</b>	<b>\$546,720,894</b>
<b>II. EXPENDITURES</b>					
WATER RESOURCE PLANNING & MONITORING		\$29,787,184			\$29,787,184
LAND ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & PUBLIC WORKS		74,190,886	\$1,502,260	\$17,801,000	93,494,146
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WORKS & LANDS		18,855,905		955,000	19,810,905
REGULATION		19,824,903			19,824,903
OUTREACH		2,190,415			2,190,415
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		7,717,317			7,717,317
COMMISSIONS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS		3,512,770			3,512,770
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$156,079,380</b>	<b>\$1,502,260</b>	<b>\$18,756,000</b>	<b>\$176,337,640</b>
<b>ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES (Carried forward and appropriated in fiscal year 2019)</b>		<b>176,424,162</b>	<b>157,599</b>	<b>528,132</b>	<b>177,109,893</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED MODIFIED BUDGET</b>		<b>\$332,503,542</b>	<b>\$1,659,859</b>	<b>\$19,284,132</b>	<b>\$353,447,533</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS (not appropriated)</b>		<b>190,812,936</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,460,425</b>	<b>193,273,361</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS</b>		<b>\$523,316,478</b>	<b>\$1,659,859</b>	<b>\$21,744,557</b>	<b>\$546,720,894</b>



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**Peavy's Ponderings**  
By Jonell Peavy

Sugar Possum of the late Truman Thomas

The weather, football, baseball and the start of hunting season give everyone something to look forward to.

Everyone looks forward to the end of hurricane season and prays that any that develop stay over water and don't come ashore to wreck havoc where it goes.

The aftermath of a hurricane leaves destruction and possibly the end of everything you have worked all your life for. As you look around you can see others who have also lost everything. Things can be replaced. Just be thankful you have survived, and hopefully you will be able to start replacing some of the things you have lost.

Football and baseball season are in full swing. Many of you have children who play on their school team. You take them back and forth to practice, and come game time you are right there cheering them on. It's a time in their lives they will always remember. All they had to do was look across the field to see you, their biggest fan, cheering them on.

At home all you have to do is turn the TV on and you can watch your favorite teams from the comfort of your own chair. As an added bonus, you are just a few steps away from the kitchen if you decide you want a snack.

Last but not least, hunting season has started, and that was always every weekend for Buddy and his Daddy. The truck was loaded up on Friday evening, and Saturday morning would find them in line waiting for the gate to open so they could get in the Avon Park Bombing Range to hunt.

From the time Buddy was 4 or 5 years old his Dad took him hunting. They hunted every weekend with the same group. The whole group helped look out for him, and I think he learned something from each of them.

As he got a little older he learned to drive even though he could hardly see over the steering wheel. It became his job to move the trucks when they needed to be moved. He probably enjoyed that as much as the hunting.

His Dad has been gone for many years, but he left Buddy with a love of hunting. He now has his own little group he hunts and camps with.  
*Jonell Peavy lives in Avon Park and can be reached at 863-453-3589.*

## Flash Back

By Chris Richcreek

1. Which group had a 1969 hit with "No Time"?
2. Who penned and released "Do You Know What I Mean"?
3. Name the group that had a hit with "Who Do You Think You Are?"
4. Who wrote and released the original "Keep On Running"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I was the one who came runnin' when you were lonely, I haven't lived one day not lovin' you only."

1. Bill Gates.
2. Lee Michaels, in 1971. The song shot to No. 6 and finished on the Billboard list as the year's No. 19 song.
3. Bo Donaldson and the Heywoods, in 1974.
4. Jackie Edwards, in 1965. Shortly after, the Spencer Davis Group released a chart-topping version of the song. That version was used in the film "Buster" in 1988.
5. "Wedding Bell Blues," by the 5th Dimension, in 1969. The song, written by Laura Nyro, wasn't the first Nyro song picked up by the 5th Dimension. They also covered her "Stoned Soul Picnic" in 1968.

### ANSWERS

1. The Canadian rock band Guess Who. The song was used in the TV bio film "Pirates of Silicon Valley" in 1999, about Steve Jobs and

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# The Wildcat Scratches

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## Band dedicated to achieving multiple goals

by BRIN CONERLY

Two quarters into the Friday night Hardee football game, the game stops, the team jogs into the locker room, and the field lies empty. Then, all of a sudden, a crowd of students in bright costumes - with many carrying shiny instruments - rushes to their positions, and the show begins.

While anyone who has ever been to a Hardee football game is familiar with the show that occurs during half-time, most are not aware of what goes into creating the Blue Star Brigade's performance.

"I began planning for this year's halftime performances in spring semester last year," Band Director Jason Thompson said. "It takes at least a couple of months to plan an individual performance because we base the whole show on the

type of music we will play. We also look at music in accordance to what type of show we want to put on."

As he plans the upcoming year, Mr. Thompson is also able to turn to a surprising source for assistance. Superintendent Bob Shayman was the high school director for many years and still takes an active role in the Brigade's success.

"Since I have been here, he has really helped me with mostly 'behind the scenes' stuff," Mr. Thompson said. "I'll ask his advice on an issue that comes up where I don't know what to do. It gives me comfort knowing that I can ask him about what I should do in these situations."

However, even with Shayman's guidance, it still takes months of dedication to accomplish the performance that the Wildcat fans watch under the Friday night

lights.

"The drumline and color guard began practicing in early June, so we had about a week of summer break before we were practicing for this year's halftime performances," Drumline Major Isaac Estrada said. "Now, we practice every Tuesday and Thursday for two and a half hours, so we are all very devoted to the production of our show."

Although having a successful halftime show is a goal of the many rehearsals, it is not the only one.

"The performance that we do during halftime is the same performance that we do for our competition," Mr. Thompson said. "Our season lasts from September to November, and during that time we'll be traveling to a bunch of different schools, competing against ten to even thirty other bands, and being judged according to specific criteria."

The Blue Star Brigade's events usually go smoothly, and Mr. Thompson attributes the success to his student leaders.

"They all help me and the staff out a lot by teaching," he said. "I feel comfortable telling my leaders to teach their students certain things when it comes to playing notes, finger placement, or other things like that."

Estrada was recently chosen as Drumline Major and believes he understands what comes with having the title.

"I feel very responsible for my peers, because I was once a freshman, and I looked up to the leaders of band at the time," he said. "Now that I am a junior, I want to inspire freshmen, as well as seniors in band, to be the best they can be this year."

While being a part of Hardee's halftime shows is important, Mr.

Thompson feels another goal exists for the Blue Star Brigade.

"While the obvious goal of band is to boost school spirit, I believe a lesser-known goal of band is for students to be able to do what they love," he said. "For most of the kids in band, playing music is an enriching experience for them, so I think it's great for there to be an opportunity for them to pursue that."

Whether preparing for upcoming halftime performances or competitions, both the director and the Brigade members embrace their opportunity to make music. They also recognize the dedication that goes into creating a successful band program, and, even though they may feel overlooked at times, they are happy for the opportunity to develop skills as they create relationships that will hopefully last a lifetime.

## Fellowship adds to huddle

by SAVANNAH VALETUTTI

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, or FCA, has been a club at HHS for many years. It has also played a prominent role in many students' lives, and impacted their walk with Christ.

Even though the organization was proud of its standing on campus, last year Julien Benavidez still felt an important part of fellowship was missing. Therefore, this year, as a senior, he decided to make a worship portion of the service a reality.

"This year we got it kicked off and it's really growing," Julien said. "It makes it more exciting."

The worship band consists of Julien, freshman Brin Conerly, sophomore Acheline Delhomme, senior Samuel Louis, and freshman Samantha Maldonado. Their first performance as a group occurred on August 24, 2018.

"If they're comfortable leading a song, then that's what they're going to do," advisor Mrs. Elizabeth Mier said. "They know who can sing and play, and who would meet the criteria to be an FCA leader."

The worship idea started so an impact could be made on the students. They hope that students will eventually become more comfortable with this change.

"I'm hoping that this will kind of lead them towards worship," Acheline said. "I

hope that it will bring them closer to God."

FCA has been trying to recruit around campus and spread the Gospel for many years now. They hope that this new tactic will bring in a lot of people.

"We had a really good turnout at our first huddle," Mier said. "We just want to see a positive impact on our campus through our students."

However, since FCA is a student-led organization, the students were the ones who had the biggest impact on the decision to do worship.

"I've sung all my life, so I figured that I would do it for a good cause," Samantha said. "I hope that the word gets out and more people want to worship."

While FCA has also gone through a lot of growth and change in the past years, the participants believe one constant has remained.

"The ambition in the students' hearts hasn't changed," Julien said. "I've seen FCA grow."

As FCA holds its huddles on Friday mornings in the library, its main goal remains offering fellowships to both those searching and those who wish to connect with like-minded peers.

"We don't know what their story is or what they're going through," Mier said. "I just pray that our leaders can have a positive impact on our students."

Starting worship has just become another way for them to reach out to students on campus and share the word of God at the same time.

"Most people don't want to just listen to a sermon, they would rather listen to music," Samuel said. "Hopefully worship will make it more fun, and bring some emotion to it."

At the moment, FCA is still growing, and the leaders and advisors hope that it continues to do just that. For many students, the organization has become a much needed safe-place, as well as a wonderful kickoff to their weekend.



Julien speaks to the FCA group before performing one of their worship songs.

## Letters help junior cope with brother's enlistment

by HAVEN GRAY

Growing up, junior Jackie Chagoya's best friend was always her older brother Jaimes.

"He is my only full-blooded sibling," Jackie said. "It was always just me and him."

When they were younger, Jackie found herself not quite getting along with Jaimes.

"There was a while where I didn't like him," she said. "Then we got close again."

As they both grew older, Jackie found that she and her brother began bonding even more over their shared interests.

"We have the same taste in music and literature," Jackie said. "We would gossip together."

Later, her close relationship with Jaimes became especially helpful when troubles began to arise within their family.

"He was like the glue holding my family together," she said. "He kept me sane."

Therefore, it's easy to understand how Jackie's world was rocked when Jaimes told her and the rest of the family that he was planning to go into the Marine Corps.

"I was shocked because it was out of nowhere when he said he wanted to go," Jackie said. "We later started accepting it and realized it would be good for him."

Then, months later, as Jackie waited for her brother and best friend to leave for boot camp, she started embracing their relationship.

"We would go to the movies every Tuesday, and then we would go out to eat every weekend," she said.

But eventually, the time came for Jaimes to leave for basic training in July, only two months after his high school graduation.

"It was hard because I had always had him as my best friend and he's always been there," Jackie said. "I could always talk to him about everything."

Since her brother is in basic training, Jackie has had to adjust to limits on how often she can communicate with him on the phone; however, this did not stop them from making a pact to send each other letters as often as possible.

"He used to send letters every week and a half, but recently it's been two weeks and nothing," she said. "They only have 30 minutes of free time, and during that, he rests."

In addition to sending each other letters, Jackie also keeps in contact with her brother through Sandboxx, an app for military families that allows a typed message to be printed out and given to soldiers.

"We just miss him being there all the time," Jackie said. "I pray for him so that he's safe and doesn't get sick."

Though Jackie still struggles with her brother's absence, she is excited about his upcoming graduation from basic training, and looks forward to the day when they will be reunited once again.



Jackie and her "best friend" as children and at his graduation last May.



## What it means to be a senior?

Mrs. Thompson asked some of her students to respond to the above prompt. Some of the inspirational responses will be shared over the next couple of issues.

by ROMAN ALMAGUER

The days that we have both dreaded and longed for have finally arrived - we are seniors. No, not a "vintage" person ready for my AARP discount, but a bonafide high school senior. To me, it is both a melancholy and exhilarating experience.

It is disheartening because, as of this moment, I have roughly eight and a half months left to enjoy the adventure. This will be the last year that my friends and I will find ourselves all under the same roof. This

will be the last chance to attend Prom and Homecoming. This will be the last chance (probably) to see many of the teachers who have helped propel me into academic success. This will be the last chance to play tennis with my teammates. Basically, everything that I've known for the last four years is going to be stripped away.

However, depressing as those thoughts are, we should remember that these encounters all build on one another to become the things of which memories are made. It gives us times to remember, love to

cherish, and friends for a lifetime.

Senior year also means that, once May hits, a new world of opportunity awaits us. For me, this means getting to go to college and, hopefully, fulfilling my dream as a doctor saving lives. For others, it means a technical school, a publishing house, an athletic dream - all futures made possible by the lives we have led.

So really, as far as I go in life, I'll always have my high school memories and diploma from this quaint, picturesque little town. I'll always be a Wildcat.

## Swimmers Sink Streaks

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Lady Wildcats defeated Sebring's Lady Streaks for the second time this season in a meet last Tuesday (Sept. 11) at the Hardee Senior High School pool.

Hardee's ladies earned nine first place finishes out of 12 events.

Mckenzie Burch took first in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 2:34.74.

Abby Duke was first in the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 2:49.96.

Renell Herrera was first in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 27.07, and the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 6:40.50.

Morgan Hellein was first in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:12.88.

The relay team of Hannah Ford, Herrera, Lahna Christian, and Hellein was first in the 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:55.44.

Christian was first in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:14.44.

The relay team of Hellein, Ford, Duke, and Rachel Shaw was first in the 400 yard freestyle relay with a time of 4:34.18.

The squad, Christian, Herrera and Hellein, also earned a first place nod in the 200 yard medley relay.

The Wildcats were narrowly edged by the Sebring boy's squad, but managed to turn in several second place finishes.

Individual Results:

Boy's Team Results: 1st, Sebring, 148; 2nd, Hardee, 138; and 3rd, Bartow, 89.

Girl's Team Results: 1st, Hardee, 146; 2nd, Sebring, 130; and 3rd, Bartow, 112.

Girl's 200Y Medley Relay: 1st, Hardee (Lahna Christian, Renell Herrera, Morgan Hellein), 2:12.97; and 6th, Hardee (Cadee Richardson, Aubrey Bragg, Tapanga Vickery, and Lexi Scheel), 3:05.09.

