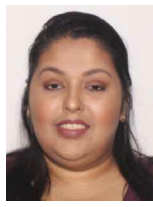


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Dogs In Attack Will Be Euthanized

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Of The Herald-Advocate

Four dogs that attacked a child walking home from school will be euthanized by order of the Zolfo Springs Town Commission.

The attack took place last month as the 11-year-old Zolfo Springs Elementary student was on her way home from school. Witnesses heard screaming and ran to find two large dogs and three small ones attacking the child.

The witnesses, the Villalva family, were able to get the girl to safety, at

which point they called 911.

They, along with several other members of the community, testified about the dogs during a special meeting of the Zolfo Springs Town Commission on Wednesday.

Four of the dogs from the attack have been identified by the witnesses and the victim as belonging to Dana Duff; the fifth dog, one of the small ones, has not been found.

In addition to four members of the Villalva family, 11 others spoke about their experiences with the dogs, including Hardee County Sher-

iff's Dep. Johnny Trammell, Duff, neighbors, town employees, and relatives of the victim.

Photos of the girl's injuries were provided by Hardee County Fire Rescue. Additional pictures were provided by the victim's attorney, Kenneth Hancock, on behalf of her family.

During their testimonies, Trammell and town employees Andrew Ray and Russell Garner said that when they saw the dogs after the attack, they did not act aggressively or show any noticeable signs that they

had attacked anyone. Duff, however, was the one who put the dogs in their cages to be taken to quarantine, so the others did not interact closely with the dogs.

The 11-year-old did not want to talk about the attack or sit in on the meeting, so her mother, Tiffany Collier Kelly, described what her daughter said happened that day. She also gave her own testimony about past experiences with Duff's dogs.

Kelly gave details about how bad the injuries were and how the attack is affecting her daughter's life, say-

ing the child doesn't want to talk about the attack or look at her injuries.

So far, Kelly says, the girl has had four surgeries and a skin graft on her arm and two skin grafts on her leg.

James Kelly, the victim's father, gave his testimony about the day of the attack and thanked the family that rescued his daughter.

Several people from the dogs' neighborhood gave testimony about the dogs acting aggressively in the past. Some of those who spoke were: **See DOGS A2**

Cold Case FAILS To Thaw

By CYNTHIA KRAHL

Of The Herald-Advocate

The ice has not melted on the cold case reportedly solved by the Hardee County Sheriff's Office late last year.

And the man arrested in the 2007 homicide, Christopher Mark Tindell of Wauchula, has been released from jail and from all charges.

In a notice filed in Hardee Circuit Court on Tuesday of last week, Assistant State Attorney Stephen K. Houchin, chief of the Hardee and Highlands offices, stopped short of criticizing detectives for the Dec. 18 second-degree murder arrest of Tindell.

"Law enforcement in 2007 determined that there was not probable cause to charge anyone with the victim's death," Houchin wrote. "Recently additional interviews have been conducted with the defendant and others."

But, he pointed out, "No new evidence was discovered."

Instead, Houchin wrote, "certain statements made by the defendant were taken out of context to support a war-

rarrantless arrest." Those statements, the top prosecutor said, "in no way constitute sufficient evidence for a good faith prosecution."

Hence Tindell's release from custody that same afternoon.

Hardee County Sheriff Arnold Lanier disagreed with the state's action.

"The state wasn't comfortable with moving forward with prosecution, reference the speedy trial rule," Lanier said following the case's dismissal. If further evidence should arise, they could review it again.

In that regard, Houchin concurred, "If additional evidence is developed, this case will be reconsidered."

The clock, however, is ticking.

"Unfortunately, by law enforcement making a warrantless arrest, double jeopardy has attached and speedy trial is running," the prosecutor wrote.

Houchin on Monday of this week explained that law enforcement officers can make a "warrantless arrest" — meaning **See COLD A2**

WILD RIDE

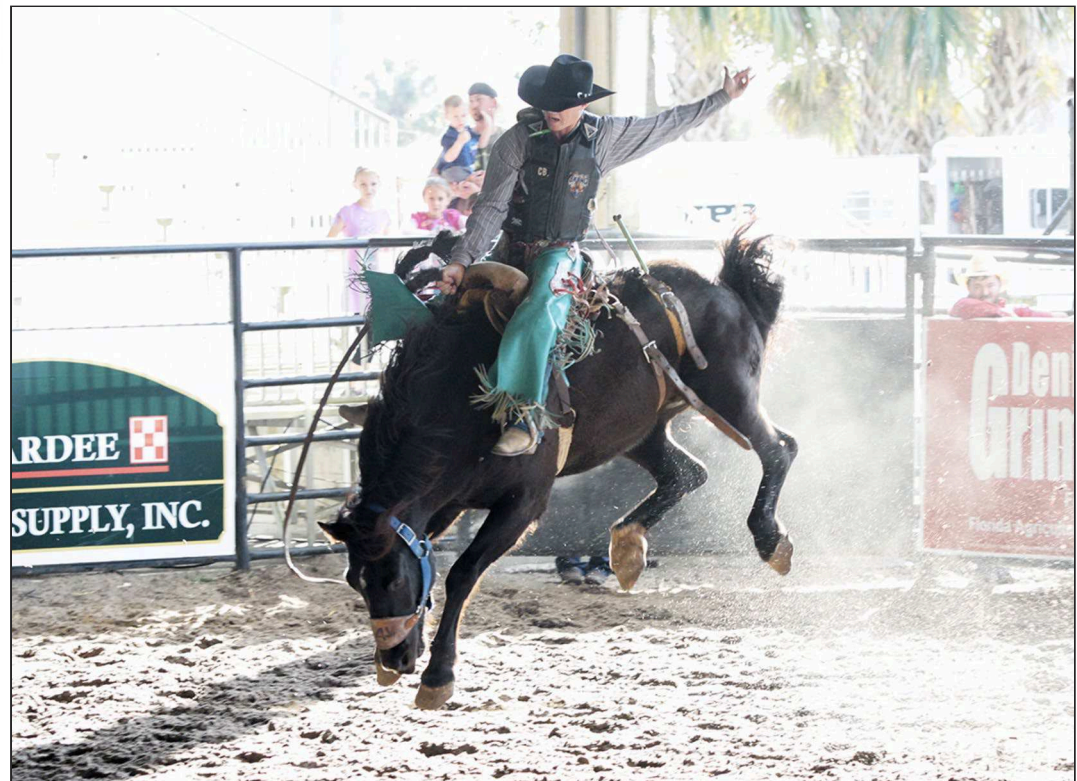


PHOTO BY KATHY ANN GREGG

Looking for some Wild West entertainment this weekend? Come to the Peace River ProRodeo Classic at the Hardee County Cattleman's Arena at Stenstrom and Altman roads in Wauchula. Shown here is Okeechobee standout Nat Stratton in the saddlebronc riding event. Other roughstock events to thrill you are bareback riding and bull riding, as well as timed events of steer wrestling, tie-down and team roping, and Women's Professional Rodeo Association barrel racing. Performances are Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Gates open two hours prior to showtime. Come see the outstanding rodeo stock provided by 4L & Diamond S, watch the Mason ProRodeo Productions Patriotic Cowgirls, and be entertained by Wild Thang and Team Ghost Riders -- those adorable capuccin monkeys who ride border collies! Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under. Concessions will be available. See you at the rodeo!

IDA Brings New Company Here ...

By MICHAEL KELLY

Of The Herald-Advocate

Less than a year after receiving a \$500,000 line of credit from the Hardee County Industrial Development Authority, generator manufacturer PFM has closed its doors in the Commerce Park and a new company is ready to take its place.

IDA Executive Director Bill Lambert last week introduced Cesaroni Technology Inc., which was recruited with help from Space Florida to move into the building.

The company, well established in the aerospace, ammunition, rocket motors and polymer heat transfer businesses with existing locations in New Mexico, Canada and Sarasota, will begin making the projectiles for its ammunition business in the building.

It will not be manufacturing finished ammunition and no propellants will be located in the building.

The ammunition, used by the U.S. military and also sold to major munition companies, are lead-free projectiles and manufactured in a number of calibers.

As part of the agreement the IDA board approved last week, Cesaroni Technology will pay off the nearly \$500,000 lien owed to the IDA by PFM on the line of credit.

The IDA, in turn, will pay off a \$438,000 lease to Space Florida on behalf of PFM to purchase \$1.2 million worth of equipment that the new company will use.

The equipment will become a capitalized asset of the building, which was recently appraised at nearly \$2.5 million, and Cesaroni will begin paying \$13,000 per month in lease payments.

The company will sign a 10-year lease on the building, which will include a purchase option with credits applied for the lease payments.

Anthony Cesaroni, who founded the company in 1992, said he expects to employ eight people within six months and hopes to be up to 30 within five years at the facility.

Cesaroni, who lives in Sarasota, has taken various businesses from the initial concept stage through to commercial manufacturing and has been granted more than 80 patents

in the various fields.

He said he looked at several facilities around the state and felt the location in the park was best suited for the company's needs.

Cesaroni said he would also like to move the heat-exchange business into the facility in the future.

PFM had been in the building since 2014 and was never able to get its rotary-en-

gine generator business up and running.

Former CEO Shaun Okun, who died in 2017, made several projections that never came to fruition and the company never got past the prototype stages and into production.

Under the terms of the line of credit, PFM put up its intellectual property as collateral **See COMPANY A3**

... Funds Rapid Systems Upgrade

By MICHAEL KELLY

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Industrial Development Authority has agreed to fund \$775,000 so Rapid Systems can upgrade its wireless broadband network in Hardee County.

Since receiving a \$2 million grant in 2010, the company has seen its internet capacity grow from 300 megabits across the county to the current 10 gigabits of available service, company CEO Dustin Jurman told the board.

Jurman said the capital improvements will upgrade the radio transmitting equipment on the 15 monopoles scattered around the county. New equipment will allow stronger signals and will allow for better and faster service across the county, he said.

Bill Lambert, executive director of the IDA, told the board the system upgrades were necessary for the network to remain viable. **See UPGRADE A3**

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Ten Year Average - 49.17
Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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3 Days Set Aside To Honor MLK

By JENNIFER McCONKEY

Of The Herald-Advocate

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day officially is this Monday, but Hardee County will be celebrating the contributions of this civil rights leader all weekend long.

There will be music, food and fun as the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Wauchula hosts four events in honor of King, all of which are completely free and open to the public.

The festivities celebrating the life and legacy of King will kick off with a concert and worship time this Saturday at 4 p.m. at Heritage Park in downtown Wauchula, sponsored **See MLK A2**

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Kelly's Column

By Jim

The old Hardee Memorial Hospital cost \$1.4 million to build in 1970 and was partially financed by \$540,000 in federal funds and \$60,000 in local donations. The federal loan was paid back at \$43,000 a year, said Denise Grimsley, who was a Candy Striper in 1975.

She is now administrator of the new AdventHealth Wauchula Hospital, built at a cost of \$31.5 million. The new emergency room has 15 beds, and the hospital has 149 employees. There were 260 construction workers hired to build the new hospital, located on U.S. 17 northbound.

The old hospital had 38,000 square feet and the new one 50,000 square feet. The Hardee Industrial Development Authority helped make the U.S. 17 location work, since the new hospital was originally planned at the old site on Carlton Street and South Florida Avenue.

Steven Duhamel is chairman of the Board of Trustees and Buddy Douglas is worship leader at the First United Methodist Church in Zolfo Springs. Both are veterans of the Vietnam Conflict. Dave Harper is pastor of the church. They recently spoke to the Hardee Rotary Club.