Boy's 200Y Medley Relay: 3rd, Hardee (Hunter Sellers, Trey Stephens, JC Thomas, and Rawson Aubrey),

2:13.06; and 5th, Hardee (Emery Smith, Gage Camacho, and Trey Canary), 2:36.41.

Girl's 200Y Freestyle: 1st, Mckenzie Burch, 2:34.74; and 4th, Haley Canary, 2:58.91.

Boy's 200Y Freestyle: 2nd, Hugh Pate, 2:07.50; and 4th, Jake Stephens, 2:38.56.

Girl's 200Y Individual Medley: 1st, Abby Duke, 2:49.96; and 5th, Rachel Shaw, 3:02.94.

Boy's 200Y Individual Medley: 3rd, Kein Knight, 2:35.84; and 4th, Oren Crawford, 2:41.96.

Girl's 50Y Freestyle: 1st, Renell Herrera, 27.07; and 2nd, Lahna Christian, 27.88.

Boy's 50Y Freestyle: 2nd, Trey Stephens, 24.75; and 5th, Hunter Sellers, 26.65.

Girl's 1M Diving: 2nd, Rachel Garland, 119.50; and 3rd, Katie Camacho, 117.20.

Boy's 1M Diving: 3rd, Gage Camacho, 92.85.

Girl's 100Y Butterfly: 1st, Morgan Hellein, 1:12.88; and 6th, Aubrey Bragg, 2:00.59.

Boy's 100Y Butterfly: 4th, Oren Crawford, 1:13.72; and 5th, JC Thomas, 1:23.07.

Girl's 100Y Freestyle: 2nd, Hannah Ford, 1:07.93; and 3rd, Mckenzie Burch, 1:10.69.

Boy's 100Y Freestyle: 2nd, Cole Wilson, 57.97; and 5th, Joseph Wood, 1:18.34.

Girl's 500Y Freestyle: 1st, Renell Herrera, 6:40.50; and 2nd, Emma Hays, 7:11.10.

Boy's 500Y Freestyle: 2nd, Trey Stephens, 6:31.05; and 3rd, Zack Durastanti, 6:43.97.

Girl's 200Y Freestyle Relay: 1st, Hardee (Hannah Ford, Renell Herrera, Lahna Christian, and Morgan Hellein), 1:55.44; and 5th, Hardee (Aundrea Kerth, Lexi Scheel, Haley Canary, and Tapanga Vickery), 2:35.47.

Boy's 200Y Freestyle Relay: 2nd, Hardee (Cole Wilson, Hugh Pate, Kein Knight, and Oren Crawford), 1:44.88; and 5th, Hardee (Hunter Sellers, Trey Stephens, JC Thomas, and Rawson Aubrey), 1:55.63.

Girl's 100Y Backstroke: 1st, Lahna Christian, 1:14.44; and 2nd, Abby Duke, 1:15.62.

Boy's 100Y Backstroke: 3rd, Trey Canary, 1:22.44; and 5th, Cole Wilson, 1:30.50.

Girl's 100Y Breaststroke: 3rd, Rachel Shaw, 1:28.41; and 5th, Emma Hays, 1:34.91.

Boy's 100Y Breaststroke: 2nd, Kein Knight, 1:17.44; and 5th, Emery Smith, 1:30.00.

Girl's 400Y Freestyle Relay: 1st, Hardee (Morgan Hellein, Hannah Ford, Abby Duke, and Rachel Shaw), 4:34.18; and 4th, Hardee (Mckenzie Burch, Cadee Richardson, Aundrea Kerth, and Katie Camacho), 5:30.66.

Boy's 400Y Freestyle Relay: 2nd, Hardee (Oren Crawford, Hugh Pate, Cole Wilson, and Kein Knight), 4:01.03; and 4th, Hardee (JC Thomas, Zack Durastanti, Hunter Sellers, and Rawson Aubrey), 4:27.19.



Oren Crawford powers his way down the lane for the Wildcats as Hardee took on Sebring and Bartow last Tuesday. For more pictures see B3.



A large throng of spectators watch as Katie Camacho makes a dive attempt for the Lady Wildcat varsity squad.



Emery Smith prepares to slide into the water as a member of Hardee's junior varsity squad.



Rachel Shaw backstrokes down the lane for the Lady Wildcats.



Jacob Stephens works his way down the lane.

PHOTOS BY TOM STAIK

# Stump The Swami

By John Szeligo

Well football fans, it was a weekend without football for many fans thanks to Florence. For others it was a weekend of upsets. For some it was a weekend when their team moved up in the rankings.

Hurricane Florence has already cost the lives of 15 people and the destruction of homes and lives for many others. With the true sadness of the situation in mind, it seems trivial that a few football games were cancelled.

Nevertheless, for the Swami's teams (Marshall and West Virginia), missing games did affect the season along with UCF, East Carolina, Virginia Tech, South Carolina, and North Carolina State. There are no plans to reschedule the games at this time. Did you know teams have insurance policies covering revenue losses in this situation? Read on the Marshall media boards the school will receive around a million dollars in compensation.

USF continues to amaze this season. Barnett threw for 411 yards with two touchdowns while Florida transfer Jordan Cronkrite rushed for 136 yards with a touchdown in the Bulls win over Illinois. The Bulls were down 19-7 going into the fourth quarter when they rallied for 18 points to win 25-19. USF is now at 3-0.

The Gators got the run game going but relied on some fantastic play from the special teams in their 48-10 win over Colorado State. The Gators had 222 yards on the ground but Franks needs to step up with the passing game.

Miami took care of business at Toledo with a 49-24 victory over the Rockets. It was nothing spectacular for the 'Canes in this game but a still a solid win for Miami. Still find it strange that the 'Canes would travel to play a MAC team.

Ohio State has moved into fourth place in the current rankings. Oklahoma is fifth while LSU has moved up to sixth. To the casual observer, they might not notice. To the rest of us, it looks like business as usual to promote the Buckeyes playoff appearance again. Sure, they beat a good -- not great -- TCU team on the road. Take a look at the rest of the schedule for Ohio State. There are more cupcakes than you would find at a Hostess Bakery. The Buckeyes play Tulane this week and have wins over Rutgers and Oregon State which makes a true fan yawn. Consider the fact they beat Rutgers 52-3 while Kansas beat Rutgers 55-14. That makes the Buckeyes about equal with the bottom feeder of the Big 12. Penn State and Michigan are the only real football teams on the schedule.

LSU, on the other hand, has already beaten Miami and Auburn when both were highly ranked. They play the nation's toughest schedule with games at Florida and Texas A&M while hosting Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi State respectively. If Ohio State played LSU's schedule, they would finish 8-4 or 9-3. It is time to scrap this phony 4 team playoff system and go to a 16 team model.

The Ryan Fitzpatrick show in Tampa is playing to appreciative audiences all over the Bay Area. He himself seems to be enjoying the moment too. His postgame press conference was classic. If he keeps playing at this level, the 2018 Bucs is his team for the playoff run.

Got to give a shout out to the Hardee Wildcats. What a job they have done in the first four regular season games. The 'Cats are averaging 40 points per game while giving up 7. Posting three blowout shutouts over rivals Ft. Meade, Avon Park, and Booker in the process has to make fans smile. It may be too early but fans minds are thinking 1988 and 1995. As Dusty Springfield sang in 1964, 'Wishing & Hoping'. Keep it up 'Cats.

Now, let's look at this week's bill o' fare:

1. FAU at UCF — Knights should be well rested and ready to get back in action. Lane Kiffin is in for another whippin'. UCF 51 — FAU 14
2. North Carolina State at Marshall — Herd missed out on a road win over an SEC team at South Carolina last week. At home, where they have the nation's best winning percentage, they get one over an ACC opponent. Marshall 35 — North Carolina State 31
3. Kansas State at West Virginia — Will Grier missed a probable 400 yard and five touchdown passes game last week at North Carolina State on his Heisman quest. Look for him and his receivers to make up for that this week. West Virginia 48 — Kansas State 17
4. Texas A&M at Alabama — Jimbo gets his first conference shot at the 'Tide. The Aggies are solid but this is the Tide

at their place. Alabama 40 — Texas A&M 20

5. Arkansas at Auburn — Hogs face Auburn, Texas A&M and Alabama in a row after losing to a poor Colorado State team and being blown out by North Texas. This will be such a slaughter that Auburn restaurants will have so much BBQ it will cheap to eat out. Auburn 67 — Arkansas 13

6. Florida at Tennessee — 'Vols have outscored their last two opponents 83-3. Those would be East Tennessee State and C-USA bottom feeder UTEP. Gators should come home victorious. Florida 31 — Tennessee 17

7. FIU at Miami — Hopefully, there will be no fight between the teams this time. 'Canes should have no trouble at home. Miami 45 — FIU 13

8. Northern Illinois at FSU — The 'Noles better get it going quick or this season is lost. This is the chance to even the record at 2-2. FSU 27 — Northern Illinois 16

9. East Carolina at USF — Pirates will be rested after Florence canceled their game with Virginia Tech. They will also be disrupted with practice and their normal routine with game preparation. USF 43 — East Carolina 17

10. Georgia at Missouri — 'Dawgs have not been challenged and probably won't be until they play at LSU and host Auburn. This is one "Bad" team in 2018. The SEC Title Game should be 'Bama versus 'Dawgs. Georgia 43 — Missouri 14

11. Clemson at Georgia Tech — Jackets have fallen to USF in a good game. Inexplicably lost to Pitt last week. This is not what they need after a tough two week slide. Clemson 38 — Georgia Tech 17

12. Army at Oklahoma — The service academies have the nation's utmost respect but playing at Oklahoma is a tall order. Oklahoma 52 — Army 14

13. Mississippi State at Kentucky — Wildcats open 3-0 for the first time in 15 years. The fun stops here. Bulldogs wake UK back to reality. Mississippi State 37 — Kentucky 20

14. TCU at Texas — Longhorns woke up against USC last week. TCU played Ohio State tough. This game is must watch in the Big 12. TCU 36 — Texas 33

15. South Carolina at Vanderbilt — 'Vandy has two blowout wins and played Notre Dame Close. Gamecocks need to rebound after Georgia loss. USC 30 — Vanderbilt 23

16. Oakland Raiders at Miami Dolphins — "Chucky" Gruden is off to an 0-2 start with the Raiders. Fish will make that 0-3. Miami Dolphins 23 — Oakland Raiders 20

17. Tennessee Titans at Jacksonville Jaguars — Jags defense and home field advantage drop the Titans to 1-2. Jacksonville Jaguars 31 — Tennessee Titans 19

18. Pittsburgh Steelers at Tampa Bay Buccaneers — Do the Steelers and Big Ben end the optimism in Tampa? Steelers opened a 2-point favorite. Monday Night will be rocking in Tampa. Still have faith in the Bucs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers 31 — Pittsburgh Steelers 30

19. San Francisco 49ers at Kansas City Chiefs — Mahomes, Kelce, Hunt & Hill put up big numbers going to 3-0. Kansas City Chiefs 41 — San Francisco 49ers 20

20. New England Patriots at Detroit Lions — Brady has some new receivers but 2018 has him looking average so far. 250 yard games with two touchdown passes are not "Brady-Like." New England Patriots 34 — Detroit Lions 27

• The Florida Everglades are the only place in the world where alligators and crocodile co-exist.

## VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

# Lady Cats 2nd At AP Meet

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Lady Wildcats paced themselves into a second place finish at a five-way cross country meet in Avon Park last Tuesday (Sept. 11).

Avon Park took the low score at the event with 27 points to edge out the ladies from Hardee Senior High School who finished the day in second with 36 points. Lake Placid finished third with 72 points, Moore Haven finished fourth with 116 points, and Sebring finished in fifth place with 120 points.

The ladies were led by solid performances by Adrianna Mier, Tatiana Mier, and Katie Brandeberry who each finished in the top five.

The Wildcat squad finished the day third overall after standout performances from Roberto Guittierrez and Zack Durastanti.

"Zack is back into the 17's (minutes) and Robert broke that 20 minute barrier," said coach Rob Beatty. "Considering it was in the 90s, those were good improvements."

Beatty said the three-day

turnaround from the previous meet impacted some players.

"We had some go the opposite way, however, the short turnaround from Saturday's meet may have been an impact which more conditioning may resolve."

### Individual Results:

**Girl's Varsity Team Results:** 1st, Avon Park, 27; 2nd, Hardee, 36; 3rd, Lake Placid, 72; 4th, Moore Haven, 116; and 5th, Sebring, 120.

**Girl's Varsity:** 2nd, Adrianna Mier, 21:58; 4th, Tatiana Mier, 23:50; 5th, Katie Brandeberry, 25:18; 11th, Ingrid Mendoza, 27:03; 14th, Kareli Plata, 28:06; 21st, Jessalin Arcoia, 30:06; and 22nd, Laura Ramos, 30:24.

**Boy's Varsity Team Results:** 1st, Avon Park, 39; 2nd, Sebring, 59; 3rd, Hardee, 61; 4th, Moore Haven, 94; and 5th, Lake Placid, 117.

**Boy's Varsity:** 2nd, Zack Durastanti, 17:53; 4th, Roberto Gutierrez, 19:33; 16th, Noah Torres, 22:57; 17th, Dalton Kiella, 23:23; 22nd, Ivan Rodriguez, 25:05; and 26th, Scot-tie Meeks, 26:58.

## Recipes From Good Housekeeping

### VEGETARIAN CHILI MACARONI

This comforting mac makes the perfect Meatless Monday meal.

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 pound macaroni, cooked
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar

### Cilantro, for garnish

1. In large pot, cook onion, chili powder, canola oil and salt on medium for 8 minutes, stirring often. Add crushed tomatoes and black beans.