The Sunday morning service begins at 10:15 with southern gospel music. Traditional worship service begins at 11 a.m. Wednesday night Bible study is at 7. Average Sunday attendance recently is over 90. The church is located at 3401 Suwannee Street.

Some of the older guys are doing quite well. Sylvester Stallone, 72, did a good acting job as a boxing trainer in the movie Creed 2.

Clint Eastwood, 88, did a good job of acting and directing in his latest movie The Mule.

Tom Brady, 41, is still winning NFL playoff games with the New England Patriots. Most quarterbacks are long retired at his age. There were six QBs drafted ahead of Brady in 2000.

Dr. Elver Hodges, 106, of Wauchula is still attending local events with his daughter Margaret Blanco.

Ryan Hyland of The Rotarian magazine reports Rotary International has made great progress in its 30-year fight against polio, aided greatly in recent years by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation:

"Thirty years ago, polio affected 350,000 children a year. Because of massive vaccination campaigns around the world, cases have dropped more than 99.9 percent. Wild poliovirus, which was endemic in 125 countries in 1988, now remains so in just three: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. More than 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated, and more than \$14 billion has been invested in the fight to eradicate the disease worldwide."

My favorites to play in the NFL Super Bowl are the New Orleans Saints and the New England Patriots.

I'm encouraged by the Tampa Bay Bucs hiring Bruce Arians as their new head coach. He is a proven head coach who did well with the Arizona Cardinals. My two favorite all-time favorite coaches of the Bucs are John McKay and Tony Dungy. If owner Hugh Culverhouse had opened his wallet more and resigned quarterback Doug Williams, McKay may well have won a Super Bowl.

If owner Malcolm Glazer had had more patience, the Bucs may have won a Super Bowl under coach Tony Dungy. Coach Jon Gruden did win a Super Bowl his first year after Dungy was fired, but his teams went downhill after that until he, too, was fired.

The Glazer family then hired Raheem Morris, Greg Schiano, Lovie Smith and Dirk Koetter without success.

The Florida Citrus Hall of Fame has two members from Hardee County — W. Albert Carlton, inducted in 1993, and Joe L. Davis Sr. in 1999. It appears the Florida citrus industry is rebounding after several off years.

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by the committee and members of Florida's First Assembly of God in Wauchula.

The concert will include a variety of old and new worship and gospel songs, along with prayer and inspirational speaking. It will conclude with a prayer for the community, its schools and its churches at 6 o'clock.

The committee says the event is in remembrance of King, who was a pastor before he was an advocate.

Then, a commemorative service will be held on Sunday at 5 p.m. at the First Missionary Baptist Church at 1347 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. in Wauchula.

And don't worry about preparing breakfast on Monday. A free breakfast will be served at 9 at the New Mt. Zion AME Church for all who wish to attend. Committee member Diane Smith says it will be a "full breakfast," including casseroles, doughnuts and orange juice.

The day will also offer break-

the State Attorney's Office has not reviewed the case and issued a warrant — in felony cases only, and only if sufficient evidence exists to indicate it is more probable than not that a suspect committed the crime in question.

"They work with probable cause; we have to prove a case beyond a reasonable doubt," he said.

"We still disagree," Lanier said later Monday, noting that in other instances detectives have developed "enough to make an arrest," and later continue to "build on it."

Said Lanier, "We are still working the case. If more evidence can be presented, we will be asking to refile."

Double jeopardy and speedy trial, however, come into play.

Houchin noted, "Once law enforcement makes an arrest, double jeopardy begins and speedy trial begins. The mere fact that we dismiss it doesn't undo either of those things."

That means detectives and prosecutors have six months — less now, and counting — to bring a case against this suspect, Tindell, to trial.

And the countdown includes obtaining a warrant, making the arrest, holding an arraignment and other court proceedings, preparing the trial case, and presenting that case to a jury.

All agree that Holly Lynne LaFlower, 26, of Punta Gorda, was slain "on or about" Jan. 20, 2007, the Medical Examiner's Office said. She had suffered severe internal injuries, and died of internal bleeding, an autopsy done at the time showed.

But, as Houchin indicated in his dismissal of the case, "Due to the type of injuries to the vic-

—Tiffany Kelly, who said a boy from the neighborhood received a minor bite.

—Lucila Vasquez, who said that the large dog with the spotted ear tried to attack her son when he was visiting, but said that he wasn't able to file a complaint because he was only in town while the town offices were closed for Thanksgiving.

—Lynn Cooper, who said that he found the large dog with the spotted ear dragging his pet chihuahua in its mouth. Cooper says the chihuahua died from its injuries despite veterinary care.

In total, nine people gave testimonies and spoke in favor of deeming the dogs dangerous.

Dog owner Duff gave her testimony about the day of the attack, the dogs' past behavior, the type of shock-collar fence she was using and her knowledge of what happened with Cooper's chihuahua.

Duff said the dogs are not normally aggressive.

Two others gave testimony in favor of the dogs not being deemed dangerous:

—Gary Peeler, Duff's neighbor, said that he did not see the attack, but has never had trouble with the dogs or their owner(s) and has never seen the large dogs out of their yard.

—Jessica Gonzales said she

MLK

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out sessions at the church, where people can join discussion groups to learn about Black history milestones and events that have shaped African-Americans, organizers say.

At 1 p.m. Monday, there will be a Fun Day at Magnolia Manor Park.

A lunch of hot dogs, chips, and soda and water will also be available for free at the park starting at 1. For fun activities, there will be volleyball, kickball and bounce houses.

Magnolia Manor Park is located at 915 Chamberlain Blvd. in Wauchula.

If you have questions about any of the events or would like more information, contact LaTicia Wilkins at 245-1022.

While Martin Luther King Jr. Day is held on the third Monday each January, King's birthday was actually this past Tuesday. King, who was born in 1929, would have turned 90 this year.

A leader of the civil rights movement, King is known for his role in such nonviolent

protests as the bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala., and the March on Washington for Jobs & Freedom, where he gave his famed "I Have a Dream" speech.

Although much has changed in the 50 years since King's assassination, racism still exists. Many groups, such as the nation's oldest civil rights organization, the NAACP, are working to end racial discrimination.

In fact, King was on the NAACP Montgomery Branch's executive committee and he received the group's highest honor, the Spingarn Medal, in 1957.

King also received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. According to the Nobel Prize organization, "When (King was) notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement."

King was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968.

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tim, the medical examiner determined that the victim had most likely been struck with the exterior mirror of a vehicle in a hit and run."

Tindell, who has admitted taking LaFlower out to the remote dirt road, drove a vehicle "inconsistent with the characteristics of the injuries suffered by the victim," Houchin wrote.

Both sides also agree that Tindell, now 40, has made several "inconsistent and contradictory statements" and has "mental health issues."

Tindell has said he took LaFlower out to the Fort Green area on the night of Jan. 19, 2007, or early in the morning of Jan. 20, 2007, with the intent of "having rough sex" with her.

He also has taken a witness to the site where the body was found.

In making the warrantless arrest late last year, Det. Sgt. Andrew McGuckin concluded, "The probable cause to this case lies in the chain of facts and circumstances that show Tindell was the only person with LaFlower at the time of her death.

"It also shows Tindell's propensity for violence when rejected by a woman when wanting sex from her," he continued.

"Based on the information gathered during interviews with Tindell and other witnesses, Tindell is the only person with motive, means and opportunity to kill LaFlower," he concluded.

"We haven't given up," the Sheriff Lanier said this week.

"Cold cases may be cold, but they can always be warmed up," he said. "I'll always remain positive for the victims and their family."

DOGS

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has never seen any aggression from the dogs and that the dogs have been fine around her children when she visits Duff.

Duff also presented a letter from All Creatures Animal Hospital, where the dogs were kept in quarantine after the attack. The letter stated that the veterinary staff saw no signs of aggression during the quarantine time.

According to Trammell's incident report, the dogs were quarantined to check for rabies.

After both sides presented their testimonies and evidence, there was a rebuttal time when anyone could respond to what had been presented.

Tiffany Kelly asked why Duff had given away the two puppies, who were potentially violent dogs. She also asked about the fifth dog, which she said is at the same house as the other dogs were.

She said she thinks the dogs should be euthanized.

James Kelly stated that the dog's shock-collars did not work on the day of the attack. Cooper said the large dog with the spotted ear was on his property on the day his chihuahua was attacked.

Duff said that surveillance camera footage shows that the attack did not happen where the witnesses claimed. Trammell responded that the camera in question does not cover the

whole area.

Kate Collier, the victim's grandmother, said she thinks the victim should be asked what she wants to be done with the dogs.

When all evidence and testimonies had been presented, the commission began its discussion. Commissioner Sara Schofield had to leave during the meeting to go to work; the other four commissioners were present for the voting.

Vice Mayor Virginia Irby made a motion to deem the two large adult dogs dangerous. There was no second to her motion.

Commissioner Rod Cannon then made a motion to deem all four dogs, including the two puppies, dangerous. The other three commissioners agreed.

Then, the commissioners voted that all four dogs should be "destroyed in an expeditious and humane manner."

Town attorney Gerald Buhr said the four dogs will be held by the town or county until Duff has had the chance to appeal.

According to town law, Duff "must request a hearing by the Hardee County Court, in writing" within 10 working days of receiving a letter of notice, if she wants to challenge the commission's decision.

Florida Statutes regarding dangerous dogs state, "If the dog is to be destroyed, the dog may not be destroyed while an appeal is pending."

Buhr was assigned the task of preparing the official order deeming the dogs dangerous, which was to be presented at a special meeting of the Town Commission last night (Wednesday) for signatures.

• When driving in low visibility, you should reduce the distractions in your car such as the radio and your cell phone.

SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY

- 17 – Storytime/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am
- 17 – "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
- 17 – Smash Ultimate Fight/Sanctuary Gaming Club/1321 E. Main St., Wauchula/3:30 pm
- 18 – Movie in the Park/Heritage Park/Downtown Wauchula/Sundown
- 19 – Concert & Worship/Heritage Park/209 W. Main St./4 pm
- 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Service/First Missionary Baptist Church/1347 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Wauchula/5 pm
- 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast/New Mt. Zion A.M.E./1615 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Wauchula/9 am
- 21 – Fun Day At The Park/Magnolia Manor Park/915 Chamberlain Blvd., Wauchula/1 pm
- 21 – Pokémon Freeplay/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- 21 – Open Mic Night/Heritage Park/6 pm
- 22 – Beginner-Friendly Dungeons & Dragons/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- 23 – Tech for Seniors/HC Public Library/10 am
- 23 – Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
- 23 – Gaming Club/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- 24 – Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am
- 24 – "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
- 24 – Smash Ultimate Fight/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- 28 – Pokémon Freeplay/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- 29 – Financial Fitness Class/Hardee Help Center/10 am
- 29 – Beginner-Friendly Dungeons & Dragons/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- 30 – Tech for Seniors/HC Public Library/10 am
- 30 – Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
- 30 – Gaming Club/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- 31 – Peace River Park Tour/Peace River Park/9 am
- 31 – Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am
- 31 – "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
- 31 – Smash Ultimate Fight/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm

FEBRUARY

- 1 – Ravnica Allegiance Draft/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm

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Creepy Crawly Critters Crowd Campus *Deputies Attempting To Locate Woman*

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

School officials are hoping adding more specific language and services to its pest control contract will mitigate creeping, and crawling, concerns over a lingering roach problem at Zolfo Spring Elementary. "They are getting on people in meetings; that is a big deal," said Vice Chairwoman Mildred Smith.

Smith's comments came last Thursday evening as The School Board of Hardee County was tasked with awarding a contract for pest control services.

Two firms, Joe Vessels Pest Service and Cox Pest Control, submitted bids.

Cox Pest Control was the high bidder at \$2,790 per month, an annual cost of \$33,480. Joe Vessels Pest Service, the low bidder and current contractor, was \$2,725 per month, an annual cost of \$32,700.

Facilities Director Rob Krahl, who helmed the bid process, requested the contract be awarded to Joe Vessels Pest Service.

Smith quickly interjected a motion to go with Cox Pest Control instead of the current provider.

"I just feel like we need to go with another company and try them," Smith said.

On advice from the School Board attorney, Smith withdrew her motion and allowed the panel to consider the recommended motion to award the contract to Joe Vessels Pest Service.

Board member Teresa

Crawford then made a motion to award the contract to Joe Vessels Pest Service. A second to the motion was tendered by board member Mark Gilliard.

Discussion on the motion, a rarity on any issue before the School Board, focused on ongoing concerns about insect infestations, particularly roaches, across the district.

"There was a big problem with roaches at a lot of the schools," Smith said. "He (the contractor) went around with a hand held sprayer that did not get the job done. ... It really wasn't controlling anything."

According to Smith, the infestation was particularly bad at Zolfo Spring Elementary, where roaches were reported emerging from pipes and climbing on staff during meetings.

Krahl confirmed there had been complaints about the quality of the pest control services.

"We did have some complaints at Zolfo and at cafeterias, particularly at the K-8 (Hardee Junior High and Hill-top Elementary)," Krahl said.

The complaints, Krahl said, prompted staff to draft a more specific contract based on pest control policies from surrounding counties to address the concerns.

"We have actually changed the way that we are doing pest control," Krahl said.

Superintendent of Schools Bob Shayman defended the recommendation to allow the contractor to demonstrate his ability under a more stringent contract.

"He was doing exactly what the contract asked him to do," Shayman said.

"He did what he was expected to do. We rewrote the contract with more duties. It is a whole lot more," Shayman added. "It is almost three times as much money, so obviously we are getting a whole lot more."

Krahl added that at least some of the complaints at Zolfo Springs Elementary were not the fault of the pest control firm and are endemic of any buildings with exposed piping that goes unused - particularly in summer months.

"Some of the problems were not his problems," Krahl said. "Down at Zolfo there were roaches in the drains. If there is no water in the drains, there will be roaches in the drain."

The pipe issues, Krahl said, have been addressed with the implementation of the larger pest control policy that includes specific recommenda-

tions for schools, such as scheduled use of open drains during the summer months.

"We have integrated a good pest control program that isn't about just killing bugs," Krahl said.

Zolfo Springs Elementary Principal Tammy Pohl was not present at the meeting. Krahl said he had submitted his recommendation to Pohl and had not heard a reply. In previous conversations, Krahl said, Pohl supported giving the contractor a chance to improve.

Swayed by the concerns, the School Board opted to amend the contract to expire June 30. The amended motion awarding a six-month contract to Joe Vessels Pest Service passed 5-0. Staff had originally requested an 18-month contract.

Chairman Paul Samuels requested a status report on the new pest control program and contract at one of the regularly scheduled board meetings in May.

Corrections

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COMPANY

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to the IDA. Last year the IDA spent nearly \$100,000 with a patent attorney to verify the intellectual property was valid and owned by PFMAn.

Lambert said the IDA would be releasing its claim on the intellectual property back to PFMAn so the company could choose to continue operations elsewhere.

The Highlands County Sheriff's Office is attempting to locate a missing 33-year-old woman who may be in Hardee County.

Ashley Reynosa was last seen on Christmas Day at her home in Avon Park.

"Her mother got a text on Jan. 10, but was not sure it was actually from Ashley, and has had no other communication since then," noted Scott Dressel, public information officer for the Highlands sheriff.

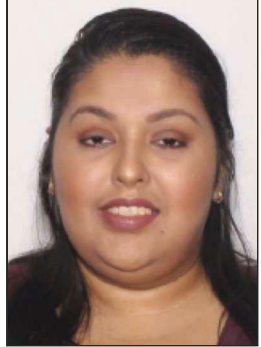
Reynosa is believed to be traveling with Simon Ramos, 34, who has multiple felony

warrants in Hardee and Polk counties, according to Dressel. "They may be in Hardee County," Dressel said.

The missing woman drives a blue 2014 Ford Fusion, Florida tag KSM M82.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of either Reynosa or Ramos is asked to contact Det. Nicole Brown at (863) 402-7357 or email nbrown@highlandssheriff.org.

An anonymous tip can be made with Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-8477 or heartlandcrimestoppers.com.



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Deputies in Highlands County are attempting to locate Ashley Reynosa (left), who has been missing since Christmas Day. She is believed to be in the company of Simon Ramos (right) somewhere in Hardee County.

UPGRADE

Continued From A1

County commissioner and IDA liaison Mike Thompson also urged the IDA board to fund the request.

Once the upgrades are completed, Jurman said he expects to be able to deliver 50 to 100 megabits of service to each end user across the county.

The more powerful radios will also help customers who live in heavily forested areas obtain a better signal, which has been an issue with the current equipment.

With the funding now approved by the IDA, work will begin immediately and should be completed throughout the county within six months.

Rapid Systems also agreed to place \$71,000 into an escrow account to cover the delinquent taxes the company has refused to pay since the IDA voted to transfer ownership of the monopolies to Rapid Systems.

Rapid Systems has refused to accept ownership of the poles due to the fact the IDA could not provide a clear title, as a UCC-1 lien for \$90,000 was placed on the poles after the company, the IDA and the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance got involved in a lawsuit.

Rapid Systems and FRBA reached a settlement in 2016 and all parties involved in the lawsuit signed a non-disclosure

agreement, although the lien issue was not addressed.

Since FRBA subsequently declared bankruptcy, attorney Ken Evers said it has been difficult to get the liens removed.

Evers said on Tuesday of last week that he felt "we are on the cusp" of getting a release from the federal government regarding the liens.

Once Rapid Systems escrows the funds, the IDA will pay the \$71,000 to satisfy the delinquent taxes until it can provide a clear title for the poles. When the lien issue is ultimately satisfied, the IDA will be reimbursed by the money placed into the escrow account.

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Obituaries

In Memory



ELOISE VALONIA SCOTT

Eloise Valonia Scott, 83, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, at DeSoto Memorial Hospital in Arcadia.

Eloise was a lifelong resident of Wauchula and worked at G. Pierce Wood Hospital for many years as a mail clerk. She enjoyed fishing and camping on Charlie Creek and tending to her cows but, most of all spending time with her loving family.

She is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Robert Darrel Scott; one son, Dale (Robin) Scott, of Arcadia; and two daughters, Sharon (Everett) Addison, of

Lakeland, and Teresa (Gary) Myers, of Ona. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one son, Robert "Randy" Scott; one daughter, Sheila Ann Scott; one sister, Ann Smith; one brother, Joseph McClelland; and her parents, Harley Lee and Daisy Marie McClelland.

A viewing will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 10-11 a.m., at Friendship Chapel, Zolfo Springs, where funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Friendship Cemetery.

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In Loving Memory



ROGER SYLVESTER DARTY

Roger Sylvester Darty, 54, of Wauchula, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019.

Roger was born in Bartow, on Sept. 2, 1964, and had been a Hardee County resident most of his life. He was Pentecostal by faith and was employed as a pipe fitter in construction, prior to his disability.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Darty.

Survivors include: his wife, Kimberly Darty, of Wauchula; mother, Irma Darty, of Wauchula; five sons, Roger Nathaniel Darty

(wife Leeann), of Wauchula, Timothy Darty, of Bowling Green, Dustin Darty (wife Naomi), of Bowling Green, Jarod Darty, of Wauchula, and Justin Middleton (wife Kat), of Tennessee; three daughters, Beth Ann Darty (husband James), of Fort Green, Brittany Porter (husband Joey), of Lakeland, and Stormi Darty, of Wauchula; three brothers, Dwayne Darty (wife Debbie), of North Carolina, Daniel Darty (wife Juanita), of Lithia, and Timothy Darty, of Wauchula; one sister, Sandra Darty, of Wauchula; and 17 grandchildren.

Visitation was held at Robarts Garden Chapel from 2-3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, 2019. Funeral services followed at 3 p.m. Pastor Len Ward of River of Life Church in Lakeland officiated.

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In Loving Memory



KARL WINFIELD FRAMER SR.

Karl Winfield Framer, 86, of Hardee County, passed away in Sebring, on Jan. 6, 2019.

Karl was born in Somerspoint, N.J., and had been a resident of Hardee County since 1979, coming from New Jersey. He proudly served in the U.S. Army. Karl was self-employed and owned an excavating company.

He was preceded in death by his parents Stephen G. Framer and wife Mary Kuptz Framer; son, Karl Framer Jr.; brother, Howard Framer; sister, Pearl Framer Guy; and granddaughter, Crystal Framer.

He is survived by loving wife, Gloria Framer, of

Zolfo Springs; sons, Stephen Framer, of Zolfo Springs (ex-wife, Connie Jones), and Leslie J. Framer (Karen), of Philipsbury, Pa.; daughter, Mary A. Sanders, of Zolfo Springs; daughter-in-law, Judy Framer, of Canton, N.J.; sister, Hazel Davis, of Quinton, N.J.; grandchildren, April Framer Gilbert, Jesse Adams, Jasper Framer, Brandon Framer, Austin Framer, Carly Framer, Kimberly L. Sanders Johns, David Allen Sanders Jr., Nicole Framer, and Kyle W. Framer; great-grandchildren, Bradley Framer, John Gilbert, Skylar Gilbert, Dakota Gilbert, Tyler Kelley, Lucy Kelley, Natasha Kelley, Savannah Skie Wills, Katelyn Johns, Savannah Johns, and Heighly Johns.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, at 6 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Wauchula in the Fellowship Hall.

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In Memory

STEPHEN J. GEORGE III

Stephen J. George III, 73, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at his residence in Wauchula.

Stephen was born on March 27, 1945, in East Orange, N.J. He was a resident of Wauchula for the last 20 years, coming from Boynton Beach. Stephen's passion in life was bass fishing. He enjoyed volunteering as a boat captain for disabled veterans and youth bass tournaments. He was also an active member of Real Life Community Church and was part of the crew of "The Story of Jesus" here in Hardee County for the last 15 years. He was a master mechanic and wood-crafter and loved the outdoors. Most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judith Greenwell George; two sons; Joshua R.L. George, of Delray Beach, and Matthew J.G.

George and his fiancé Cheyanne Gough, of Wauchula. He is survived by a brother, Raymond L. (Cathy) George, of Roanoke, Va. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Alivia, Nehemiah and Kazen George, all of Wauchula.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 11 a.m., at the Real Life Community Church in Wauchula. Interment Private.

The family suggest contributions be made in Steve's honor to Power and Light Productions.

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DONALD LEE WHITE

Donald Lee White, 77, of Bowling Green, died Jan. 7, 2019.

He was born Nov. 14, 1941, in Sebring, and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was survived by his father, Daniel White Sr., of Colorado Springs, Co.; sisters, Catherine White, of Benton Harbor, Mich., and Faye McFadden, of Sebring.

Visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 19, at 9:30 a.m., at the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green. Funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m.

Arrangements were by Williams Funeral Home, Bartow.

In Loving Memory

PETER SANCHEZ SR.

Peter Sanchez Sr., 66, of Avon Park, passed away, in Sebring, on Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.

Peter was born in Havana, Cuba, on June 15, 1952. Peter came to Hardee County in 2004 coming from Highlands County and returned back to Highlands County in 2017. He was a member of Primera Mission Bautista Hispana in Zolfo Springs, where he was a Deacon.