2. Heat to simmering on high, simmer 5 minutes. Toss with macaroni and cheddar. Top with cilantro. Makes 6 servings.

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## Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** The ancient city-state of Tenochtitlan once existed at the same site as what major world city?
2. **ANATOMY:** In humans, which gland regulates metabolism?
3. **HISTORY:** Which astronaut stayed aboard the Apollo 11 command service module while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon in 1969?
4. **LITERATURE:** What was the working title of "The Secret Garden"?
5. **FAMOUS QUOTES:** What modern novelist once wrote, "It is our choices ... that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities"?
6. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** The wombat is a native of what country?
7. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which major U.S. cities did Route 66 connect?
8. **LANGUAGE:** What is a plage?
9. **TELEVISION:** Who played the Enterprise captain in the TV series "Star Trek: The Next Generation"?
10. **ART:** In what city is the Van Gogh Museum located?

### ANSWERS

1. Mexico City
2. Thyroid
3. Michael Collins
4. "Mistress Mary"
5. J.K. Rowling, in "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"
6. Australia
7. Chicago and Los Angeles
8. A beach
9. Patrick Stewart
10. Amsterdam

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**  
The City of Wauchula has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.  
A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:  
**DATE: Monday, September 24, 2018**  
**TIME: 5:05 P.M.**  
**PLACE: 225 E. Main Street, City Commission Chambers**  
**TOWN: City of Wauchula**

BUDGET SUMMARY						
CITY OF WAUCHULA - FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019						
General Fund	5.6354					
	Community					
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Electric, Sewer &amp; Water Utilities</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Airport</b>	<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>Total</b>
Taxes:	Millage per \$1000					
<b>Ad Valorem Taxes</b>	<b>5.6354</b>	<b>693,538</b>				<b>693,538</b>
Communication Service Taxes		121,000				121,000
Utility Service Taxes		337,000				337,000
Gasoline Tax		109,000				109,000
Licenses and Permits		12,000				12,000
Local Grants			400,000			400,000
State Grants			142,000	-		142,000
Federal Grants		41,250		-		41,250
State-Shared Revenues		741,000				741,000
Charges For Services	107,100		8,901,000			10,309,936
Court Revenues		54,550				54,550
TIF Revenues			719,053			719,053
Debt Proceeds	150,000		180,000			330,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	74,649		163,072		700	523,571
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>2,441,087</b>	<b>9,244,072</b>	<b>1,546,203</b>	<b>201,836</b>	<b>1,100,700</b>	<b>14,533,898</b>
Transfers In	1,558,160	246,000				1,804,160
Reserves			597,109			597,109
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>3,999,247</b>	<b>9,490,072</b>	<b>2,143,312</b>	<b>201,836</b>	<b>1,100,700</b>	<b>16,935,168</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>						
General Government/Administrative	598,657	786,736				1,385,393
Public Safety	1,671,011					1,671,011
Community Development	261,428					261,428
Physical Environment	682,601	7,249,258	2,143,312		833,379	10,908,550
Transportation	213,309			179,836		393,145
Culture/Recreation	341,813					341,813
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,768,820</b>	<b>8,035,993</b>	<b>2,143,312</b>	<b>179,836</b>	<b>833,379</b>	<b>14,961,341</b>
Transfers Out		1,342,079		22,000	216,082	1,580,160
Reserves	230,427	112,000			51,239	393,666
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>3,999,247</b>	<b>9,490,072</b>	<b>2,143,312</b>	<b>201,836</b>	<b>1,100,700</b>	<b>16,935,167</b>
THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, CITY HALL, 126 S. 7TH AVE, WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, AS A PUBLIC RECORD.						

## Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. Baltimore's Zach Britton set an American League record in 2017 by converting 60 consecutive save opportunities. Who had held the A.L. mark?
2. Which two teammates on the 1986 New York Mets' World Series winner also were members on the New York Yankees team that went on to win the 1996 World Series?
3. When was the last time before 2016 that the University of Hawaii football team won a bowl game?
4. In the franchise history of the Los Angeles Clippers, name the two players who surpassed 10,000 career points.
5. Who was the only NHL player in the 2017-18 season who played at least 1,500 regular-season minutes at age 40 or older?
6. Name the Olympic athlete who has won the most career medals in women's speedskating.
7. Sei Young Kim set an LPGA tournament record in 2018 by shooting a 31-under 257. Who had she been tied with at the old record of 27-under par for a tournament?

### ANSWERS

1. Tom Gordon of the Boston Red Sox (1998-99), with 54 consecutive saves.
2. Dwight Gooden and Darryl Strawberry.
3. It was 2006.
4. Randy Smith (12,735 points) and Blake Griffin (10,863).
5. Boston's Zdeno Chara.
6. Ireen Wust of the Netherlands, with 11 (2006-2018).
7. Annika Sorenstam.

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• The first ever VCR, which was made in 1956, was the size of a piano!

## Players of the Week

### Booker



#7 Ellis Hodges  
Offense



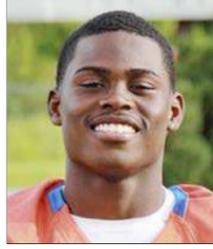
#1 Jean Youte  
Defense



#7 Ellis Hodges  
Special Teams



#54 Bo Villarreal  
Lineman



#18 Caden Dunlap  
Wildcat

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## ... I'll Go With FitzSwagger

Ryan Fitzpatrick took another step towards becoming the Tampa Bay Buccaneer's starting quarterback as he led the Bucs to a second win on Sunday.

At 35 years old, Fitzpatrick is showing that age is just a number.

And his numbers are insane. Two games into the season, Fitzpatrick has thrown for 819 yards on 61 attempts with 8 TDs with one rushing touchdown.

How does that compare through the league? I'm glad you asked.

First in the league in yards, second in touchdowns. This 35-year-old journeyman is leading the NFL with a quarterback rating of 151.5. This year, Fitzpatrick is better than Tom Brady. He's better than Drew Brees and he's better than Cam Newton. And it's not like he's beating up the Bills or Browns. He sliced up the reigning Super Bowl champs, the Philadelphia Eagles and playoff contender New Or-

leans Saints.

It stands to reason that Fitz is going to be a better option than quarterback Jameis Winston, right? How in the world could the Bucs justify pulling Fitzpatrick?

This is the first time the Buccaneers have started 2-0

from Fitzpatrick's talent compared to the other intangibles at play.

As I mentioned last week, Todd Monken is now calling the plays. And that's what an offensive coordinator is for; he should be calling the plays. But, more important than Fitz's



**Bucs Beat**  
By David Horton

since 2010. Winston has never played an NFL game the way Fitzpatrick has played over the last two weeks. But to be fair, neither has Fitzpatrick. The last two weeks are the best of his 13 year NFL career.

Can Fitzpatrick keep it up? A win next week against the Steelers should cement his place at the top of the depth chart.

I have to wonder how much of the Bucs' success comes

arm or the play calling is Fitzpatrick's leadership style on and off the field.

He's a good sport. No off the field issues. No black cloud hanging over the team. He's able to motivate the other, younger Buccaneers in a way that Winston hasn't been able to master. The team hustles on every play. No one seems to be giving up early.

And then, there's post-game press conference. Fitzpatrick "borrowed" DeSean Jackson's clothes, chains and sunglasses to joke around with the reporters.

He's playing the best football of his life and he talks about his teammates. Fitzpatrick doesn't talk about how great it feels to break his personal records, shutdown the nay-sayers or be at the top of the NFL's passing statistics. He cracks jokes.

It has taken years, but the Bucs may have found a leader for the team. Someone that elevates and motivates his teammates.

In the past, commentators have referred to him as the Amish Rifle or Fitzmagic. After watching these two weeks and the press conference, I'll go with FitzSwagger. One more week of this type of play and I'm going to have to send him an apology letter.



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Quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick donned a little bling as he 'borrowed' teammate DeSean Jackson's clothes, chains, and sunglasses during a lighthearted postgame press conference on Sunday.



Aubrey Bragg makes her way down the lane for the Lady Wildcats.



Hunter Sellers starts a backstroke lap from the wall.



Joseph Wood prepares to enter the water for the Wildcats from the starting block.



Rebekah Erekson prepares aerial gymnastics before in a diving effort for the Lady Wildcat junior varsity squad.



Gage Camacho led the Wildcats from the diving board as he claimed third place for the Hardee squad.



Renell Herrera was a leader for the Lady Wildcats as they edged past Sebring last Tuesday.



Cole Wilson splashes his way down the lane for the Wildcats.

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**(WEEKEND EVENTS, MONDAY AT NOON)**

# Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q: Is it true that Madonna auditioned for the original "Footloose" movie that starred Kevin Bacon? Was it before she became famous? -**

**-D. Bell, via email**

A: Yes, apparently Madonna was one of many big names who auditioned for the hit film "Footloose," but it wasn't meant to be. Tom Cruise and Rob Lowe both were possibilities for the lead role that made Kevin Bacon a household name, and Madonna was on the cusp of stardom when she auditioned, having just released the single "Borderline." However, the role of Ariel went to actress/cellist Lori Singer instead.

As for Singer, she's been acting steadily ever since. Next up for her is voicing the documentary "God Knows Where I Am," which will air Monday, Oct. 15, on PBS (check local listings). It's the true story of a mentally ill woman who kept a diary while spending a freezing winter in a barn before she

died. Singer reads aloud the woman's journal entries. Right after the presentation, PBS will do a discussion panel with the filmmakers and a psychiatrist about the ever-growing issues surrounding mental health and homelessness.

**Q: I read that Olivia Munn almost didn't present at the recent MTV Movie Awards alongside her co-star from "The Predator" movie. I just saw that movie. Was it Keegan-Michael Key from "Mad TV"? I love him. Did they not get along while filming?**

**-S.G.**

A: Munn told The Los An-

geles Times that she didn't feel comfortable presenting at the MTV Video Music Awards representing her new film "The Predator," but her beef wasn't with Key. She had an issue with actor Steven Wilder Striegel, who had a role in the film, which was directed by his friend, Shane Black.

Before the awards, Munn found out that back in 2010, Striegel pleaded guilty to risk of injury to a child and enticing a minor by computer. He served six months in prison. Munn told the Times that she notified the studio about her finding, but didn't get a response for a couple days. With the MTV awards coming up, Munn balked at being a presenter (essentially promoting "The Predator") but soon the studio did respond, issued a public statement and cut the actor's scene out of the movie.

**Q: I heard that TV chef Jamie Oliver chased down a burglar. Is he OK? Where did this happen?**

**-Sarah O., via email**

A: Oliver was at home in London with his wife, Jools, and their five children when someone tried to break in. The super chef chased down the man and held him until he was arrested.

Fortunately, his wife and children Poppy, Daisy, Petal, Buddy and River all were safe. E!Online reported that the offender attempted to break in to other homes in the same affluent area, including model Kate Moss', before making the mistake of targeting the Oliver residence.

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com!](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com)

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# Couch Theater DVD Previews

By Sam Struckhoff

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

## PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" (PG-13)** — The dinosaurs of the lost Jurassic World — or what remain of them — are in jeopardy from a volcanic eruption, and the U.S. government is not inclined to step in to save them. Enter Claire Dearing (Bryce Dallas Howard), one-time operations manager and now dinosaur activist, who gets a suspicious lifeline from Benjamin Lockwood



(James Cromwell), former partner in cloning of the paleontology park. The offer: He'll re-home the dinos if Dearing goes to get them. The gang's all back, as Claire recruits Owen (Chris Pratt), alpha male and all-around hunk, to help get Blue, the last remaining velociraptor, to safety. There's a ton of action and some interesting twists, but also a vague unfortunate fading feeling of a franchise that's gone too far.

Samuel Alabaster (Robert Pattinson) is ready to cross the great American West of the 1870s in search of his kidnapped fiancée, Penelope (Mia Wasikowska), a sure-minded woman whom he intends to marry on the spot — after he presents her with a gift of a tiny horse named Butterscotch. He enlists the help of "Parson" Henry (David Zellner), a drunkard looking to turn a new leaf, and the pair set off on a grand adventure, with surprises and revelations along the way. Slapstick Western? Quirky take on traditional tropes? The Zellner brothers' "Damsel" is mostly cute and thoughtful, with only brief moments of self-awareness in which it tries a little too hard to be zany. High-fives for the opening sequence featuring a sermon by an old preacher played by Robert Forster.

**"Siberia" (R)** — Keanu Reeves plays Lucas Hill, a diamond merchant who goes to St. Petersburg, Russia, to sell a dubious batch of rare blue diamonds. His partner is murdered, and while he waits for the deal to play out, he is engaged in a game of seduction with the owner of a small cafe, played by Ana Ularu. It's billed as a romantic thriller, or maybe a crime drama, but there's never any steam, only impene-trable cold.

## NEW TV RELEASES

**"Fahrenheit 451"**  
"American Horror Story: Cult"  
"MacGyver" Season 2  
"You're the Worst" The Complete Fourth Season

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# Inside Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

Three-time Oscar winner Meryl Streep (from 21 nominations), has been dabbling with small roles in "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again," the upcoming "Mary Poppins Returns" (opening Dec. 19) and playing Martha Louise Wright in season two of HBO's "Big Little Lies." Now it looks like she'll take on playing the mother in the Louisa May Alcott classic "Little Women." Among the "Little Women" will be Saoirse Ronan, Laura Dern and Emma Watson, who replaces "La La Land's" Emma Stone. Watson grossed \$1.2 million with "Beauty & The Beast" but just \$40 million with "The Circle," which also starred Tom Hanks. Joining the women is last year's "Call Me By Your Name" Oscar-nominee Timothee Chalamet, soon to be seen in Woody Allen's new film "A Rainy Day in New York."

**\*\*\***  
Ryan Reynolds, whose "Deadpool" grossed \$783 million and its sequel \$734 million, is currently on big screens in the Gothic horror film "The Little Stranger," with Domhnall Gleeson, Ruth Wilson,

Will Poulter and Charlotte Rampling. Next he'll play the title role in the live-action "Pokémon: Detective Pikachu," with Ken Watanabe, due May 10.

**\*\*\***  
Matt Smith, who shot to fame as the 11th incarnation of the Doctor (2010-2014) in the "Doctor Who" BBC sci-fi series, then successfully moved into playing Prince Phillip in "The Crown" for two seasons, now will be joining "Star Wars" regulars Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Oscar Isaac and Adam Driver in "Star Wars: Episode IX." They'll be joined by original cast members Mark Hamill, Billy Dee Williams and Anthony Daniels for a December 2019 opening.

Smith is currently on theater screens in the action/horror film "Patient Zero," with Natalie Dormer and Stanley Tucci, and recently played famed controversial photographer Robert Mapplethorpe in "Mapplethorpe," which screened in April at the Tribeca Film Festival. But the shocker is that he will play mass-murder mastermind Charles Manson in "Charlie Says," with

Suki Waterhouse, which premiered Sept. 2 at the Venice Film Festival. Smith just completed shooting the political thriller "Official Secrets," with Keira Knightley and Ralph Fiennes.

**\*\*\***  
Did anyone really believe they would make a sequel to "Top Gun," 32 years after the original was released? Well, believe it, and believe that Tom Cruise will reprise his original role of Lt. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell (then 24, now 56). Val Kilmer returns as Lt. Tom "Iceman" Kazansky (then 27, now 58). Now add to the mix Oscar-nominee Miles Teller, Oscar-winner Jennifer Connelly, "Mad Men" Emmy-winner Jon Hamm, four-time Oscar nominee Ed Harris and Lewis Pullman, the 25-year-old son of actor Bill Pullman. Coming off his \$540 million grosses for "Mission Impossible: Fallout," if anyone can pull this off it is Tom Cruise, 'cause he's always been a "Top Gun" at the box office.

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# Top 10 Movies

1. The Nun (R) Demian Bichir, Taissa Farmiga
2. Crazy Rich Asians (PG-13) Constance Wu, Henry Golding
3. Peppermint (R) Jennifer Garner, John Gallagher Jr.
4. The Meg (PG-13) Jason Statham, Bingbing Li
5. Searching (PG-13) John Cho, Sara Sohn
6. Mission: Impossible — Fallout (PG-13) Tom Cruise, Henry Cavill
7. Christopher Robin (PG) Ewan McGregor, Hayley Atwell
8. Operation Finale (PG-13) Oscar Isaac, Ben Kingsley
9. Alpha (PG-13) Kodi Smit-McPhee, Natassia Malthe
10. BlacKkKlansman (R) John David Washington, Adam Driver

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

CASE NO. 25-2013-CA-000661

Wells Fargo Bank, NA Plaintiff,

vs.

Paul E. Rickett and Tina D. Rickett, Husband and Wife; HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc.; Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 25-2013-CA-000661 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial

Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff and Paul E. Rickett and Tina D. Rickett, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Victoria L. Rogers, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash HARDEE COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, 417 W. MAIN STREET, 2nd FLOOR HALLWAY OUTSIDE OF ROOM 202, WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, 33873 AT 11:00 A.M. on September 26, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

BEGIN AT THE NW CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN S. 89°47'17" W., 106.64 FEET; THENCE S. 38°09'47" W., 266.22 FEET; THENCE N. 89°47'17" E., 208.71 FEET; THENCE N 38°09'47" E. TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4; THENCE N. 0°00'00" E. ALONG SAID WEST LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND, BEGIN AT THE NW CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN N. 89°47'17" E., 102.07

FEET; THENCE S. 38°09'47" W. TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4; THENCE N. 0°00'00" E. AND ALONG SAID WEST LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

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

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

By: Connie Coker Deputy Clerk

9:13,20c

# CITY OF WAUCHULA NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City Commission of the City of Wauchula will hold a Special Meeting Monday September 24, 2018 at 5:05pm, or as soon thereafter as it reasonably can be held and any other business that may come before the Commission.

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

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

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

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

ATTEST  
S/Holly Smith  
City Clerk



9:20c

# 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

**Sept. 16,** Justino Hernandez Macedo-Hernandez, 40, of 4816 Church Ave., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Cpl. Jeremy Brandeberry and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**Sept. 16,** a theft was reported on the 100 block of Carlton Street.

**Sept. 16,** a fight occurred on the 800 block of Sumner Road.

**Sept. 15,** Dwayne Lionel McTaw, 29, of 204 Carlton St., Wauchula, was arrested by the Drug Task Force and charged with resisting an officer without violence and armed trespassing.

**Sept. 15,** dangerous shooting was reported near the corner of Fourth and Suwannee streets.

**Sept. 15,** a theft was reported on the 400 block of Owen Roberts Road.

**Sept. 14,** Tony Perez, 36, of 613 N. Ninth Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Joseph Austin and charged with withholding child support.

**Sept. 14,** criminal mischief was reported on the 800 block of Sally Place and the 2500 block of U.S. 17 South.

**Sept. 13,** Ernesto Desantiago, 34, of 4621 Pine Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Dean DeDominicis and charged with probation violation.

**Sept. 13,** Keith Brown, 38, of 355 Fairfax Dr., Wauchula,

was arrested by Dep. John Layport and charged with withholding child support.

**Sept. 13,** a theft was reported on the 100 block of Heartland Way.

**Sept. 12,** James Edward Anderson, 22, of 222 S Hart Ave., Avon Park, was arrested by Dep. Dean DeDominicis and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of narcotics equipment, and public order crimes.

**Sept. 12,** thefts were reported on the 200 block of Possum Trot and the 3000 block of Colin Poucher Road.

**Sept. 11,** thefts were reported on the 1400 block of U.S. 17 North, the 1700 block of North Florida Avenue and the 4100 block of Alderman Road.

**Sept. 11,** criminal mischief was reported on the 100 block of Carlton Street.

**Sept. 11,** a vehicle was stolen from the 3400 block of Hanusch Road.

**Sept. 10,** Ascencion Vasquez, 28, of 3539 Palmetto St., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Florida Highway Patrol Tpr. Dennis Bogusky and charged with DUI with damages and possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams.

**Sept. 10,** Ledarius Sampson, 23, of 509 S Oak Ave., Fort Meade, was arrested by Dep. Octavio Alvarez and charged with probation violation.

**Sept. 10,** Acerulio Hernandez Martinez, 28, of 680 Murphy Road, Ona, was arrested by Probation Ofc. Yolanda Cantu and charged with two counts of probation violation.

**Sept. 10,** a theft was reported on the 1400 block of U.S. 17 North.

## WAUCHULA

**Sept. 15,** Vincente Cabrera, 35, of 818 E Bay St., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Emmanuel Vazquez and charged with DUI alcohol or drugs.

**Sept. 15,** Victor Manuel Guzman Perez, 21, of 180 Brooks Road, Frostproof, was arrested by Ofc. Jason Cohen and charged with possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams, possession of narcotics equipment, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and interfering with the custody of a minor.

**Sept. 14,** Michael Renard Barker, 29, of 253 Georgetown Loop, Wauchula, was arrested by Cpl. Bryanna Lott and charged with possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams and possession of narcotics equipment.

**Sept. 14,** Everick Boston, 21, of 855 17th Terrace N.E., Winter Haven, was arrested by Chief John Eason and charged with possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams, possession of narcotics equipment, and tampering with evidence.

**Sept. 14,** a fight occurred on the 100 block of West Oak Street.

**Sept. 13,** a theft was reported on the 100 block of West Palmetto Street.

**Sept. 11,** Jennifer Darena Maldonado, 37, 1553 Lisa Dr., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Kaleigh Anderson and charged with two counts of passing forgery.

**Sept. 10,** a conveyance was burglarized on the 300 block of River Chase Circle.

**Sept. 10,** a theft was reported on the 100 block of North Seventh Avenue.

• Wildfires, smoke, fog and heavy rain can all lower visibility on the roads, so it's important for motorists to drive as safely as possible in these conditions.

# Courthouse Report

## COUNTY COURT

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

Patrick Kyle Albritton, 28, of Ona, and Ashley Nicole Stace, 28, of Ona.

Timothy James Cox, 60, of Wauchula, and Rose Marie Picon, 60, of Bartow.

Marco Rafael Juarez, 22, of Bowling Green, and Aaliyah Marie Munoz, 20, of Bowling Green.

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

Cavalry SPV I vs. Mazen Ottallah, voluntary dismissal.

Midland Funding vs. Arturo Belmares, default judgment for \$3,039.51.

Suncoast Credit Union vs. Cynthia Torres, final judgment for \$5,705.24.

Discover Bank vs. Candace A. English, default final judgment for \$6,482.06.

AmeriCredit Financial Services vs. Jessica Santos, voluntary dismissal.

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

There was no criminal traffic or misdemeanor sentencing as it was jury trial week.

## CIRCUIT COURT

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

Norma Daisy Figueroa and the Florida Department of Revenue vs. Robert Manuel Figueroa, petition for enforcement of administrative support order.

Martina Lynn Eures and FDOR vs. Robert Jacob Eures, petition to establish child support.

Lyn Barbara Lubin and FDOR vs. Joanne Saint-Amour, petition to establish administrative support order.

Fabiola Gonzales and FDOR vs. Misael Lauriano DeLaCruz, petition for enforcement of administrative support order.

Aremi Asuncion Perez Lopez and FDOR vs. Alejandro Alvarez Gonzalez, petition to establish administrative support order.

Crystal Ann Johnson and Jason Ryan Johnson, petition for divorce.

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

Mary Esquivel vs. Adam Esquivel, final judgment of injunction for protection.

Jacob Decker and Mandy Decker, final judgment of divorce.

TBF Financial vs. Lloyd Lynn Cooper, default final judgment for \$68,035.50.

Steven A. Parker and Brandy Lynn Murphy, final judgment of divorce.

Valerie Lynn Grey and Russell Robert Grey Jr., final judgment of divorce.

Sandra Flores vs. Inocencio Flores, final judgment of injunction for protection.

American Family Life Assurance Co. of Columbus vs. the Estate of Julie Ann Bridges, Jerome R. Bridges, Brett W. England, and minor child, summary final judgment.

Mylene Del Rio vs. Nathaniel Vancleave, final judgment of injunction for protection.

Savanah Marie Chancey and James Chancey Jr., voluntary dismissal.

Anita McCumber vs. Jessica Ramos, final judgment of injunction for protection.

Anita McCumber vs. David Ramos, final judgment of injunction for protection.

Alex Alamia and the Florida Department of Revenue vs. Priscilla Anita Gaona, order suspending ongoing child support.

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

There was no felony criminal sentencing as it was jury trial week.

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

Victoria Albritton, individually and as trustee of the Bessie L. McClellan Trust to Palm Hammock Inc., for \$180,000.

Jorge Molina to Dustin Nicholas and Kayla Elizabeth Adcock, for \$127,000.

John A. II and Jane F. Hamilton to Rebecca Sroda, for \$80,000.

Samual Broughton, Edna Clough Broughton and Raymond Jones to Pedro DeJesus, for \$12,000.

Red Stagg Capital to Julian Reyes Delgado and Olivia Silva Rodriguez, for \$30,000.

Sara K. Miller to Robert G. Cerna and Cindy Chrystal Granados, for \$89,900.

White Grove to Always Green 168 Properties, for \$325,000.

Angela Marina Newman to Dawson M. and Carson G. Crawford, for \$116,000.

Agri-Citrus to Stephen and Lindsay Norris, for \$120,000.

# Notices

## HARDEE COUNTY EDC/IDA NOTICE OF MEETING

The Hardee County Economic Development Council/Industrial Development Authority will meet Thursday September 20, 2018 at the Hardee County BOCC to reconvene in continuation of the September 13, 2018 meeting, to be recessed and reconvened at 9am at the Hardee County School Board Meeting Room located at 230 South Florida Avenue, Wauchula Florida.

This is a Disabled-Accessible facility. Any disabled person needing to make special arrangements should contact the Economic Development Office (773-3030) at least forty-eight (48) prior to the meeting.

Gene Davis, CHAIR  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

9:20c

## 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 10th day of October, 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.: 118  
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2016  
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Florencio Gonzales and Maria Balboa

Description of Property:  
Parcel ID Number: 05-33-25-0000-06530-0000

.24 AC BEG 606 FT W OF NE COR OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 RUN W 100 FT S 105 FT E 100 FT N 105 FT TO POB  
05 33S 25E  
257P805 274P422 306P875  
CA-G-88-480 369P214 375P90  
DC-546P909 LP554P535 CA-98-449  
FJ-564P343P347 566P212P213 574P280

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 October 10, 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: 252018TD031XXXX  
Date: 09/04/2018  
Ad No.: 1

9:6-27c

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

CERTIFICATE NO.: 586  
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011  
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Guillermo Garcia and Maria Elena Garcia

Description of Property:  
Parcel ID Number: 03-34-25-0480-00005-0007

COM AT SE COR OF LOT 5 BLK 4 RUN N 284 FT FOR POB N 50 FT W 101.20 FT S 50 FT E 101.10 FT TO POB LESS R/W WAUCHULA VILLAS SUBD 451P53 464P574 533P69

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

CASE #: 25-2018-CA-000245

SunTrust Bank

Plaintiff,

-vs.-

Ana Paredes; Alberto Perez; Unknown Spouse of Ana Paredes; Unknown Spouse of Alberto Perez

Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 25-2018-CA-000245 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida, wherein SunTrust Bank, Plaintiff and Ana Paredes are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Victoria L. Rogers, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash HARDEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 417 W. MAIN STREET, 2nd FLOOR HALLWAY OUTSIDE OF ROOM 202, WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, 33873 AT 11:00 A.M. on October 3, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 22, TOWN CREEK RANCH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BAR B-47, PAGES 2 AND 3, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

Victoria L. Rogers CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Hardee County, Florida

By: Connie Coker Deputy Clerk of Court

9:20,27c

**COLLEGE AID**



**Jerry Donna, South Florida State College director of financial aid, was recognized recently by the Hardee County School Board for assisting high school guidance counselors in increasing the number of seniors who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Donna attended FAFSA Night at Hardee Senior High School and helped answer questions about information required on the FAFSA form. In April, the Florida College Access Network announced the winners of the 2018 Florida FAFSA Challenge, and Hardee County was deemed "Most Improved" of all small districts. Pictured (from left) are guidance counselors Leigh Beumel, Kim Davis and Teresa White; Donna; Teresa Crawford, School Board member and director of the SFSC Hardee Campus; Dr. Michele Polk, Hardee High principal; and Bob Shayman, schools superintendent.**