He was preceded in death by father, Luis Sanchez - Quiros.

Peter is survived by his mother, Blanca Camajo, of Miami; his loving wife, Ana Sanchez, of Avon Park; son, Peter Sanchez Jr. (Megan); daughters, Eileen Marin (Raymond), of Avon Park, Michelle Pfarr (Cory), of Pikesville, Md.; half-brother, Christopher Sanchez-Quiros, of Lithonia, Ga.; sister, Miriam Rodriguez, of North Miami Beach; and grandchildren, Gabi Marin, Michael Marin, Anita Garcia, David Garcia, Abigail Pfarr, Raegan Kendrick, and Ryland Kendrick.

A visitation was held Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019, at Primera Mission Bautista Hispana, starting at 12 p.m., with funeral services following at 1 p.m. Pastor Rev. Jose Jimenez officiated. Interment was at Zolfo Baptist Cemetery.

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Bible Trivia

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Kings in the Old or New Testament or neither?

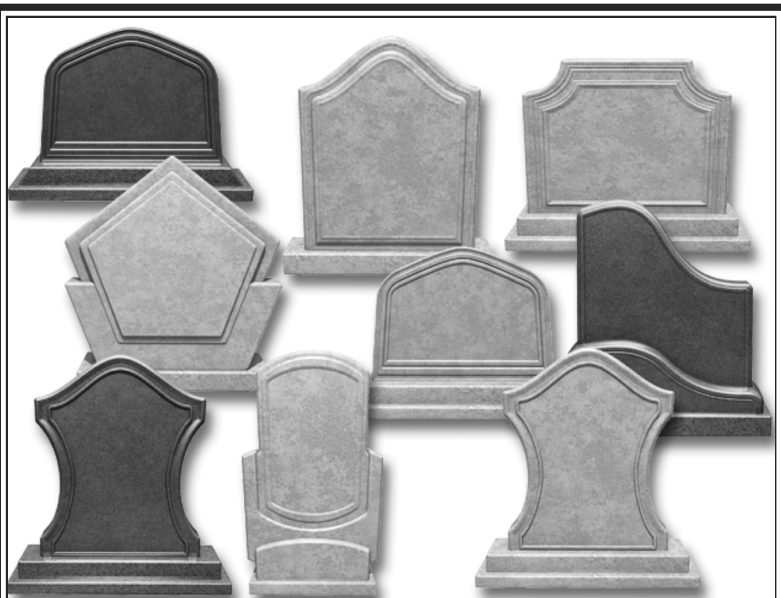
2. From Acts 6, which one of the seven "deacons" did great wonders and miracles among the people? Nicanor, Philip, Timon, Stephen

3. What apostle was a disciple of John the Baptist when Jesus recruited him? Andrew, Simon Peter, Thomas, James

4. From Revelation 6, what color was the sun when it became like a sackcloth of hair? Red, Black, White, Green

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Stephen; 3) Andrew; 4) Black;

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Road-Hunting Suspect Lands In County Jail

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

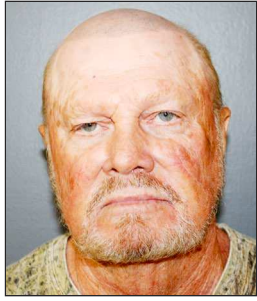
A man suspected of shooting at wildlife from a rural roadway has bagged felony and other charges.

Mitchell Dean Pierce, 67, of Lakeland, was booked into the Hardee County Jail on Saturday, Jan. 5, on charges of firing a projectile across private land, a third-degree felony, and attempting to take wildlife from a road or right of way, a second-degree misdemeanor.

Pierce posted a \$1,250 cash bond shortly after midnight the next day to gain his release from custody as he awaits trial.

His arraignment in Hardee Circuit Court before Circuit Judge Michael E. Raiden has been set for Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 1:30 p.m.

Pierce's attorney, Tony Dodds of Lakeland, has filed a written plea of not guilty on



Pierce

his client's behalf.

According to an arrest report filed by Ofc. Sean Karr of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Pierce was spotted driving a white 2003 Dodge Ram on Everett Whidden Road while running "road hunting patrol" in the Ona area.

Karr said he watched as

Pierce slowed down as he approached the Oak Creek Bridge, and then stopped. The officer alleged he next heard a gunshot.

Conducting a traffic stop on the vehicle, Karr noticed the driver moving a rifle from the front seat to the back, he alleged.

Ordering the driver out of the truck, Karr read Pierce his rights and asked for consent to search the Dodge Ram.

The officer allegedly found a Kimber .270WSM rifle, with scope, lying on the back seat within reach of the driver. Its barrel was warm to the touch, he added.

Karr also allegedly found a spent .270 casing lying on the floorboard of the truck's front driver's side.

Pierce was taken into custody and transported to the Hardee County Jail.

Top 10 Movies

1. Aquaman (PG-13) Jason Momoa, Amber Heard
2. Mary Poppins Returns (PG) Emily Blunt, Lin-Manuel Miranda
3. Escape Room (PG-13) Deborah Ann Woll, Taylor Russell
4. Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG) animated
5. Bumblebee (PG-13) Hailee Steinfeld, Jorge Lendeborg Jr.
6. The Mule (R) Clint Eastwood, Bradley Cooper
7. Vice (R) Christian Bale, Amy Adams
8. Second Act (PG-13) Jennifer Lopez, Vanessa Hudgens
9. Ralph Breaks the Internet (PG) animated
10. Holmes & Watson (PG-13) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- Back in 1893, when the zipper was invented, the device was intended to be used for fastening shoes.

- When the TV sitcom "The Addams Family" was being cast in the early 1960s, actor John Astin came in to audition for the role of Lurch, the cadaverous butler. He was immediately rejected for the part. As he was leaving the room, though, the producer spotted him, pulled him aside, and immediately offered him the role of Gomez — the lead. All he had to do was grow a mustache.

- What do the words "obscene," "tranquil," "mediate," "catastrophe," "dire," "critical," "vast" and "apostrophe" have in common? All of them appeared in print for the first time in the works of William Shakespeare.

- As the Black Plague was sweeping Europe during the Middle Ages, some people, for reasons surpassing understanding, believed that plague victims could cure themselves by smelling human waste.

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Tornado Drill Centerpiece Of Severe Weather Awareness Week

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

The rumbling blare of claxons on Wednesday morning likely came as a shock for many Wauchulans and downtown business people.

No. Godzilla was not spotted rising from the mines.

No. Hordes of zombies aren't invading from Arcadia.

The alarms were part of a statewide tornado drill that served as the centerpiece of a public campaign in recognition of Florida's National Severe Weather Awareness Week.

The local effort was organized by the Hardee County Office of Emergency Management in cooperation with the city of Wauchula.

The National Weather Service scheduled the mock warning for about 10 a.m. The warning was broadcast on NOAA Alert Radio as a "routine weekly test" message.

Jill Newman, emergency management director, helmed the local drill and said the city of Wauchula had agreed to sound its alert claxons to make the exercise as realistic as possible.

Hardee County's public schools were also expected to participate in the drill.

Newman said the drill was designed to help residents, businesses, and schools develop a severe weather plan.

"In real life, you must listen for the watch and warning messages to determine the threat

to your area, and decide which protective actions to take. When in doubt, take immediate protective action," Newman said.

"Plans may vary depending on the number of adults present, how vulnerable your location is, communications or other factors. All Floridians should use the tornado drill to develop and practice their severe weather plans. Being prepared saves lives," she said.

Newman's public information campaign has focused on spreading awareness on Hardee County Emergency Management's social media presence on Facebook, where she is posting daily themed tips and emergency planning guides.

Lighting awareness was the focus on Monday's education campaign. Information on Tuesday concerned marine hazards and rip tides.

The campaign will run until the end of the week and include a new topic each day.

Newman is also urging Hardee County residents to register for the AlertHardee program. The program, free of charge, alerts residents of severe weather conditions and other hazards. Users receive alerts by text, email, and telephone call.

Registration for AlertHardee is online and can be found by clicking on the AlertHardee icon on the Hardee County Emergency Management website at hardeecounty.net/eoc.

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Not Headlined

By Buck Kelly

(1909-1984)

Local Newspaper Owner From 1941-1984

Sept. 12, 1941

The conductor of this department is duly appreciative of two free meals in one day last week. Thursday noon a charitable member of the Lions Club of Wauchula invited us to accompany him to the dinner meeting where we heard the Lions roar and talk and saw them eat. They did right well on all three scores. Seriously, though, we were considerably impressed at the size of the membership - upwards of two score - of the club as compared with the size of Wauchula. And, in addition, we were impressed by the progressiveness of the club. That is one civic club that does not confine itself to "talking and eating." It does things - as witness the new bleachers at the ball park.

The other free meal came eight hours later at the supper meeting of the Bowling Green Businessmen's Club. Here, too, our amazement was aroused by the presence of at least 20 members at a function of this kind in a town of around one thousand population.

This meeting at Bowling Green will always remain fresh in our memory for another reason. It was our first face-to-face introduction to "swamp cabbage." We had heard of it before and even had seen in stores some of the big "shoots" from which it comes but this was our first head-on experience with the finished product. Service at the supper was cafeteria style and as we went through the line we noticed that the men ahead and behind us directed the ladies doing the serving to cut down on their servings of baked chicken, dressing and vegetables. We understood their requests for lighter servings of vegetables but it was the first time in our experience we had heard men ask for small servings of chicken and dressing.

When we got to the long table we saw the reason. At each end was a large dishpan filled to the brim with a thickish soup in which could be seen occasional pieces of ham and seasoning meat. The principal ingredient looked like queerly cut bits of Irish potatoes. That was the swamp cabbage or, as it is known in five-dollar restaurants, "heart of palm." Dubiously we tried a ladleful. It wasn't bad but honesty compels the observation that we didn't particularly relish it. Apparently, we were completely wrong for that group of men were scraping the bottom of both pans before the meal was half over. We enjoyed the chicken and dressing, potatoes, vegetables and lemon pie no end and got up from the table well fed.

According to Josh Albritton who cooked the swamp cabbage, these big shoots are shipped north by the carload from some sections of the state to high-class hotels and restaurants in the north. There they are used to make "heart-of-palm" salads for those who can afford them. These salads are made from the raw product which has a flavor similar to raw chestnuts, he said. *Excerpts from the columns written from 1941-1981 by William J. (Buck) Kelly.*

Letter To The Editor

Rep. Nancy Pelosi Is A Leader Of Liberal Left

Dear Editor:

To the people who watched Nancy Pelosi being sworn in, it should have made you nauseous. If it didn't, it should have.

Having her as a leader in our House of Representatives is a disaster. Remember, she is the one who said about Obamacare, "We will have to pass it to see what is in it." A real intelligent explanation for a U.S. leader.

She is a liberal left socialist who wants to screw up everything our President Trump has done to make our country great again. Remember, a socialist is one who believes if you earn \$800 a week working, your neighbor who never worked a day in his life will get half your earnings. Venezuela is a socialist country and look at

the shape it is in.

President Trump is right, the mass immigration at the Texas border is an invasion and must be stopped. Let's build the wall at all cost, even shutting down part of the federal government for six months is OK with me. The cost of feeding and housing the 10,000 illegals would be about the cost of the wall and a better investment.

Trump should lay off all the federal education department as that should be a state mandate. He also should lay off everybody connected to the United Nations as that is unconstitutional. The federal government is way too large and not needed. Support President Trump.

William Bartlett
Wauchula



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Horton Dons Robe As New County Judge

By JENNIFER McCONKEY
Of The Herald-Advocate

Recently elected Judge David Horton received his robe and gavel at an investiture ceremony last week at the Agri-Civic Center in Wauchula.

Several judges from the 10th Judicial Circuit attended, including Circuit Judge Michael E. Raiden, who started serving Hardee County on Monday of last week.

The ceremony was opened by Sgt. Danny O'Bryan of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office, who explained that while an investiture is an official court session, rules are relaxed and friends and family are welcome to take pictures or videos.

After an invocation from Chiquita Robinson, Bowling Green Mayor Sam Fite led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The chief judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit, Donald Jacobsen, then welcomed the audience and introduced the judges in attendance.

The 10th Judicial Circuit includes Hardee, Highlands and Polk counties, but Jacobsen wanted the citizens of Hardee to know that they matter. "Hardee County is a small county, but it's not any less important," he said when talking about the three counties.

Presenting Horton was his former employer, elected 10th Judicial Circuit Public Defender Howard "Rex" Dimmig.

Dimmig spoke about how Horton made his major life choices because of his desire to serve the community rather than put himself first. "He took a different path," was the phrase Dimmig used often to describe Horton's choices to help others.

Dimmig also praised Horton's work during his time as an assistant public defender.

"He has never once let me down here (in Hardee County)," Dimmig said.

"You have chosen wisely," he told the people of Hardee County.

Following Dimmig's speech, local attorney John Burton presented Horton with a Bible, which was used for the oath of office. Bowling Green Police Department Capt. Brett Dowden administered the oath to Horton.

An important part of an investiture ceremony is the traditional presentation of the judge's robe, gavel, plaque and nameplate. Horton's wife, Amanda J. Horton, helped him put on his judge's robe for the first time.

Once the presentations were finished, Horton addressed those assembled.

"The first person I have to thank is my heavenly Father," Horton said.

He talked about his family history with Hardee County, describing how his grandparents came here looking for work.

Horton went on to say that he wants to make sure Hardee County has all of the same legal opportunities and assistance as the other counties in the 10th Judicial Circuit, saying that Hardee deserves no less than the other two.

He also expressed gratitude and gave a promise to the people of Hardee County, saying, "Thank you for your trust. I will not let you down."

After Horton finished speaking, former Hardee County deputy sheriff Manny Martinez and the Rev. Danielle Upton, pastor at the First United Methodist Church of Wauchula, gave the benediction.

Following the ceremony, guests were invited to attend a reception at the same location, where finger foods and beverages were provided.



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER McCONKEY

Members of the community came to the Agri-Civic Center last Thursday for David Horton's investiture ceremony.



Chief Judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit Donald Jacobsen (left) and newly elected County Judge David Horton.



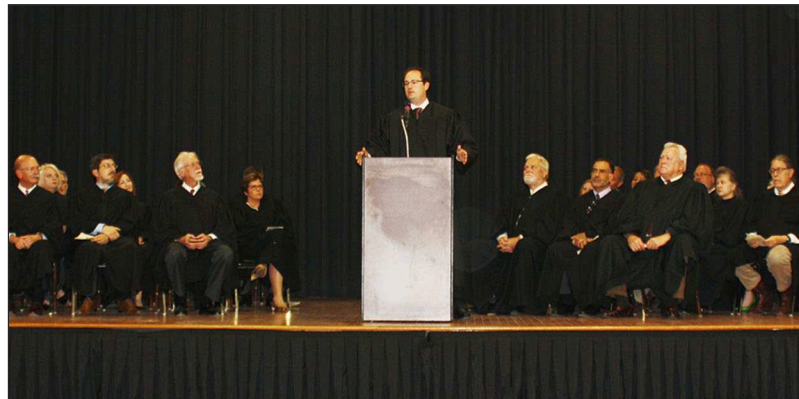
During the investiture ceremony, County Judge David Horton received his gavel from Candace Preston, daughter of the late county judge R. Earl Collins.



Capt. Brett Dowden of the Bowling Green Police Department administered the oath of office to new judge David Horton. Holding the Bible was Horton's wife, Amanda J. Horton.



Horton's young daughter, Annabelle, joined the crowd in applauding for her father.



After taking the oath and receiving his robe, gavel, plaque and nameplate, County Judge David Horton thanked God, his wife, and the people who elected him. "I will not let you down," Horton said to the citizens of Hardee County.



Friends and family of Judge David Horton were among those in attendance at the traditional investiture ceremony.



There was a reception with food and drinks immediately following the investiture ceremony.



After former deputy sheriff Manny Martinez spoke during the benediction, the Rev. Danielle Upton closed the ceremony.

Reception Held For Judges Marcus Ezelle, Jeff McKibben



PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY
From left are Wauchula City Commissioner Kenny Lambert and retiring Circuit Judge Marcus Ezelle.



Betty and Jack Eason of Wauchula attended the reception.



Wauchula attorney John W. H. Burton visits with Dr. Sylvia Collins, wife of the late County Judge Earl Collins. They are cousins.



Tenth Judicial Circuit Public Defender Rex Dimmig poses with County Judge Jeff McKibben, retired 12th Circuit Chief Judge Lee Haworth, Hardee County Clerk of Courts Vickie Rogers, and Circuit Judge Marcus Ezelle.



County Commissioner Noey Flores and Hardee Sheriff's Department Capt. Eddie Davis were among those attending event.



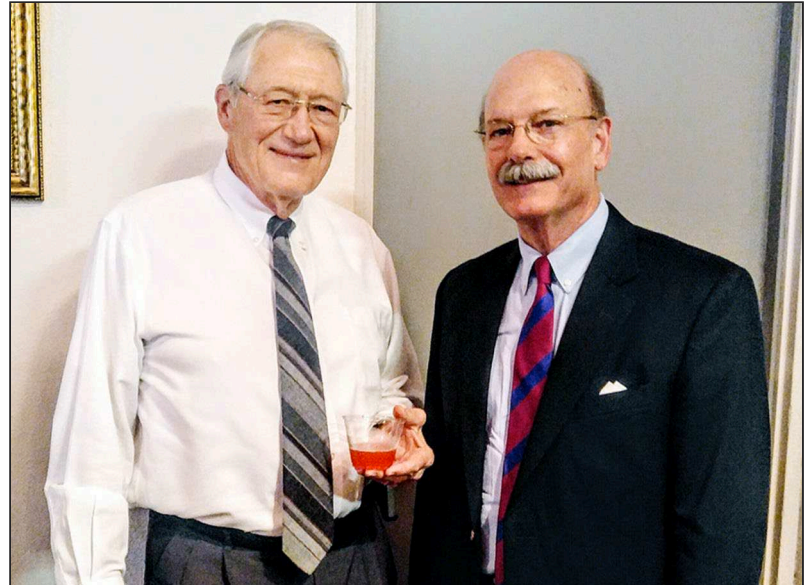
From left are Bruce Perrine, retiring County Judge Jeff McKibben, and Carmen Ezelle Horn of Vero Beach. Retirement reception was held Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church in Wauchula. Carmen Horn is Judge Ezelle's sister.



From left are Hardee Supervisor of Elections Diane Smith, Judge Ezelle, and his wife Carol Ezelle.



Retiring County Judge Jeff McKibben congratulates incoming County Judge David Horton.



Attorney Cliff Ables visits with retiring Circuit Judge Marcus Ezelle. COURTESY PHOTO



Circuit Judge Marcus Ezelle with his retirement cake. COURTESY PHOTO



County Judge Jeff McKibben with his retirement cake. COURTESY PHOTO

Hardee Fire Rescue, IAFF Union Pancake Breakfast, Open House



PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY

Aeromed helicopter was on site Saturday for open house and pancake breakfast at the Hardee Fire Rescue Station in Wauchula on Jan. 12.



Big Red Bus was there for blood donors.



A Hardee Fire Rescue ambulance was displayed.



Hardee fire truck was there for inspection.



Standing by the Cutting Edge Ministries food truck was chairman/pastor Wendell Smith, County Judge David Horton, and Hardee Sheriff's Lt. Matt Tinsley.



Jennifer Mefford, nurse/EMT and Aeromed outreach coordinator, shows off Apollo Valor, a golden retriever and service dog-in-training for wounded veterans. The dog was born April 7, 2017.



At Florida Department of Health booth were Georgeann Singletary and Vivian Hartzell.



Flight nurse Hewett Tarver shows interior of rescue helicopter.



Posing with camping prizes are, from left, David Morales, Kevin Armstrong, Lt. James Simpson, Dan Brimblecom, Gabriel Coone, and Lt. Sean Testerman. Winner of the drawing was Heath Reschke.



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Jayvien Reddick, Jerami Reddick, and Eli Samuels enjoyed the event.



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These little boys have big dreams. From left are Jerami Reddick, 6; Eli Samuels, 5; Hoyt Hendry, 2; Jayvien Reddick, 5; and Hayden Hendry, 4.

Speeding Around The Learning Curve?

My career in community journalism began on July 26, 1964, a date I can remember because it was the day after I was discharged from two years in the Active Army.

Local government would become my primary reportorial focus over the next 46 years.

Early on, I remember hearing a city commissioner observe — many times — that it is amazing how quickly

rules imposed by the Legislature (or Congress) without funds to carry them out. It is a form of generosity practiced by state and federal lawmakers using somebody else's money.

(Although city and county commissioners are fond of saying that the burden falls on local government, the fact is that local taxes come from local taxpayers, not local politicians.)

The Florida League of

League:

- The state has preempted regulation of rental housing to allow what the League calls "unruly mini-hotels" in residential neighborhoods. Few issues are as essential to municipal government as planning and zoning, and this is a classic area where local control is essential.

- The state does not allow cities to regulate the placement and appearance of small cellular phone equipment on local rights-of-way. This visual clutter is a blight on streetscapes.

- The state is attempting to specify when city elections must be held. It is hard to think of a bona fide state interest in scheduling local election dates.

According to the League's materials, the Legislature has entertained "141 attacks on Home Rule" in the past two years.

The Legislature has enough statewide problems that are its own responsibility to solve without trying to micro-manage local government.

S. L. Frisbie is retired. Politicians often speak of a "learning curve" that newcomers to public office must master. He suggests that lawmakers at the state level take it a little slower around the curve, and master their own jobs before injecting their newly-discovered expertise into local government issues.

Cities has made Home Rule its major focus for 2019, rallying behind the slogan, "We Live Local."

Leo Longworth, Bartow's mayor, is president of the League, and is taking the message to as many organizations as he can address to seek citizen support for telling lawmakers, in the League's words, "to stop meddling in our backyards."

His cause deserves support. While the state properly should concern itself with competent local governance in Florida's municipalities, the Legislature goes far beyond what is called for.

Among issues cited by the

newly-elected legislators became smarter than the people who elected them.

It was clear that the city commissioner did not share the high self-opinion of freshmen legislators.

This phenomenon has given rise to at least two terms commonly used in government: home rule and unfunded mandates.

Home rule powers were established by a 1968 amendment to the Florida Constitution, which was approved by the voters. It basically gives cities (and charter counties) control over their local governance.

Unfunded mandates are

- When driving in low visibility, you should drive with your lights on low beam as high beams will only be reflected off of the fog and impair visibility even more. Keep your windshield and headlights clean to reduce glare and increase visibility.

- When driving in low visibility, you should slow down greatly. Fog creates a visual illusion of slow motion when you may actually be speeding. Slow down!



Thinking Out Loud

By S.L. Frisbie IV

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



LifeLinks ...

By Carolyn Hendry Wyatt
Family & Consumer Sciences

Start Your New Year With Healthy Choices

Happy New Year! Have you made any New Year's Resolutions?

I hope you are ready to shed those five to 10 pounds you have gained over the holidays between Halloween and New Year's Day. I want to share with you the U.S. Department of Agriculture's food guidance system for healthy eating. MyPlate will help you build your healthy eating style and maintain it for a lifetime.