COURTESY PHOTO

**ACTIVE ACADEMICS**



**Students in Mary Idsardi's second-grade R.E.A.C.H. class at North Wauchula Elementary School didn't sit still to study Venn diagrams – they became the data themselves. They picked which circle they belonged in, or if instead they belonged in the intersection or outside of the diagram. R.E.A.C.H. stands for Realizing Excellence through the Advanced academic Curriculum of Hardee.**

COURTESY PHOTO

**BASKETBALL BEGINNERS**



**Coach Austin Helms and assistant coach Tonya Grice have been helping students at North Wauchula Elementary School learn the fundamentals to get ready to play basketball. They have been learning to shoot baskets and dribble the ball.**

COURTESY PHOTO

**SKYPE HYPE**



**North Wauchula Elementary School students in Mary Idsardi's second-grade class learned about the tools that scientists use, then Skyped a real scientist. He talked about the tools he uses and research he has done, and then answered questions they had. The scientist they spoke with was Dr. Bo Idsardi, who is an assistant professor at Eastern Washington University and is their teacher's son.**

COURTESY PHOTO

**DECIMAL DOERS**



**Students in Blanca Chavez's class at North Wauchula Elementary School pieced together their understanding of decimals in expanded form by using puzzles.**

COURTESY PHOTO

**SWEET TREAT**



**What can make a Friday even better? The Parent Teacher Organization at North Wauchula Elementary School knows. Its members recently treated teachers and staff to a big spread of tempting sweets.**

COURTESY PHOTO

## PYLE ENDORSES EVERS

For  
**Hardee County Judge**

I have become acquainted with Ken Evers over the course of this campaign, and have concluded he is not only the best remaining choice, but the only choice. As an opponent, I've been impressed by his sense of decency and fair play and the courtesy and dignity with which he and his supporters have conducted themselves. As a lawyer, I'm impressed by the length and breadth of his experience. And as an American, I'm grateful for his truly exemplary service to our country as an Army Ranger. Ken is the only remaining candidate who has earned the distinction and honor of serving as county judge, and the only remaining candidate who understands the jurisdictional parameters of the county court, has real experience with the majority of its functions and is capable of serving effectively from day one.

I emphatically and unequivocally urge my friends to support KEN EVERS in every way—including liking and sharing his Facebook page—and to cast your vote for him on November 6th!!!

*~ Jim Pyle*

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For Hardee County Judge

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## Wauchula Expands Garbage System

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Refuse bins are being delivered this week to a new set of Wauchula's residential garbage customers.

According to Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew, workmen began delivering the bins to customers in the southwest quadrant of the city on Wednesday.

The bins are being delivered to homes south of West Main Street and west of U.S. 17.

If all goes as planned, Minshew said, customers in the zone will have their first pickup with the automated system on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

The roll-out is the second phase of a citywide conversion to an automated garbage collection system expected to save Wauchula \$168,000 annually.

Phase One was launched in late August and focused on homes north of West Main Street and west of U.S. 17.

According to Minshew, the city is on target to have the entire city converted to the new system by the first week of October.

Brown-colored bins — each marked with the city's logo —

will continue to hit the streets prior to the citywide conversion.

The 96-gallon wheeled bins are also individually numbered so they can be registered to a specific home. They can hold 5-6 bags of garbage.

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

**Park It/Point It/Space It**  
Placement of the rolling bins is critical to the success of the automated system.

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

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

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

Residents need to also be aware of overhead utility lines.

**Once-A-Week Pickup**  
Garbage will only be picked up once a week.

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

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

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

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

Furniture removal will be on Fridays.

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

The new bins are being distributed — one to a home — without an additional fee and will be replaced free of charge for "normal wear and tear."

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

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

Information on the new system is available at [cityofwauchula.com](http://cityofwauchula.com) or by calling City Hall at 773-3131.

## County Now Has A Pet-Friendly Shelter

Hardee County plans to open its first pet-friendly hurricane shelter since the 2004 hurricane season.

Bowling Green Elementary School will be the place where pet owners who must evacuate can bring their pets for shelter during declared emergencies.

This new pet-friendly shelter is a joint effort of Hardee County Emergency Management and the School Board of Hardee County. BGE is located at 4530 Church Ave. in Bowling Green.

Under the program, residents of an emergency evacuation area and their pets will be sheltered in separate designated areas of the facility, with Hardee County Animal Control caring for the pets during the storm and Hardee County School District staff managing the shelter.

Pre-registration for the 2018 and 2019 hurricane seasons is now open.

Pet owners are required to show proof they reside in the county and that their pets have up-to-date vaccinations and rabies shots.

If you live in an area that is

normally ordered to evacuate — such as low-lying lands, mobile homes, RVs or old-construction homes — and you have nowhere else to take shelter, pre-register at Hardee County Emergency Management, 404 W. Orange St. in Wauchula, 773-6373, or download the registration form at [hardeecounty.net/eoc.htm](http://hardeecounty.net/eoc.htm) and bring it by or email it to [EM@hardeecounty.net](mailto:EM@hardeecounty.net).

"The pet-friendly shelter concept is a very good idea, because we know of instances where people with pets have elected to stay in their homes in the evacuation zone during declared emergencies because they had no place that would take their pets," said Jill Newman, director of Emergency Management.

Despite the existence of this new shelter, people who live in an emergency evacuation area are strongly urged to make prior arrangements to go to the homes of friends or relatives who reside outside the evacuation zone. This is usually a more comfortable alternative for both people and pets than a public shelter.

## Oral Cancer Screenings Free At SFSC

South Florida State College's dental hygiene program will hold free oral cancer screenings next month.

The screenings will be on Thursday, Oct. 18, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in Building T on the Highlands Campus. Appointments are required.

The screening is a simple process that takes about 10-15 minutes. After a brief medical history, patients will undergo a head and neck examination. When needed, the visual exam is followed by a VELscope inspection in which a florescent light helps to detect abnormal cells that are not visible to the naked eye.

According to cancer statistics, oral cancer is more deadly than Hodgkin's lymphoma, cervical, thyroid and skin cancers, and kills one person every hour of the day. When found early, oral cancer patients have a 90 percent survival rate.

Oral cancer risk factors include alcohol and tobacco use, advancing age, sun exposure, a diet low in fruits and vegetables, and the human papilloma virus (HPV), which makes it five times more likely for an occurrence in people under the age of 40.

To make an appointment, call (863) 784-7020.



FILE PHOTO

The city of Wauchula is expanding the rollout of new refuse bins to the southwest quadrant of the city.

## In Other Action

### ZS Town Commission

The Zolfo Springs Town Commission considered the following items during its 37-minute meeting on Aug. 28. All five commissioners were present.

Commissioner Sara Schofield was dismissed early for work.

—heard a presentation from Pastor Wendell G. Smith, director of Cutting Edge Ministries, Inc. The commissioners voted to give a one-time donation of \$3,000 to Cutting Edge Ministries to cover the cost of adding pallet racks to one of their buildings for food storage.

—passed a maintenance agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to maintain the sidewalks and urban flare driveways that are being added on North Hickory Street between Sixth Avenue and Fourth Street East.

—approved the hiring of auditors Christopher, Smith and Leonard for fiscal year 2017-18.

—passed a contract with the Hardee County Sheriff's Office for another year with a 2.5 percent, or \$3,507.77, increase for a total of \$143,818.49.

The commissioners also discussed with Dep. Johnny Trammell how the new U.S. 17

has reduced the number of accidents in Zolfo Springs and the need to reduce speeding on side-streets.

—passed a resolution to apply for a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program grant to make improvements to Martin Luther King Jr. Park, off Suwannee Street, and Pioneer Heights Park, off the corner of Second Street West and Vermillion Court.

—accepted the monthly sheriff's report for July, showing 9 offenses handled, 18 requests for information and 20 tickets issued.

—Town Manager Linda Roberson said she is working on scheduling an open house for the Civic Center/Town Hall sometime in September.

—Town Clerk Amanda Wallace announced that the final budget hearing will be held on Monday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.

The commissioners voted to hold the regular September commission meeting on Monday, Sept. 24 in combination with the final budget hearing.

The next Zolfo Springs Town Commission meeting will be Monday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 3210 Main St., Zolfo Springs.

## SFSC Honors Students Win Scholarship

Eight students in South Florida State College's honors program have been awarded the Edward K. Roberts Book Scholarship.

This scholarship helps students cover the cost of textbooks.

The students include Nicholas Fischer, Lisandro Hernandez, Cambrie Landress, Jami Mercer, Leticia Jauregui, Robert "Bobby" Brown, Peyton Roberts and Anthony Zepeda.

Students awarded the merit-based scholarship receive \$250 in the form of a credit they can use toward the purchase of textbooks at SFSC's Campus Store.

Recipients must enroll in one honors course during the academic term in which they receive the scholarship. Returning students must achieve a 3.3 cumulative college GPA and continue to make satisfactory progress toward the Honors Program Associate in Arts degree.

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## CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

## COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Board of Directors of the City of Bowling Green Community Redevelopment Agency (the Board) will hold a public meeting Monday, September 24, 2018, immediately following the Final Budget Hearing which will convene at 6:00pm. The agenda will include adoption of the CRA Resolution 2018-01 to approve the FY 18/19 CRA Budget. The complete agenda can be viewed at 104 E. Main Street or [www.bowlinggreenfl.org](http://www.bowlinggreenfl.org).

The meetings will be held at the Commission Chambers located at 104 East Main Street, Bowling Green, FL 33834.

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

The Board does not discriminate upon the bases of any individual's disability status. This non-discriminatory policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including ones access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, should contact the City Clerk at (863)375-2255.

CITY OF BOWLING GREEN  
S/Robert S. Fite Jr.  
Chair  
Community Redevelopment Agency

ATTEST  
S/Maria C. Silva  
City Clerk



### FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY

### NOTICE OF INTENT

### TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF

### COLLECTING NON-AD

### VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Florida PACE Funding Agency, a public body corporate and politic (the "Agency"), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08(2), (3) and (4) and 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of every county in Florida, or any of the municipalities therein, subscribing to or served by the Agency's statewide provision of funding and financing to construct or pay for energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements and wind resistance improvements in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes (collectively, the "Qualifying Improvements"). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of a Qualifying Improvement. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect repayment by non-ad valorem assessments. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 1:00 p.m. on October 30, 2018, at the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization Executive Conference Room, 2570 W International Speedway Boulevard, Suite 100, Daytona Beach, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy — which is the entirety of the State of Florida. Copies of the proposed form of resolution are on file at the office of Counterpointe Energy Solutions (FL) LLC, Third Party Administrator for the Florida PACE Funding Agency, 2600 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 163, Maitland, Florida 32751, email: [gov@counterpointees.com](mailto:gov@counterpointees.com). All interested persons are invited to present oral comments at the public hearing and/or submit written comments to the Board at the above address. Written comments should be received by the Agency on or before October 29, 2018. Any persons desiring to present oral comments should appear at the public hearing.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in such public hearing should contact the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization at (386) 226-0422 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

By Order of the Board of Directors of Florida PACE Funding Agency on August 14, 2018

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**LAST WEEK'S WINNER** Arthur Albritton

**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**  
**RANDY McLEOD, JR.**  
Jersey #: 9  
Position: RB, DE  
Parents: Randy McLeod, Sr. & Octavia Patterson  
Hobbies/Special Interests: Play Madden & 2K.  
Future Plans: Football coach.

**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	QB/DL
5	Ke'Varrels White	9	WR/DB
6	Dylan Davis	11	WR/DB
7	Ellis Hodges	10	RB/LB
9	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 Whithers	10	RB/LB
45	Hardee Pace	12	TE/DL
51	Rakeim Baker	10	OL/DL
53	Tyler Steedley	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

**Lemon Bay**

#	Name	Grade	Position
1	Devante Roberson	12	QB/DB
2	John Moore	11	K/P
3	Jordan Andrie	12	RB/DB
4	Gunnar Kolberg	12	WR/FS
5	Sean Shamasian	12	WR/DB
7	Trevor Hedges	12	QB/DB
9	Martell Vale	12	WR/DB
10	Ashton Gilbert	11	K/P
14	Billy Martin	12	RB/DL
15	Riley Haynes	11	WR/DB
17	Keegan Marinola	12	RB/LB
18	Tye Walchle	12	RB/LB
20	Colby McCauley	11	RB/DB
21	Anthony Amo	12	RB/LB
23	Aidan Cannon	12	RB/LB
24	Jason Hobbs	11	RB/LB
26	Dylan Schoeneck	11	WR/DB
35	Louis Baldor	10	WR/DE
36	Aidan Moore	11	RB/LB
44	Henry Schouten	10	RB/LB
45	Derrick Dagg	10	RB/LB
48	Nicolas Dimatteo	12	RB/DL
51	Liam Johnson	12	OL/DL
52	Dahilo Francios	11	OL/DL
54	Hayden Booley	11	OL/DL
55	Jacob Patterson	11	OL/DL
56	Alan Symons	12	OL/LB
58	Coby Lambert	11	OL/LB
62	Jamie O'Connell	12	OL/DL
63	Kyle D'Oragon	12	OL/DL
67	Brook Lavallee	12	OL/DL
68	Jacob Wright	11	OL/DL
74	Wyatt Soucy	12	OL/DL
75	Max Rozen	11	OL/DL
76	Iraj Patel	12	OL/DL
85	Andrew Mitchell	11	WR/DB

**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**  
**MICHAELA KLEIN**  
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• Official entries only.  
**NO PHOTOCOPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**  
Winners will be picked Monday morning, notified by phone that afternoon and announced in next week's paper.