Here is a description of MyPlate's healthy eating plan:

- **Find your healthy eating style** — Creating a healthy style means regularly eating a variety of foods to get the nutrients and calories you need. MyPlate's tips help you create your own healthy eating solutions.

- **Make half your plate fruits and vegetables** — Eating colorful fruits and vegetables is important because they provide vitamins and minerals and most are low in calories.

- **Focus on whole fruits** — Choose whole fruits, fresh, frozen, dried or canned in 100-percent juice. Enjoy fruit with meals, as snacks or as a dessert.

- **Vary your veggies** — Try adding fresh, frozen or canned vegetables to salads, sides and main dishes. Choose a variety of colorful vegetables prepared in healthful ways: steamed, sautéed, roasted or raw.

- **Make half your grains whole grains** — Look for whole grains listed first or second on the ingredients list. Try

oatmeal, popcorn, whole-grain bread and brown rice. Limit grain-based desserts and snacks, such as cakes, cookies and pastries.

- **Move to low- or fat-free milk or yogurt** — Choose low-fat or fat-free milk, yogurt and

- **Drink water instead of sugary drinks** — Water is calorie-free. Non-diet soda, energy or sports drinks and other sugar-sweetened drinks contain a lot of calories from added sugars and have few nutrients.

soy beverages to cut back on saturated fat. Replace sour cream, cream and regular cheese with low-fat yogurt, milk and cheese.

- **Vary your protein routine** — Mix up your protein foods to include seafood, beans and peas, unsalted nuts and seeds, soy products, eggs, and lean meats and poultry. Try main dishes made with beans or seafood like tuna salad or bean chili.

- **Choose less sodium, saturated fat and sugars** — Use the Nutrition Facts label and ingredients list to limit foods and beverages high in sodium, saturated fat, and added sugars. Choose vegetable oils instead of butter, and oil-based sauces and dips instead of ones with butter, cream or cheese.

- **Everything you eat and drink matters** — The right mix of foods can help you be healthier now and into the future. Turn small changes into your "MyPlate, MyWins."

Begin 2019 determined to remain motivated to reach your goals. Remember that even small lifestyle changes can make a big difference in your health.

May you have a happy and healthy New Year!

Carolyn Hendry Wyatt holds a Master's Degree in family and consumer science education. She has 30 years of experience in this field, and served for 22 years as a county agent for the University of Florida's Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences Hardee County Extension Office.

ABOUT... School News

The Herald-Advocate encourages submissions from Hardee County schools. Photos and write-ups should be of recent events, and must include first and last names for both students and teachers. Identify photos front to back, left to right.

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

Recipes From Good Housekeeping

POMEGRANATE-BERRY SMOOTHIE

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1/2 cup chilled pomegranate juice
1/2 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
1 cup frozen mixed berries

1. In blender, place juice, yogurt and berries. Cover and blend until pureed. Makes 1 (


2/3-cup) serving.

- Each serving: About 250 calories, 2g total fat (1g saturated), 8mg cholesterol, 110mg sodium, 52g total carbohydrate, 5g dietary fiber, 6g protein.

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Thursday, January 24.

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Once Upon a Time, There Was a Church ...



Directions
By Clay Smith
Hardee County Native

Once upon a time there was a group of folks in the country who wanted to have a place to worship God. The nearest church to them was miles away and across the river. Just about everyone in their area farmed.

Sunday did not mean chores went away; they were just fewer in number. Cows still needed to be milked, wood stoves heated up, and livestock fed. These farm families would then have just an hour or two to hitch up their horses to a buggy and make it to a gathering place for worship.

One neighbor talked to another neighbor, and they decided to not just talk; they set a date to meet. In a couple of weeks, they would gather at a clearing in the woods and start a church. A cousin of one of the farmers was a preacher; they invited him to bring the first sermon.

Anticipation and joy were thick in the air on the first Sunday of meeting. Several of the teenagers had never been to a worship service. The adults had trouble remembering the last time they worshipped together. Of course, there were no hymnals. The preacher stood on a stump and thundered forth for an hour — there was a lot of Bible to cover to make up for lost time.

After the worship, baskets were uncovered to reveal cold fried chicken and biscuits. Neighbor shared with neighbor. One family brought a jug of molasses which was liberally poured over bird and biscuit.

Around two in the afternoon, the children were told to go play in the woods. The adults voted on a name for the embryonic church. An offering was re-

ceived. The man who owned the woods agreed to donate that plot to the new gathering. The men agreed to gather the next Saturday and raise a brush arbor — a stack of thick limbs leaned up against poles to provide a little shelter.

In two weeks, they would come back and have services again. They hollered for the children to come out of the woods, sang more songs, and heard another sermon. Then, they set out for home before darkness closed in, getting back in time to feed up and milk.

Two weeks later, they gathered under the brush arbor. More people came out this time. The pattern was established — singing, preaching, eating, business, singing, preaching and a journey home. New folks came every meeting.

After a few years and storms, the brush arbor gave way to frame building, which was too small on the day they finished it. Rooms were added onto the back. The preacher moved on; another one was found. A mission offering was collected: \$12.37. That was big money in those days. They sent the offering to Nashville.

It took 50 years, and a dozen preachers for the church to decide to have services every week, instead of every other week. By then, there were holes in the floor of the old frame building that let the winter drafts chill everyone's feet. Some people were not even coming in horse and buggy anymore; they rattled up to church in Model T Fords.

The church nearly split over whether to build a new brick building. Some of the old-timers were so at-

tached to the memories in the old building, they couldn't bear the thought of leaving it. Others were anxious to have warmer feet. The vote to build carried, and the new brick church was built. The old frame church was moved away to become someone's hay barn.

By now the church had a Sunday School and a choir. There were committees and deacons, but everyone knew that three families really ran the church. Some people were fine with that; others resented that they weren't in control. Squabbles would break out in church business meetings over silly issues, like the color of the carpet that should be purchased. The real issues were avoided.

Preachers came and went. Now, instead of the kids growing up and farming down the road, they went off to the University and got a job in town or in the city. No one noticed that the congregation was growing grayer and moving slower. Two of the patriarchs died within a month of each other. All of a sudden, the church had trouble paying its bills.

"All we seem to have any more are funerals," was the remark of those who had grown up in the church. "I remember when we had so many young'uns we couldn't fit them in the nursery," was the wistful reply. The church seemed to be living more and more in the past. No one farmed anymore. Most folks had five acres, a garden, and a Social Security check that arrived every month.

One pastor left after only 24 months. The three remaining deacons realized

they could no longer pay a full-time minister. They found a retired pastor who preached, visited in the hospital, and didn't do much else except check his direct deposit stub. When he died, the church was down to 12 people in a building designed for 300.

The church held a meeting. The average age of those present was 78. They talked, they cried, and they voted to close. They put their building up for sale and dispersed to different churches in town.

What happened? Was it the natural life cycle of a church? Or did they forget their church started because people had a hope, a faith that God would do something? Did they gradually shift their focus to their comfort instead of their mission? Did they stop trying to do something bold and instead do something safe?

The building was bought by a multi-ethnic Pentecostal church meeting in the old closed country store. They prayed, they sacrificed, and they gave. The day that small group of people gathered in the old brick building, their hearts were filled with hope, with faith that God was going to do something, something more than they could ask or think.

Are we living as people of memory? Or are we living as people of hope?

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.

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

- GAMES:** How much do you have to pay if you land on the "Income Tax" space in Monopoly?
- LANGUAGE:** What does the Greek prefix "poly" mean in English?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of the island of Fiji?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is the substance in chili peppers that makes the tongue burn?
- SCIENCE:** What does the acronym DNA stand for?
- MATH:** What is the top number of a fraction called?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** What was the Secret Service code word for first lady Michelle Obama?
- LAW:** What is the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution about?
- ANATOMY:** What is the rarest blood type in human beings?
- MUSIC:** The film "Rhapsody in Blue" was about the life of which composer?

ANSWERS

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Old-fashioned brush arbor served as a church.

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SNOW

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Daily Bible Reading

Luke 5:33-6:11	Luke 6:12-26	Luke 6:27-49	Luke 7:1-17	Luke 7:18-35	Luke 7:36-8:3	Luke 8:22-39
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Courthouse Report

COUNTY COURT

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

Tony Allen Camacho, 40, of Bowling Green, and Jill Nannette Klein, 43, of Bowling Green.

Jimmy Tyrone Lane Jr., 20, of Zolfo Springs, and Adelina Olga Maria Villafranca, 18, of Wauchula.

Rhonda Louise Mitchell, 51, of Avon Park, and Kelly Marie Waldron, 54, of Avon Park.

Pedro Alfonso Sandoval, 22, of Zolfo Springs, and Yadira Alberta Romero Serrano, 24, of Arcadia.

Misael DeJesus Diego, 22, of Zolfo Springs, and Yazmin Silva Carrillo, 25, of Wauchula.

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

Jordan Garza as court-appointed receiver v. Juan Herrera and Maria Rodriguez, final judgment for eviction.

Midland Funding v. Bradley Strickland, notice of voluntary dismissal.

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

Robert Lee Douglas, unlawful taking of wildlife/fish during closed season, capias issued.

Michael Rosendo Torres, trespass, 31 days' jail, credit time served, \$500 fines, costs and fees.

Hunter Dean, possession/use of narcotics equipment and possession of marijuana (adjudication withheld), 28 days' jail, credit time served, 12 months' probation, 30 hours' community work, \$1,230 fines, costs and fees; second count of possession of marijuana, not prosecuted.

Zachery Matthew Garcia, violation of probation, original charges petit theft and driving while license suspended/revoked, 60 days' jail, credit time served, probation revoked, \$150 fines, costs and fees.

Kevin Eugene Richardson, battery, 56 days' jail, credit time served, \$852 fines, costs and fees.

CIRCUIT COURT

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

HMC Assets v. the Unknown Heirs of Thomas

Wayne Taylor, Francine E. Taylor and Unknown Tenants, mortgage foreclosure.

Tanya Marie Chase and Jason Eugene Chase, petition for divorce.

Margarito Reyna and Sulema Trinidad Reyna, petition for divorce.

Jon Christopher Hodges and Denise G. Hodges, petition for divorce.

First National Bank of Wauchula v. Gerardo Perada and Martha Perada, mortgage foreclosure.

Stanley C. Ruff and Audrey A. Ruff v. State Farm Florida Insurance Co., contracts and indebtedness.

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

Maria Santos Chajon Paredes v. Rosindo Elizalde Rocha, final judgment of injunction for protection.

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

Shannon Marie Castleberry, violation of probation, original charge grand theft, 364 days' jail, credit time served, probation revoked, \$250 fines, costs and fees.

Francisco Rivera Jr., violation of probation, original charges domestic battery, possession of marijuana and possession/use of narcotics equipment, 364 days' jail, credit time served, probation revoked, license suspended one year, \$250 fines, costs and fees.

Jose Fidencio Garza, possession of meth and possession/use of narcotics equipment, case dismissed.

Daniel Macias, petit theft, three years' probation, anti theft course, \$1,220 fines, costs and fees.

Marlon Kevin Arrindell, fleeing/attempting to elude, driving while license suspended/revoked, resisting arrest, four years' probation, time served, license suspended two years, \$1,220 fines, costs and fees.

Steven Howell Richardson, violation of probation, original charges two counts of grand theft auto, 45 days' jail, credit time served, probation restored and modified, curfew between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., \$200 fines, costs and fees.

Charles Claude Crouse, criminal mischief, 66 days' jail, credit time served, four years' probation, 50 hours' community work, letter of

apology, \$1,220 fines, costs and fees; \$3,000 restitution.

Robert Torres, possession/use of narcotics equipment, possession of more than three grams or powder form of synthetic cannabinoids, cathinones, or synthetic phenethylamines (adjudication withheld), driving while license suspended/revoked and no registration certificate, time served, three years' probation, \$1,270 fines, costs and fees.

Dinah Leann Caldwell, possession of marijuana with intent to sell/deliver and two counts of possession/use of narcotics equipment, adjudication withheld, two years' probation, 50 hours' community work, forfeit cash seized, \$1,070 fines, costs and fees.

Jerry D. Litton, burglary of dwelling and criminal mischief, not prosecuted.

Oracio Vallejo, threat to discharge a destructive device, capias issued, no bond.

Telena Jane Murphy, possession of meth and possession/use of narcotics equipment, capias issued.

Christian Michael Molina, possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession/use of narcotics equipment, adjudication withheld, three years' probation, \$1,220 fines, costs and fees.

Ismael Calvillo, battery by person detained in jail/detention facility reduced to a lesser charge of battery and violation of probation, original charges neglect of child and possession of meth, three years' prison, credit time served, probation revoked, \$875 fines, costs and fees.

Victor Manuel Guzman-perez, possession of marijuana (adjudication withheld), possession/use of narcotics equipment, contributing to the delinquency/dependency of a child, one year probation, no contact with victim, 50 hours' community work, \$1,025 fines, costs and fees; interfering with custody, not prosecuted.

Anthony Camarillo, battery on a pregnant woman reduced to domestic battery, 12 months' probation, anger management course, \$1,377 fines, costs and fees; harassing witness/victim/informant, not prosecuted.

Tracy Lynn Jackson, three counts of uttering a forged check and two counts of grand theft, not prosecuted.

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

Courts Office:

Ace Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust to Garth Frederick Mager, for \$20,340.

Kahn Grove Service Co. to Kahn Citrus Management and Murphy Ag Solutions of the Heartland, for \$130,000.

Audrey Gwen Young to Billy Joe Johns and Tara Johns, for \$40,000.

Tisa Carper-Stone individually as trustee of the Tisa Carper-Stone Revocable Trust to Peavy Family Investments, for \$30,000.

Amalia B. Dorado undivided one-half interest to Sue Birge and Delois Lowe Johnson as trustee of the Delois Lowe Johnson Revocable Living Trust, for \$40,000.

David Joaquin Gonzalez undivided one-half interest to Sue Birge and Delois Lowe Johnson as trustee of the Delois Lowe Johnson Revocable Living Trust, for \$40,000.

Joe L. Davis Family Citrus to Fort Green Farms, for \$875,000.

James Wilmer Crews Jr. as trustee of the J.W. Crews Jr. Revocable Trust to Fort Green Farms, for \$875,000.

J.A.M. Farms Corp. to Nicholson Grove Service Inc., for \$561,000.

Bar J Farms to Minority Plants Inc., for \$215,000.

Southern Sisters Family Limited Partnership to J.A.M. Farms Corp., for \$1,043,700.

James Ronald Wilson and Freida Joyce Wilson to Stephanie M. Connell, for \$155,000.

Joseph Brennick to Tenerife Southwest Investments Inc., for \$35,000.

David S. Vaught and Frances B. Vaught to Robert D. Shull Jr. and Diana L. Shull, for \$30,000.

Thomas A. Reeves and Deborah Hulitt Reeves to Bobby Garner and Allen Hanger, for \$31,000.



As Seen From This Side

By Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips
Wauchula

Walls work. Home invaders do not go through walls to invade an occupied home. They use doors.

For hundreds of years the Great Wall of China withstood invasions. Israel has a sustaining wall. It works for Israel. Russia built a wall to keep East Germans imprisoned.

No arrests have been made of people crossing Pelosi's wall. A former president's home in Washington has a secure wall. Also, few attempts to cross into the White House have succeeded.

Almost every illegal has four walls to keep out those they determine unwanted. Their doors have secure locks. So do all those liberals.

So what's the beef with us being able to protect our loved ones from diseases, rape, murder and other attacks? Build the wall. Build it now!



How far is far? How far into the woods can you go?

I asked Johnny this one day. He thought I was crazy when I told him he could go only half-way into the woods, beyond that you are going out of the woods. He said he knew better than that. He had run from the game warden a lot farther than that.

The story started innocently enough. We loved to hunt and fish. When we were not doing one we were thinking of it. Johnny's brother-in-law wanted to go deer hunting on the first day of the season so Johnny said he could go with us. One thing never crossed our minds. Did this guy have a license?

As daylight began to open up our vision, just to our right stood not one but two big 9-point bucks. They were not thinking of us. They were ready to fight.

I told Cindy's brother to take the one on the left and Johnny to get the other on count. They both fired together and in the first hour of the season had their limit.

We field-dressed them and started to the truck. I was in the middle, and as we picked the poles up Johnny asked if he had his late license. He said no.

Two shots had been fired, neither was mine. As we stepped over the fence Mr. Brooks, the warden, was standing there. Johnny dropped his end of the pole and took off through the rough part of the woods with Mr. Brooks not so close behind. He had to cross the fence first.

They ran for at least a mile before they both were out of breath. Johnny reached into his pocket and handed him his license.

Mr. Brooks asked, "Why did you run if you knew your license was legal?" Johnny said, "That other guy don't have one". We were long gone when they got back.

Mr. Brooks was mad, but the more they walked and talked he began to laugh at the way he fell for it without asking for all licenses first.

Johnny seems to be able to talk his way out of things I never could.

I have a friend who just turned 51, old enough to know better but still doing these stupid teenage mistakes.

He took it upon himself to do more around the house, helping her with household chores. Nice gesture. Wrong. He ruined her favorite sweater in the dryer, so to make up for it he was going to fix her breakfast Christmas morning.

He came into the kitchen only to find her eating cooking dough. Without thinking he took it out of her hand and put it back into the refrigerator. You just don't, even if you want to, take cookie dough away from a woman, ever. He was given three hours "time out" in the bedroom by himself.

Several members of her family arrived on time. They noticed tension, and she gladly told them of the cookie dough war. Wow! He didn't know (he's 51). All women eat cookie dough, and he found himself being stared at with eyes like daggers.

Just another of a long line of "mistakes" trying to help with two hands of all thumbs. This guy can't boil water without burning it, but he learned one thing. Never, ever take cookie dough away from a woman.

Another Christmas passes and another batch of kids taught a lie. "Santa is coming to town. He knows when you've been good or bad," etc.

Why not be truthful, Jesus is coming. He knows when you've been good or bad. You don't have to teach your child to lie, then punish them for telling you or a police officer a lie.

My Bible says train up a child in the way they should go. They have just as much fun with Christmas. It's OK to give presents, and they would get a thrill out of helping serve the homeless a Christmas dinner.

The average person learns and becomes wiser with age. I am not average. I never went to college, but I have smart people asking for answers from me.

A scientist from Kings Mountain Research Lab with two PhDs asks questions of me often.

So if the likes of me can gain wisdom with age, what the duce happened with Al Gore?

Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 25-2018-CP-000118

IN RE: ESTATE OF

CHRISTOBAL LOPEZ,

deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CHRISTOBAL LOPEZ, deceased, whose date of death was October 3, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hardee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer 1749, Wauchula, FL 33873. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is: January 10, 2019.

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CRISTOBAL LOPEZ
Personal Representative
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1:10,17c

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

FILE NO.: 252018CP000210

IN RE: ESTATE OF

NORMAN ELLIS NICKERSON, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Norman Ellis Nickerson, deceased, whose date of death was October 16, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hardee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer 1749, Wauchula, FL, 33873. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City of Wauchula Planning and Zoning Board will meet on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Wauchula Commission Chambers located at 225 E Main St, Suite 105, Wauchula. The agenda can be viewed at 126 S. 7th Avenue, Wauchula or online at www.cityofwauchula.com.

Any interested person(s) will be heard at this meeting. If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to this request for which he will need a verbatim record of the proceedings, he will need to ensure that such verbatim record is made.

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Tornadoes Blow Away 'Cats

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Lady Wildcats were blown away by fast moving, powerful pack of Tornadoes on Friday night (Jan. 11) as Booker (Sarasota) High School stormed into town for a varsity girls' basketball district showdown at Wildcat Gymnasium.

"It would have been better if we made some shots," said coach Rod Smith.

The ladies in orange and blue from Hardee Senior High School were bested in a 65-26 rout by the Lady Tornadoes.

The loss dropped Hardee to 8-7 on the season and 3-2 in Class 6A District 10 play. Booker (11-6, 5-0) remains undefeated in district action. Hardee is now tied with the Lady Highlanders of Lake Wales High School for second place in the district. DeSoto (4-6, 0-3) and Sebring (4-11, 0-4) have yet to win a district game.

Senior Destinee Baker led Hardee's scoring effort with eight points. Jalynn Thompson recorded six points; Javia Thompson netted four points; Eboni Lamy recorded three points; Azaria Rivers and Miracle Thompson recorded two points; and Kyra Wilson recorded one point.

Hardee went 2-for-10 from the three-point zone. Jalynn Thompson went 1-for-5 and Javia Thompson went 1-for-2.

The Lady Wildcats shot only 32 percent from the free throw line as they

went 6-for-19. Baker went 2-for-6; Lamy went 1-for-2; Javia Thompson went 1-for-4; Wilson went 1-for-2; Jalynn Thompson went 1-for-2; and M. Thompson went 0-for-3.

Hardee recorded 26 rebounds, one assist, and 13 steals, while forcing 26 turnovers.

Rachel St. Fort led the squad in rebounds with eight. Lamy recorded seven rebounds; Baker had four rebounds; Jarisa Lindsey had three rebounds; Wilson recorded two rebounds; and Javia Thompson and Rivers each recorded a rebound.

Lindsey was credited with Hardee's sole assist.

M. Thompson led the squad with three steals. Baker, Rivers, Javia Thompson, and Wilson each had two steals; and Jalynn Thompson and St. Fort each recorded one steal.

Lady Cats Spank Bulldogs

The Lady Wildcats took the bone away from the Lady Bulldogs last Tuesday (Jan. 8) as they traveled to Arcadia to deliver a decisive 47-25 defeat to archrival DeSoto County High School.

The win propelled the ladies in orange and blue from Hardee Senior High School to 8-6 on the season and 3-1 in Class 6A District 10 basketball action.

The road win over the district foe improved the Lady Wildcats to second place in the district standings following only Booker (Sarasota) High School.

Hardee jumped to an early lead against the Bulldogs as they led 10-0 by the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs battled back in the second as they matched the Lady Wildcats point-for-point as both teams advanced their tallies by 10 to bring the halftime score to 20-10 in Hardee's favor.

The Lady Wildcats continued to pull away from the Bulldog pack in the third quarter as they outpaced their hosts 11-7 to push their lead to 31-17.

Hardee sealed the win, after outpacing DeSoto 16-8 in the fourth quarter, with a final score of 47-25 by the final buzzer.

Senior Destinee Baker and Jalynn Thompson, a sophomore, led the Lady Wildcat squad in scoring as they each put up 12 points for a combined 24 points – half of the squad's total take. Eboni Lamy and Rachel St. Fort each recorded five points; Javia Thompson netted four points; Miracle Thompson had three points; and Kyra Wilson, Jariso Lindsey, and Azaria Rivers each contributed two points.

The squad went 2-for-10 from the three point zone. Jalynn Thompson went 1-for-6 and Baker went 1-for-2.