**YOUR SCORE**  
September 28, 2018  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: FRIDAY AT 5 P.M.  
Fill out entry form and return to: The Herald-Advocate  
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FRIDAY 8/17/2018	FRIDAY 8/24/2018	FRIDAY 8/31/2018	FRIDAY 9/7/2018	FRIDAY 9/14/2018	FRIDAY 9/28/2018	FRIDAY 10/5/2018	FRIDAY 10/12/2018	FRIDAY 10/19/2018	FRIDAY 10/26/2018	FRIDAY 11/2/2018
HOME PORT CHARLOTTE PORT CHARLOTTE 16 HARDEE 20 KICKOFF CLASSIC	AWAY FORT MEADE FORT MEADE 0 HARDEE 45	HOME SEBRING SEBRING 28 HARDEE 29	HOME AVON PARK AVON PARK 0 HARDEE 39	AWAY BOOKER* BOOKER 0 HARDEE 49	HOME LEMON BAY* KICKOFF: 7:30 WHERE: WILDCAT STADIUM WAUCHULA, FL	HOME BARTOW KICKOFF: 7:30 WHERE: WILDCAT STADIUM WAUCHULA, FL HOMECOMING	HOME BAYSHORE* KICKOFF: 7:30 WHERE: WILDCAT STADIUM WAUCHULA, FL SENIOR NIGHT	AWAY SOUTHEAST* KICKOFF: 7:30 WHERE: SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL BRADENTON, FL	AWAY DESOTO* KICKOFF: 7:30 WHERE: DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL ARCADIA, FL BATTLE FOR THE BUCK CARLTON TROPHY	AWAY BARRON COLLIER KICKOFF: 7:00 WHERE: BARRON COLLIER HIGH SCHOOL NAPLES, FL

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**BILLING** .....Ads must be pre-paid.

**CLASSIFICATIONS:**

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

## Agriculture

**MUST SELL!** 2014 KW T660, Paccar engine, 10 spd., 72" sleeper, approx. 524,000 mi. Clean. No damage. \$40,000. 863-832-0410. 9:20p

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**MEDICAL ASSISTANT NEEDED** PT, hours vary. Please submit resume to assistantfordoctor@gmail.com. 9:20,27c

**PLANT NURSERY** looking for motivated individual to apply pesticides, mowing, etc. Would prefer someone with experience. You can call 863-832-4252 or 863-773-6662 and ask for Carolyn. 9:13,20c

**ULLRICH'S MACHINE SHOP.** Full time apply in person at Ullrich's Water Conditioning, 409 Goolsby Street, Wauchula. 9:13tfc

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**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

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

## Rentals

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**DO YOU HAVE a problem with drugs?** Narcotics Anonymous meets Monday, Thursday and Friday night 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, at the corner of Palmetto and 7th Ave., Wauchula. tfc-dh

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



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**FIRST ONE!**



COURTESY PHOTO  
North Wauchula Elementary second grader Jose Gomez was the first student at his school to complete reading and testing on all 15 of the Sunshine State Young Reader Award Junior Books. Here, Jose is pictured with the Book Skirmish's mouse mascot.

**COMPARE & CONTRAST**



COURTESY PHOTO  
Students in Mary Idsardi's second-grade R.E.A.C.H. class at North Wauchula Elementary read two passages about San Francisco's famous cable cars then collaborated to compare and contrast those passages by using a graphic organizer known as the Venn Diagram. The acronym stands for Realizing Excellence through the Advanced academic Curriculum of Hardee.

**CITRUS WORKSHOP**



COURTESY PHOTO  
Florida citrus growers can learn about the latest research from the University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences and test new technology at a workshop in Sebring on Sept. 25-26. Faculty will cover topics in entomology, horticulture and plant pathology and will teach growers how to test soil pH, soil electrical conductivity -- which measures nutrients in soil -- soil moisture and tree root health with simple methods and easy-to-use instruments. The workshop will be at the UF/IFAS Extension Highlands County Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center, O.S. "Sam" Polston Auditorium, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring. Go to [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) to register. Cost is \$20. Pictured is Megan Dewdney, an associate professor of plant pathology.

**TUNING IN**



COURTESY PHOTO  
Students in Sharon Ussery's first-grade class at Zolfo Springs Elementary School practice coding words, reading them, and then putting them in a sentence while grooving to the music.

**FAN FACES**



COURTESY PHOTO  
The PTO at North Wauchula Elementary School applied lots of visual spirit to Wildcat fan faces with temporary tattoos before the big game. Spirit beads also were popular. Go 'Cats!

**BOXING BUDDIES**



COURTESY PHOTO  
Several students from Alexi Ozuna's fifth-grade language arts classes at North Wauchula Elementary School chose to cash in the points they earned for hard work and good behavior for the opportunity to have lunch with a professional boxer. Ozuna just happened to have the right connections to make this happen for her pupils; she is the wife of boxer Ruben Ozuna.

**COOL TOOLS**



COURTESY PHOTO  
Students in Chantelle Garcia's first-grade class at North Wauchula Elementary School practiced using scientific tools for their inquiry activities. There was everything from tape measures to magnifying glasses to scales to thermometers.

# Final ZS Budget Hearing Monday

By JENNIFER McCONKEY  
Herald-Advocate Intern

The Zolfo Springs Town Commission held its first budget hearing on Monday of this week.

No members of the public were at the meeting and no changes were made to the budget.

The final public hearing before the commissioners vote to accept and adopt the budget will be this coming Monday at 6 p.m., followed by the monthly commission meeting. The hearing and meeting will be at Town Hall, 3210 Main St. in Zolfo Springs.

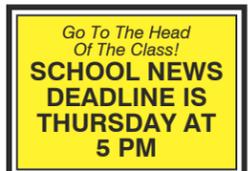
There are no tax or millage rate increases in the proposed budget.

Regular town employees, a category that does not include the commissioners, will be receiving a three-percent pay raise if the budget passes. Town Clerk Amanda Wallace says the pay raises will not affect tax rates.

Any citizen who wants to see the budget and/or express concerns about it before the commissioners vote to pass it can attend the final hearing on Monday.

To see the budget before the meeting, you can visit the town of Zolfo Springs' website. Click on "Government," then on "Administration." From there, you can download the budget by clicking on "2019 Final Budget" on the left side of the screen.

You can also go in to the Fire Department/Utilities Building at 104 Fifth St. between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday) or Monday to view the budget.



**As Seen From This Side**  
By Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips  
Wauchula

We spent a lot of time with Uncle Dewey's family. He was my Mom's second to last brother, Uncle O'Neal being the youngest.

Mom and Aunt Ella would spend weekends canning vegetables and fruit and in the winter help each other with preparing meat for the long cold months of a south Georgia winter.

After the many hours of picking and preparing everything for Mom and Aunt Ella, we kids had the rest of the weekend to use our imagination. Our toys were not bought. They were made by hand and imagination.

Aunt Ella's brother lived on the back side of their property. The only way to their house was through Aunt Ella's yard, a "cow path" road past or through a pond of unstable depths.

This pond was a great big ocean with our ships always being blown back and forth. This pond had a lot of live oak and water oak trees, easy to climb and launch airplanes from the top branches.

When we were not knee-deep in water we were 30 feet off the ground. My brother Stanley and I were four years apart in ages. Gene was two years older than I, two years younger than Stanley.

Poor Stanley. Every time we did something wrong Stanley got the blame and punishment from Mom. (He was always Mom's scapegoat, and we never knew why.)

I don't know how many times we fell out of those trees, but we had the pond to catch us.

You have seen birds fly down at cats or dogs to scare them away from their nests. We had that problem with blue jays pecking our heads in those threes. Those beaks are like nails when they peck your head.

Boys today do not know how to play when it is only their imagination to work with.

Uncle Dewey and Aunt Ella had four children--two girls, a boy, then another girl. The second girl married an Air Force guy, and for a time he was stationed at Cocoa Beach in Florida. The last girl is retired F.B.I.

The Air Force in its infinite wisdom decided Blackie was needed in England. They had a problem--a city dog. This family member would not go to the U.K., so it came to live with Grandpa.

As was the custom on the farms of the '50s, grass was not allowed to grow with the crops. One sure way to remove it was with a goose-neck hoe. And it was another custom of being on a farm in the '50s that you "swapped work." A few days we worked for them and they the same with us. No money needs(or had).

We were about a third of the way to the east end of some rows of cotton when this "city dog" found a rabbit, his first. Not knowing anything about rabbits but too eager to learn, he got this great idea of catching it.

There was no contest. The rabbit casually left "Big City" in his dust, all the way down the row of cotton, through Grover Dunlap's fence to places unknown.

Not willing to concede the race this poor unsuspecting dog hit the wire fence at full speed. With a loud yelp he found himself back about 10 feet from the fence, very shook up. A lesson well learned -- look as you go.

From that day forward he would run "wide open" about 30 feet, then stop and off again. We figured he kept looking for that rabbit to put up another fence.

There is a saying "you can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy."

Maybe it goes in reverse with "city dogs." He never did become a country boy.

"Love at first sight." Some people say that is just an old saying, that this never happens. It really does happen.

The first day I was employed by Winn-Dixie (Winn and Lovett Grocery) a beautiful girl walked past going to the meat department. I asked the stock clerk (I was working beside him) who was she. He said one of those Enfinger girls.

I asked what her name was. He said Mary Alice, then asked why. I said she is going to be my wife. He told me I was crazy, that she didn't have anything to do with any boy. A year and a half later we were married (she 16, I 19).

I have nothing bad to say about her. All our problems belong to me, 100 percent my fault.

My cousin Gene, two years older than me, was my "running buddy." Every girl we ever dated was just someone to be around, had nothing in common until I met Alice. Everything changed.

Alice had a best friend just as Gene and I were. One Saturday we arranged for Gene and Emorie to meet. They rode down to the Bainbridge boat ramps for a short while, and we met at our cousins' grocery store about three buildings from Alice's house.

When we walked in I could tell by the look on his face--he had the same feeling I had felt the first time I saw Alice. The last of October Gene and Emorie will be married 55 years.

I can only imagine the life I could have had if I had not ruined the best things in my life.

Even today I love Alice as much now as I did that first day.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Bowling Green has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

### Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy.....\$244,975
- B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....\$ (445)
- C. Actual property tax levy.....\$245,420

**This year's proposed tax levy.....\$273,765**

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the TAX INCREASE to be held on:

**Monday, September 24, 2018**

**6:00 p.m.**

**at**

**CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**104 East Main Street**

**Bowling Green, FL 33834**

**A FINAL DECISION on the proposed TAX INCREASE and the BUDGET will be made at this hearing.**

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### CITY OF BOWLING GREEN 2018-19 BUDGET SUMMARY

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN ARE .7% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

	GENERAL FUND	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>			
Taxes: Millage Rate:	7.25 Per \$1000		
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$260,077		\$260,077
Utility Service Taxes	\$177,807	\$40,117	\$217,924
Franchise Fees	\$85,000		\$85,000
Licenses, fees & permits	\$5,800	\$21,200	\$27,000
Intergovernmental revenue	\$521,126		\$521,126
Grants	\$339,185	\$9,250,643	\$9,589,828
Charges for services	\$68,401	\$1,163,568	\$1,231,969
Fines & forfeitures	\$35,000		\$35,000
Interest & misc. revenue	\$93,000	\$16,700	\$109,699
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>\$1,585,396</b>	<b>\$10,492,228</b>	<b>\$12,077,623</b>
Transfers in	\$60,000		\$0
Fund balance/reserves/net assets	\$0		\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>\$1,645,396</b>	<b>\$10,492,228</b>	<b>\$12,137,624</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
General Government	\$321,455		\$321,455
Public Safety	\$534,124		\$534,124
Physical Environment	\$306,244		\$306,244
Culture/Recreation	\$133,359		\$133,359
Cemetery	\$1,000		\$1,000
Utility Services	\$0	\$1,087,244	\$1,087,244
Debt Service	\$0	\$84,341	\$84,341
Capital Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant Projects	\$339,185	\$9,250,643	\$9,589,828
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,635,366</b>	<b>\$10,422,228</b>	<b>\$12,057,594</b>
Transfers out	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
Fund balance/reserves/net assets	\$10,029	\$10,000	\$20,029
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES &amp; RESERVES</b>	<b>\$1,645,396</b>	<b>\$10,492,228</b>	<b>\$12,137,624</b>

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

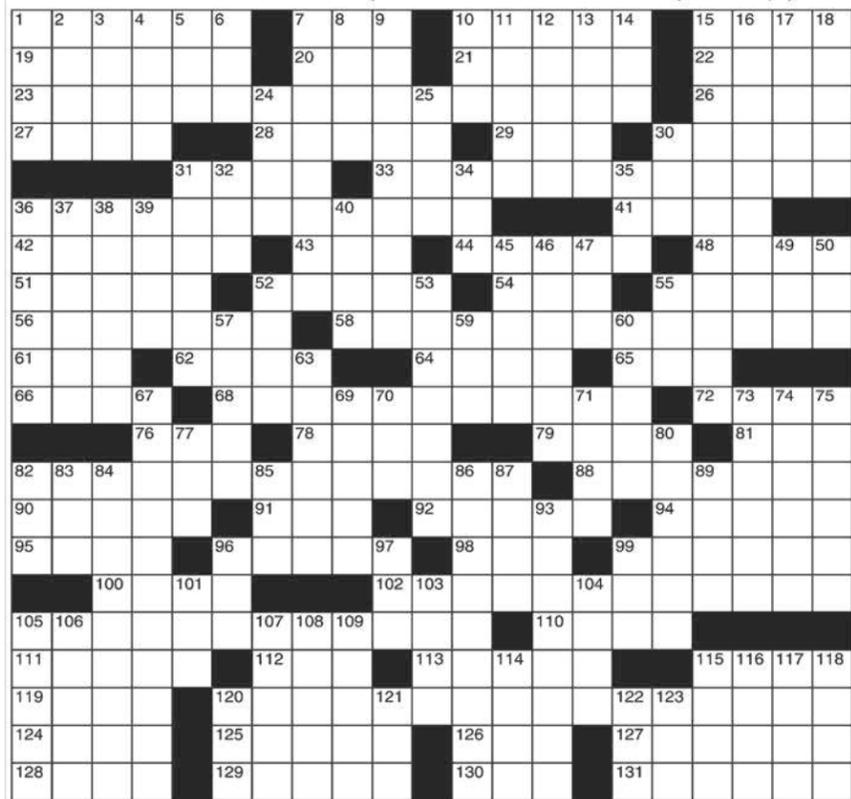
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# Super Crossword

## TECH COMPANY CLOSINGS

- ACROSS**
- 1 No-elevator multistory building
  - 7 Prefix with bar or belief
  - 10 Long tales
  - 15 Boo-boo
  - 19 Consider identical
  - 20 Go-between: Abbr.
  - 21 Roping event
  - 22 NCAA's
  - 23 Protection for many bank tellers
  - 26 "— cost ya!"
  - 27 Closeout, e.g.
  - 28 Preamble
  - 29 Puzzler's cry
  - 30 Net vending
  - 31 Kinnear of Hollywood
  - 33 Reflections
  - 36 Connecticut state song
  - 41 Spanish bull
  - 42 Actor Ed
  - 43 Yoko of the avant-garde
  - 44 Mall binge, maybe
  - 48 Get a pic of
  - 51 Wooden peg
  - 52 "In a pickle," e.g.
  - 54 Part of ERA
  - 55 "Bear" of the outback
  - 56 Insignia
  - 58 Three-section holder of bills
  - 61 52, to Livy
  - 62 Spanish surrealist
  - 64 See 6-Down
  - 65 Simpson judge Lance
  - 66 Probe for
  - 68 Journals
  - 72 Really cries
  - 76 Bass finale?
  - 78 Notion, in Nancy
  - 79 Yule song
  - 81 Syllable after "oom"
  - 82 Element like barium or radium
  - 88 Hard but easily broken
  - 90 Verse-writing, old-style
  - 91 1940s pres.
  - 92 Pricy hotel offering
  - 94 Pact of the U.S., Can. and Mex.
  - 95 University of Kentucky's — Arena
  - 96 Some aria singers
  - 98 Vintage auto inits.
  - 99 Adept
  - 100 Conflicted
  - 102 Arbitrary security inspection
  - 105 Collection for the Fed
  - 110 Shrewd
  - 111 Keno cousin
  - 112 Water, in Nancy
  - 113 Tweaks text
  - 115 Unbox, e.g.
  - 119 Napoleonic exile locale
  - 120 2014 Kentucky Derby winner
  - 124 Pennant, e.g.
  - 125 From Tehran or Tabriz
  - 126 Elegant shade tree
  - 127 1991 horror film sequel subtitled "The Awakening"
  - 128 "Rent" actor
  - 129 Pastis base
  - 130 South Korea's Kim — jung
  - 131 Tech giant whose name can precede nine words in this puzzle
  - 3 Abatement
  - 4 Frilly green
  - 5 Rugged truck, in brief
  - 6 With
  - 64-Across, snookums or sweetie, say
  - 7 Real nice
  - 8 "— it!" (outfield call)
  - 9 Extra entryway for bad weather
  - 10 Physician's work unit
  - 11 Diametrically opposite
  - 12 Sun Valley's state
  - 13 Romero or Franck
  - 14 "Help me!"
  - 15 Parts of many rock songs
  - 16 Eight-sided
  - 17 Stan's pal in old films
  - 18 Drops
  - 24 — à-terre
  - 25 Kitchen wrap
  - 30 Genre of rock
  - 31 Coagulated member
  - 32 Fam. — graphics
  - 34 High- —
  - 35 Suffix with favor or zinc
  - 36 Mountaintop melodies
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  - 83 Reed of rock
  - 84 Held off
  - 85 Flyers' gp.
  - 86 Blushed
  - 87 Hurried, quaintly
  - 89 "Sharknado" actress Reid
  - 93 Occurred gradually
  - 96 House pest
  - 97 Mysore "Mr."
  - 99 Ending of enzymes
  - 101 Los del — ("Macarena" duo)
  - 103 Chevy debut of 2004
  - 104 Plateau's kin
  - 105 Rock fissure
  - 106 Shout out, colloquially
  - 107 Hanker
  - 108 — Lama
  - 109 Devastates
  - 114 Visiting
  - 115 Black-and-white cookie
  - 116 Atari classic
  - 117 Jannings of "Quo Vadis"
  - 118 "54" actress Campbell
  - 120 U.S. org. with moles
  - 121 Archaic "Curses!"
  - 122 Machine part
  - 123 Gp. with a copay



**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A relationship takes an unexpected shift that could leave you puzzled and hurt. Asking for an explanation could help uncover the reason for this sudden turn of events.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You might need to get more facts to help you work out those problems with your new project. As always, a friendly approach shows the charming Arian at his or her persuasive best.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your busy schedule has drawn down much of your energy levels. Restore them by spending a well-earned time out enjoying the arts — perhaps with that special someone.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Information is what energizes ambition, and this is a good time for the ambitious Bovine to expand his or her range of knowledge and to be ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Make that presentation with confidence. Remember: When you show you believe in yourself, it helps persuade others that you truly know what you're doing.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) This is a good time to consider making some long-overdue decorating changes at home or in your workplace. A splash of color can help raise spirits, even on the grayest day.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Although you usually prefer doing things on your own, a group effort might be advisable at this time. Try to keep an open mind about suggestions from colleagues.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Learn more. Earn more. That's the formula for Moon Children looking to expand their career horizons. Investigate the best places to get those training courses you'll need.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) This could be a good time to reassess some of your recent decisions and see if any adjustments should be made based on facts that you might have just uncovered.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your creative side helps gain attention for many of your ideas. But don't neglect the practical aspects involved in implementing their move from paper to production. Good luck.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) An emotionally charged situation creates uncertainty about the future of your relationship. Best advice: Talk things out while there's still time to reach a new understanding.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A health problem should not be ignored. The sooner you check it out, the sooner you can deal with it and then move on. Some job advice comes from an unlikely source.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You tend to act on matters of principle despite what others might advise.

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## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



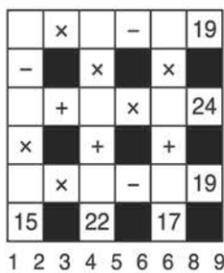
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Back of chair is higher. 2. Diploma is lower. 3. Arm of chair is raised. 4. Arm is raised. 5. Finger is different. 6. Buttons are on other side of coat.

## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

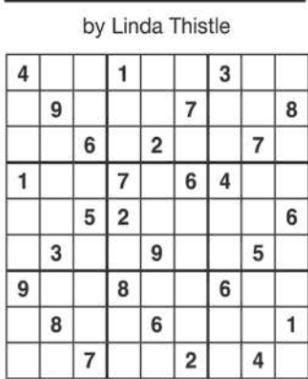
The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each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



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

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## Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle



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: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## MAGIC MAZE ● WOODWORKING TERMS

F J G D Z W T Q G N K H D A X  
U R P M J G D O A X V G S L Q  
N K R I F D D A X V T R I P Q  
O M A J E H H F C F A A Y W U  
R P B N C S L J E R T I M H F  
D B B N Z X I V E E C N E F T  
R E E Q O M K T V K I O H F D  
B B T U C S S O R C Z N Y W V  
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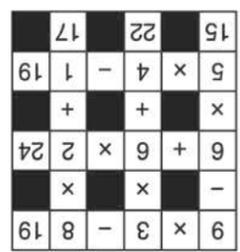
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Bench dog
- Bolster
- Burl
- Crosscut
- Dado
- Dovetail
- Fence
- Grain
- Kerf
- Mitre
- Mortise
- Rabbet
- Rail
- Rip
- Route

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Answers



Answers

Go Figure!



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: V equals T

JQCR FV JIE BN VPXR VG  
HG EGBC FXGRFRW KQGXC,  
F KGPXIWCGPEON EVCSSCH  
PS VG VQC SOCIV.

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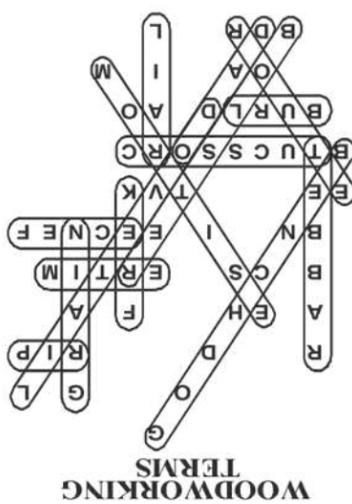
## CryptoQuote

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.

SXWHMEX MIVUTEMFI, T HXIIG  
MW WEMUU T VTMZ HZMNX VFZ  
EAX EAFPBAEW FV KTIG HXFHUX.  
— TPEAFZ PIYIFDI

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Answers

When it was my turn to do some ironing chores, I courageously stepped up to the plate.

— Author Unknown

Despite inflation, a penny is still a fair price for the thoughts of many people.

— Author Unknown

# HARDEE LIVING

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
**Steve and Mary Storts of Wauchula celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party with family and friends on Saturday, Sept. 8. The couple were married on Sept. 7, 1968, in Bradenton. They have resided in Hardee County since 1969. He was employed by Mosaic, retiring after nearly 30 years of service. The couple have four children, Aaron Storts, Wesley Storts, Jennifer Billingsley, and Amy Lininger; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The Storts enjoy traveling, spending time with their grandchildren, and their volunteer ministry.**

## SUMMER PROJECT



*COURTESY PHOTOS*  
**Over the summer Heart of Hardee 4-H club members took on the service project of redoing the county 4-H hog scales and trailer. The trailer was sandblasted, painted, rewired and all the boards were replaced. We made it look like a brand new hog scale trailer for all the Hardee County 4-H clubs to use! Our club also worked on a way to display our new club banner. A huge thank you goes out to Vision Ace Hardware of Wauchula for donating all of the supplies needed to create the PVC banner holder. It is going to be a great asset to our club! At our first 4-H meeting of the new year, on Sept. 4, we had several new faces. The members had a wonderful time electing new officers and practicing parliamentary procedure by creating trail mix. – By Reporter Janelle McDuffie**



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
**Jacob Neuhofer and Amelia Johnson**

## Amelia Johnson & Jacob Neuhofer Become Engaged

Amelia Caroline Johnson, of Fernandina Beach, and Jacob Paul Neuhofer, of Wauchula, have announced their engagement and upcoming marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter Janis Johnson of Fernandina Beach and the late Jeff Johnson. She is a 2018 graduate of the University of Florida College of Nursing, and is a registered nurse employed at St. Vincent Hospital in Jacksonville. The prospective groom is the

son of Gina and Chris Neuhofer of Wauchula. He is a 2018 graduate of the University of Florida Hough Graduate School of Business, with a Master of Science degree in management. He is employed by AXA Financial Advisors in Jacksonville.

Plans are being finalized for a Saturday, Nov. 3, wedding in Fernandina Beach at the First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach.

## 4-H Club News

### LUCKY CLOVERS

My name is Jaymie Chancey, I am the new Reporter for the Lucky Clovers 4-H club.

At our recent meeting we discussed the following: rules, fundraisers, and our monthly meeting schedule. We also learned about Zingbooks, which is an online record book.

Our officers were also chosen at our meeting by vote.

We also learned we will be putting up new 4-H signs entering the county on SR 66 and SR 62! Lastly, we went over our future field trips.

Our meeting was tons of fun and we have a lot to look forward to this year!

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## NEW LOOK



*CURRENT PHOTO BY JENNIFER McCONKEY*

**After years of boarded-up leaky windows, First Baptist Church of Fort Meade is renovating its building inside and out. Deacon Kevin Collier said the word behind the pulpit won't change, but the things around it will. Church leadership doesn't want potential visitors to bypass the church because its looks rundown, he explained. Instead, they want a modern look. The external renovations include new windows and doors, a fresh paint job, a digital sign out front, and new landscaping around the building. Church member Tim Walker, a manager with Sunshine Growers Inc., is doing the landscaping, Collier said. The church also had two large oak trees removed so the church is more visible from the road. Most of the renovation costs are being covered by unexpected donations the church received, Collier noted. Above is the church before; below is the church mid-renovation.**

## CULTIVATING OTHERS



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
**The Wauchula Garden Club each year donates funds to organizations which help Hardee County citizens. Pictured receiving donations are (from left) Jessica Garner, Resthaven administrator, and Amy Harper, Hardee Help Center executive director, who were guests at the May club meeting; and 2018 Hardee High School graduating seniors Jose Sustaita and Jose Aleman, who were awarded college scholarships to pursue their interest in horticulture. Checks were presented by Carol Saunders, Garden Club treasurer. The new club year begins this week. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in plants, landscaping and horticulture. Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 131 N. Eighth Ave. Membership dues are \$25.**



## On This Day:

- In 1519 Spanish expedition led by Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan sets off on the 1st successful circumnavigation of the globe (Magellan killed on route)
- In 1565 Spaniards capture Fort Caroline Florida & massacre the French
- In 1664 Maryland passes 1st anti-amalgamation law to stop intermarriage of English women & black men

# HARDEE LIVING

## VETERANS PARK



COURTESY PHOTO

American Legion Post No. 2 in Wauchula is in the process of upgrading its grounds and creating an extension to its veterans park, which is situated behind the memorial erected to honor Hardee County's fallen heroes. The post hopes to share its story with the locals and travelers who view or visit the memorial and park. Membership is open to any wartime veteran. Call the post at 773-2331 or the adjutant at 781-0296 for more information.



## 4-City News

By Henrietta Benson  
448-6737



The Fifth Sunday Union Meeting will convene Sept. 26-29 in Wauchula. Host church is Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, the Rev. Arthur Powell Jr., pastor-president.

Sept. 23 at 3 p.m., Friendship Baptist Church Rev. Leroy Sims, of Davenport, will render service at close of the Rev. Arthur Powell Jr. Annual Anniversary at Progressive Missionary Baptist Church.

Don't forget the first annual 100 Men in Black on Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at Bethel AME Church in Winter Haven. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Courtney J. Mackey.

Dr. Herbert L. Brown, 96, passed Sept. 5 in Winter Haven. He was a retired pastor and member at Mt. Zion MB Church in Auburndale. Deepest sympathy to the family. Visitation was Sept. 14 and services Sept. 15.

Deepest sympathy to the Middleton family. The Celebration of Life for Ellis James "Choo Choo" Middleton was Sept. 13 in Arcadia at Mt. Zion AME Church. Born Dec. 24, 1932, passed Thursday morning, Sept. 6. He attended school in Wauchula and Bethune Cookman College, served in Korean War. The Rev. V.C. Fayson delivered the memorial message. Alton and Edward Brown, Eric Middleton, Deshawn, Kavauris and Keshawn Polk were pallbearers. Interment at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Congratulations to Sam Fite, mayor of Bowling Green, newly appointed as president of the Ridge League of Cities for 2018-19. New officers: Rob Robinson, mayor of Davenport, vice president; Judy Wertz-Strickland, mayor of Arcadia,

treasurer; Neda Eagle Cobb, mayor pro-tem of Wauchula, secretary. Congratulations to all.

Saturday was the home-going service for Walter Henry "Sug" Daniels at Progressive MB Church, the Rev. Arthur Powell Jr., pastor and eulogist. He was born April 2, 1943, and passed on Sept. 6. Selection by choir; Elder Michael McMillian, invocation; Scripture by Min. Aubrey Graham the O.T. and Pastor Scott Waldron the N.T.; As I Knew Him, Brandy Richardson of Hardee Manor; words of comfort, the Rev. Willie J. Carpenter; and the Rev. Arthur Powell Jr. delivered the eulogy.

Jamie Louis, Dwain Lane, Chris Manuel, Elder Michael McMillian, Perry McDonald and Willie Robinson were active pallbearers. James Greene, Richard Louise, Vernon K. Greene, Alvin Sterling, Jonathan Benson, Fred Miller, Bobby Brown, Jerry Rich, Vernon R. Greene and Pastor Nick Jones were honorary pallbearers. Interment at Magnolia Manor Cemetery, repast at Progressive dining room, Wauchula.

There was a surprise 75th birthday celebration honoring Allane "Ted" Tillman Brown on Saturday, Sept. 1, at the First Baptist Multi Resource Building on MLK. Daughter Shameika Brown-Jackson of Atlanta introduced the mistress of ceremonies, Lucille Means-Butler of Cincinnati. Son Reginald Brown gave the welcome, Bishop Harold Lonton the Scripture, Bro. Joe Lee the prayer, and her brother Minister Allen Tillman a selection.

Words: Sis. Loise Taplin, Worthy Ma-

tron of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 110; as neighbors, Girlene McWhor-ter, Diane Smith, Stephane and Patricia Carlton; as a family member, Patricia Hodges Lunsford; selection by Pastor John Donaldson and goddaughter Katessa Camel Swint; as a sister, Inell Tillman; as a niece, June Jordan; Allane's history by Mae L. Simpkins.

Sister-in-law Mardriven B. Daniels of Jacksonville was not able to attend. Carol Tillman, Bishop Harold Lonton rendered a selection, Children: Mark, Reginald and Shameika, husband Bobby Brown. Selection reader by Prophetess Nitarsha Gordon. Words as her pastor, by landline, the Rev. Reginald Franklin. Thanks to all by son Mark Brown of Lakeland. Pastor Gloria Lonton, the invocation. Special thanks to Pastor R. Franklin, First Baptist, Betsey Outley, Laticia Wilkins, Ossie Johnson, Latoya Wiggins and "D.J." John Mosley. The guests enjoyed a dinner and the fish fry at the Brown residence on Baker Street.

Mrs. Ted Brown returned up to Cincinnati for a stay with friend Lucille Butler, arrived home last Thursday evening.

Mattie Daniels is home after a stay in the Sebring hospital. Pray for all the sick and shut-ins: Jessie E. Belcher, Ali Morris, Barbara Baker, Thelma Blakley, James A. White and Stanley Davis.

Mardriven B. Daniels of Jacksonville spent the weekend in Hardee with relatives, the Bobby Brown family, the Irvins, Kempes, Bensons, Daniels and other relatives and friends. Walter Frazier Jr. of Miami spent the weekend in Wauchula with family and friends.

Mt. Camel PB Church, Elder Haughbrook, pastor, of Nichols, will render the Annual Church Anniversary at Greater MP Church. Guest church will be Mt. Pleasant PB Church of Fort Meade.

Today (Thursday) evening service, guest church will be Mt. Sinai PB Church of Lakeland, Pastor John Smith, for Greater MPB Church Elder E. Reed, pastor.

• On average, people who complain live longer. Releasing the tension increases immunity and boosts their health.

## Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper  
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green! Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Edward Alderman, who made his final journey last week. He grew up in Fort Green and his dad was "Mug" Alderman. He lived in Kissimmee his adult years and retired from the Florida Highway Patrol. He will certainly be missed.

Also, sympathy is extended to the family of Henry Daniels. His girls were in the 4-H Club at Bowling Green when I was the leader. If my memory is correct, he worked for the Carltons on Bay Street. It seems to me that when my late husband Kay's daddy passed, Henry would bring delicious hot biscuits to the house. He had been sick for some time. Also, the girls' mother, Henrietta Benson, was my assistant leader with the 4-H Club.

Abby Duke and Aubrey Bragg both are members of our church. Congratulations to them as they came in first and second respectively in their swim meet last week. Then over the weekend they went to Florida Southern and Abby took first place in her class. Way to go, girls!

Everyone is talking about the storm in North and South Carolina. We certainly need to be in prayer for them and also give thanks that it did not hit us.

Everyone was happy to see Mable Williamson in Sunday School last week. She has missed quite a few times with sickness or else her husband, James, was ill. He could not attend with her as he was sick with a bad headache. Charles Abbot is our teacher and he was unable to attend for the same reason. Brother Mike Roberts was a guest in our class and we gave him the job of teaching! He visits different classes each Sunday while he is filling in as supply preacher. He certainly does a good job.

Our drop a dime program is beginning again at church. The money collected goes to the

shoebboxes we fill around Christmas. Joe Fields said if we collect at least \$350, he and his wife, Dollene, will furnish and cook breakfast for the church. The meal was delicious last time.

I would not know how to begin cooking for about 100 people for one meal, how much to buy, etc. Of course, he works for the county and I believe Danny Weeks is his supervisor, and Danny can plan a meal for over 100 and know how much to buy, etc.

We had a beautiful bouquet on the Lord's Table this past Sunday. Stephanie and Scooter Reid sent them in honor of their son, Chris, who passed away in a tragedy a year ago.

John Alexander, a fairly old man, visits his son often and always comes to church, either alone or with his daughter-in-law, Roberta. He posted a picture of guava jam he had made from guavas he took home with him from his recent visit. He has got more stamina than me, to drive the distance to Tennessee and then get busy making jam!

Tracy Powell had surgery last Friday. He is home from the hospital but his wife said he is taking medicine as he is in pretty bad pain. Please pray for Tracy. Also, the article in the paper about Kelly Weems Yeomans is pretty bad. If you have a sickness and they do not know what it is so cannot treat it correctly. Tracy had the problem with doctors not able to determine the problem. After his surgery they now know a little more.

I hope the person who hit the family with their car was not on the phone! In a store last week, a person was busy texting on her phone and about walked into me. I said pretty loud "excuse me" and with that she looked up and veered! Those phones can be a problem but are needed in an emergency.

Please pray for each other and our nation.

## SFSC Foundation Welcomes 2 New Board Members

Alex Fells and Darrell L. Jensen were recently elected to serve on the South Florida State College Foundation Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Representing Highlands County, Fells is the assistant vice president of asset management for Legacy Communities, based in Sebring. Jensen, who also represents Highlands County, is the chief financial officer of Heacock Insurance Group in Sebring.

The SFSC Foundation is the official fundraising and gift-receiving organization for SFSC.

As a nonprofit corporation, it works with local business partners and friends to establish scholarships, fund endowments, and offset capital expenditures. To make a donation to the SFSC Foundation, call 453-3133 or email [foundation@southflorida.edu](mailto:foundation@southflorida.edu).

## School Menu

**MONDAY**  
Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, scone, french toast sticks, fruit and milk  
Lunch: hot dog (k-12), PB&J (k-12), mozzarella pinwheel (k-12), cheeseburger (6-12), pan pizza (6-12), baked beans, cucumbers, garden salad (6-12), fruit and milk (k-12)

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

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

**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, donut holes, chicken biscuit, fruit and milk  
Lunch: pasta w/meat sauce, (k-12), PB&J (k-12), stuff crust pizza (k-5), Big Daddy pizza (6-12), chicken nuggets (6-12), buffalo chicken chunks (6-12), celery (k-12), garden salad (k-12), corn, fruit and milk

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

• The most difficult tongue twister in the English language is "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick".

The Hardee Senior High Student Council Presents

# 2018 HOMECOMING PARADE

## Cats On Broadway

**Hardee Wildcats vs. Bartow Yellow Jackets**

**OCTOBER 5 ★ 2:30PM**

Entry Fee: \$15.00  
Entry Deadline: Friday, September 28, 2018

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Best HHS Class Float
- Best HHS Club Float
- Best Elementary/Junior High Float
- Best Business/Organization Float

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# 'Cats Storm Tornado Alley

By MICHAEL KELLY  
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Hardee Wildcats scored early and often against Booker (Sarasota) High School as the team cruised to its second consecutive shutout by beating the Tornadoes 49-0 as the squad improved to 4-0 for the season.

Hardee enters its bye week after beating the first four opponents by a combined score of 162-28 with Sebring being the only team that has scored against the Wildcats, which held Fort Meade, Avon Park and Booker scoreless.

Head coach Brian Kemp is very pleased with the way the team has played during the first four games of the season but also thinks there is room for improvement.

"We still have a lot of work to do," he said. "We have some individual players who are grading out lower than the score would indicate."

Kemp wants to focus on improving the defensive alignment and work on increasing the tempo of the offense.

He gave the players the day off Monday and might also let them take Friday off if they have a good week of practice.

Kemp and some of the other coaches will travel on Friday night to scout some of Hardee's upcoming opponents.

The Wildcats took advantage of early miscues by Booker and converted them into touchdowns on their first five offensive possessions of the game.

Jean Youte recovered a fumble of the opening kickoff and Hardee took over at the

Booker 13-yard line.

Ellis Hodges ripped off three consecutive runs to find the end zone and give Hardee a quick 6-0 lead with 10:39 left in the opening quarter.

Hardee elected to go for two but James Pearson's pass attempt fell incomplete.

Booker picked up one first down on its opening possession before having to punt.

A bad snap forced punter Andy Lopez to abort the kick and run but Matt Tyson quickly tackled him at the Booker 40.

Pearson then connected with Hodges for a 27-yard completion before Jean St. Louis ripped off a 13-yard run before punching it in from the 2.

Hardee unsuccessfully went for two and led 12-0 with 5:25 left in the first quarter.

Booker started its next drive from its own 10-yard line after a penalty on the kickoff and Hardee's defense forced a three-and-out.

A poor punt went out of bounds after only traveling 17 yards and Hardee took over at the Tornadoes 32.

Six plays later Pearson faked a handoff and found tight end Trenton Roberson open in the end zone for a 6-yard touchdown reception.

Leo Duarte made the PAT and Hardee pushed its lead to 19-0 with 53 seconds left in the first quarter.

Booker took the ensuing kickoff and returned it to midfield before Ke'Varreis White laid a hard hit on Keyshawn Timmons and forced a fumble



Ellis Hodges outruns the Booker defenders for a 90-yard kick return touchdown to open the second half.

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which was recovered by Duarte at the Tornadoes 45.

Pearson completed a third-down pass attempt to Myron Refoure for a 32-yard gain and a first down to the 14.

Three plays later fullback Ariel Whitters pounded his way across the goal line for a 1-yard touchdown. Duarte's PAT was good and Hardee led 26-0 with 10:29 left in the first half.

Booker completed a long pass to move into Hardee territory for the first time during the game before Tyson and Jesus Lopez teamed up to sack King Winkfield and force another punt, which only went 7

yards and Hardee took over from its 35.

Pearson connected with Dylan Davis for a 28-yard completion to start the drive and move into Booker territory.

Pearson then ran for another first down followed by a 14-yard run by Hodges.

Hodges then capped off the drive with a 4-yard touchdown run up the middle.

Duarte's PAT kick was good and Hardee led 33-0 with 3:57 left in the half.

The Tornadoes' offense picked up one first down before Roberson sacked Winkfield for a 6-yard loss.

The next play Sam Louis intercepted Winkfield and returned it 8 yards to the Booker 43 with 1:40 left in the half.

The Wildcats were unable

to score and punted for the first time in the opening half with 15 seconds left on the clock.

Hardee received to start the second half and Hodges took the kick back 90 yards for a touchdown.

Duarte's PAT was good and Hardee led 40-0, which triggered a running clock for the remainder of the game.

Three of the four Wildcat victories this season have had a running clock in the game.

Booker was forced to punt on its next drive and Hardee took over at the Tornadoes 41 before settling for a 37-yard field goal by Duarte to make it 43-0 with 1:00 left in the third quarter.

Hardee's defense continued to stymie the Booker offense and forced another three-and-out after Isaac Moreno sacked

Winkfield on a third-down pass attempt.

Moreno then broke through the line on the next play and blocked the punt and Hardee took over at the Booker 19.

Hardee's coaching staff then began subbing many of the players but they did not take their foot of the gas pedal.

Cade Alexy ran for a first down before freshman backup quarterback Caden Dunlap dropped back and threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Damien Rodriguez with 2:45 left in the game.

Other than a few bumps and bruises, the Wildcats have emerged a healthy team after the first four games of the season and will be rested and ready to resume district play when Lemon Bay comes to town on September 28.



Senior linebacker Matt Tyson sacks quarterback King Winkfield.



Linebacker Sam Louis emerges from the pile after coming down with an interception.



Trenton Roberson celebrates catching a touchdown pass.



Ariel Whitters bowls his way across the goal line for a Wildcat touchdown.



Kicker Leo Duarte holds up the ball after recovering a fumble caused by Ke'Varreis White on a kickoff.



Michael Rodriguez congratulates Jean St. Louis after he scored a touchdown.