The Lady Wildcats went 11-for-26 from the free throw line. M. Thompson went 3-for-4; Jalynn Thompson went 1-for-6; Wilson went 2-for-4; St. Fort went 1-for-3; Lamy was 1-for-2; and 3-for-4.

Hardee recorded 39 rebounds, seven assists, and 12 steals. St. Fort led the team with 13 total rebounds.

Baker recorded six rebounds; Lamy had five rebounds; Wilson had four rebounds; Rivers recorded three rebounds; Beyonce Mosley, Lindsey, and Jalynn Thompson had two rebounds each; and M. Thompson and Javia Thompson each recorded one rebound.

Wilson and Javia Thompson each had two assists; and Jalynn Thompson, St. Fort, and Mosley each recorded one assist.

Baker led the squad with three steals; Rivers and Javia Thompson each had two steals; Jalynn Thompson, Wilson, Lamy, St. Fort, and Lindsey each recorded one steal.

Upcoming Games:

The Lady Wildcats headed to Sebring to face the Lady Blue Streaks in a district showdown on Tuesday (Jan. 15). Results were not available as of press time. The squad is scheduled to travel today (Thursday), Jan. 18, for a 6:30 p.m. game at Frostproof Middle/Senior High School. The Lady Wildcats will again be on the road Friday (Jan. 19), as they travel to Lake Wales High School to face the Lady Highlanders at 7:30 p.m. in a district matchup. The squad plays again on the road on Monday (Jan. 21) as they travel to face the Miners of Fort Meade High School at 6 p.m. The squad returns home to face the Lady Bulldogs of DeSoto County High School on Tuesday (Jan. 22) in a 7:30 p.m. district showdown.



PHOTOS BY TOM STAIK
Jalynn Thompson (#2) rushes down the court for the Lady Wildcats amid heavy pressure from the Booker Tornadoes.



A pair of Booker defenders dwarf Jalynn Thompson as she attempts to pass the ball for the Lady Wildcats.



Sophomore Eboni Lamy (#13) attempts to find a clearing to pass the ball.



A swarm of Booker Tornadoes surround Destinee Baker as she attempts to move the ball for the Lady Wildcats.



Sophomore guard Javia Thompson (#4) attempts a shot for the Lady Wildcats.



Eboni Lamy (#13) leaps into the air to attempt a shot for the Lady Wildcats.

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Notices

PERSONAL PROPERTY OF Diane Radandt, Bonnie Heggie, Raul Martinez, Sarah Asaujo, Roberta Martinez, Otis Blandin, Donna Carver, Steven Radandt, Jessica Weyer, Jacob Harris, Barbara Ratliff, Junior Kilpatrick, Selena Spainhouse, Dennis Albritton, Benito Valdez, Mary Ann Parrott will be sold by warehouseman's lien said sale will be at Bowling Green storage 5018 North Hwy 17 Bowling Green, Florida at 9 a.m. on Feb. 19th, 2019. 1:17,24p

Notices

PERSONAL PROPERTY OF John Scarbro and Lisa Driskell will be sold by warehouseman's lien said sale will be at Northside Storage 1085 Hwy N 17 Wauchula Florida at 8 a.m. on Feb 19, 2019. 1:17,24p

PERSONAL PROPERTY OF Graylin Smith, Dagon Hodges, Linda Ennis will be sold by warehouseman's lien said sale will be at B&J Ministorage 210 N 3rd Ave., Wauchula, Florida at 10 a.m. on Feb. 19, 2019. 1:17,24p

Pets

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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

Real Estate

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 Hardee County, FL

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Wauchula Takes Swing At Farr Field Renovations

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

Wauchula city officials are taking a swing at breathing new life into the aging Farr Field sports complex on South Florida Avenue.

The Wauchula City Commission on Monday night voted 4-0 to approve a conceptual partnership with the softball league of Hardee County Youth Sports.

City leaders also authorized up to \$10,000 from contingency funds to help push the project forward. The city funds will augment a pledge of up to \$15,000 offered by Hardee County Youth Sports for repairs.

"Our board members share a common desire to ensure that the girls of Hardee County are provided with a beautiful and safe place to enjoy playing softball," noted Carrie Sue Edenfield, president of the softball league in a letter to the city commissioners. "The board has approved \$15,000 in repairs that will be made to the facility at our expense."

Farr Field has largely fell into disrepair in recent years with the city providing only the most basic of maintenance at the complex.

"We, the city of Wauchula, have done very little out there over the past few years," said City Manager Terry Atchley during Monday's meeting. "We have pretty much mowed, and that is it."

Atchley said he envisions fields at the complex will be reconfigured to allow

for three softball fields. Currently, the facility consists of two smaller softball fields to the rear of the property with a larger field adjoining South Florida Avenue.

"What we would like is to take the big field down and match it with the size of the back fields to give three softball fields," Atchley said.

The reconfiguration of the larger field, Atchley said, would allow room for later development and provide much-needed additional parking at the complex.

Hardee County Youth Sports said it plans to update fencing, bathrooms, and the concession stand.

"The repairs will include updating the bathrooms in the concession stand building and repairing and replacing cloth to the existing fencing surrounding the fields to the west of the concession stand," Edenfield noted.

The scope of work envisioned by the softball group also includes:

- Removing the fence surrounding the field closest to South Florida Avenue;
- Removing the old scoreboards;
- Pressure washing bleachers, concrete pads and the concession stand;
- Replacing the roof on all four dugouts on the two softball fields;
- Painting the dugouts, exterior of the concession stand and bleachers;
- Removing the metal signs on the concession stand;
- Removing the plywood from the

concession stand windows;

- Updating power sockets in the concession stand;
- Replacing the doors of the restroom at the concession stand;
- Replacing all outside light fixtures at the concession stand;
- Tearing out and replacing the restroom tiles and sinks; and
- Taking down footbridges and replacing the paths with concrete pads.

Officials are also planning on adding additional clay to the fields.

Commissioners praised the fledgling partnership.

"I am personally happy to hear it," said Mayor Pro Tem Neda Cobb, whose daughter once played softball at the complex. "It is very good for the youth."

Commissioner Russell Graylin Smith also noted satisfaction with a recreation project garnering attention. "Parks, up to this point, have been an afterthought," he said.

The clock is ticking for the crews to round the bases before the start of the softball season the week after the close of the County Fair in February.

Atchley also pledged in-kind labor and equipment services by the city.

While the ball may be sailing toward the outfield fence line, it remains too early to call the shot a homerun. City attorney Thomas Cloud must first draft a contract between the city and the youth sporting group.



PHOTOS BY TOM STAIK

After falling into disrepair in recent years, the Farr Field sports complex on South Florida Avenue is slated to receive a major renovation through a joint partnership with Hardee County Youth Sports.



Fencing for the field fronting South Florida Avenue will be removed and all the softball fields will be reconfigured, according to the plan.

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Super Crossword

APT OCCUPATIONS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ship parts
 - 6 One in a veil
 - 11 Very small: Prefix
 - 15 Sealed, say
 - 19 Early TV's Stu
 - 20 Posteriors
 - 21 Stick — in the water
 - 22 Songwriter's creation
 - 23 Martin the ticket collector?
 - 26 Actor Bana or Stoltz
 - 27 Pay to play poker
 - 28 Game with Wild cards
 - 29 Clinton the doctor?
 - 31 Caught at a rodeo
 - 33 Pollen lover
 - 34 Hardly fresh
 - 35 Worldwide
 - 38 Ellington the Peppermint Pattie factory worker?
 - 45 More greasy
 - 49 Ending for Israel
 - 50 Ilk
 - 51 Car owners' org.
 - 52 Kelly the minister?
 - 54 "Let's go!"
 - 55 Former Apple messaging software
 - 57 See 64-Down
 - 58 Primate studier
 - 59 Benny the golfer?
 - 61 Markey and Bagnold
 - 63 Actor Hinds of 2017's "Justice League"
 - 65 Negligent
 - 66 Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's purview
 - 67 Bailey the philosopher?
 - 72 Folder flap
 - 75 Meal tie-on
 - 76 Rice-based Spanish dish
 - 77 Ivory's counterpart
 - 79 Benatar the dairy owner?
 - 85 Fuzzy stuff
 - 87 Departure
 - 88 Standoffish
 - 89 Karmann — (bygone VW sports car)
 - 90 Nolte the clockmaker?
 - 92 Skeleton part
 - 93 +
 - 94 Ariz.-to-Kan. dir.
 - 95 Girls in the family
 - 96 Liotta the lamp designer?
 - 100 Gets dilated
 - 102 Basic deg. for designers
 - 103 Supermodel Carangi or actress Scala
 - 105 End profit
 - 110 Behar the chef?
 - 116 Airport stat
 - 117 Hotel chain
 - 118 Morales of film and TV
 - 119 Arden the demolition contractor?
 - 122 Shady giants
 - 123 Get-out-of-jail money
 - 124 Super-mad
 - 125 "The Flea" poet John
 - 126 Blog addition
 - 127 Pot for stew
 - 128 Lauder of makeup
 - 129 Evil smile
- DOWN**
- 1 Get gold, e.g.
 - 2 Target
 - 3 Smacks
 - 4 Spork parts
 - 5 — -cone
 - 6 "Viva Zapata!" star
 - 7 Alter totally
 - 8 Reply to "Who's in charge here?"
 - 9 Bounced down the court
 - 10 Actress Davis of two "Matrix" films
 - 11 Spam, say
 - 12 Langston Hughes poem
 - 13 Athletic team assoc.
 - 14 Film anew
 - 15 Not wobbly
 - 16 Throw
 - 17 Troop body
 - 18 Pt. of MIT or STEM
 - 24 Nuclear reactor tube
 - 25 Polar vehicle
 - 30 Polar pixie
 - 32 Curved arch
 - 36 High jump on a skateboard, informally
 - 37 Lacking a key, in music
 - 39 "Semper Fi" mil. branch
 - 40 Weirdo
 - 41 Rubik of cube fame
 - 42 Aiea's island
 - 43 Broccoli —
 - 44 Kit — (candy bars)
 - 45 Poet Nash
 - 46 Twisted wit
 - 47 — lazuli
 - 48 Frosted
 - 53 Abbr. on a pay stub
 - 54 "Please, Mommy, will you let us?"
 - 55 "Veni," in English
 - 56 Nero's 160
 - 59 Villain in Disney's "Aladdin"
 - 60 Waitress on TV's "Alice"
 - 62 Spruce (up)
 - 64 With 57-Across, Ali ring strategy
 - 68 Abate
 - 69 "Fighting" Big Ten team
 - 70 Cut, as pizza
 - 71 Cold and wet
 - 72 Like poison
 - 73 Japanese cartoon art
 - 74 Measures of memory
 - 75 Scaring cry
 - 78 — noire
 - 79 One of Henry VIII's Catherine's
 - 80 Et —
 - 81 Mug in a pub
 - 82 Jamaican citrus fruit
 - 83 Mean ruffian
 - 84 Wife on "The Addams Family," to her hubby
 - 86 Cover for a truck bed
 - 90 Crystal rubbers, perhaps
 - 91 Jab deliverer
 - 93 Control in a clinical study
 - 97 Certain wind player
 - 98 Very loudly, musically
 - 99 9-to-5er's weekly cry
 - 101 Main dish
 - 104 Art house film, often
 - 106 Went aboard
 - 107 Nitrogen compound
 - 108 Words after all or hole
 - 109 San Fran griddler
 - 110 All-terrain vehicle
 - 111 Fjord city
 - 112 Tasty tubers
 - 113 Egg-shaped
 - 114 Eye, in Paris
 - 115 Nut with caffeine
 - 116 Rock finale?
 - 120 Perched
 - 121 LP replacers

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might feel obligated to help work out a dispute between family members. But this is one of those times when you should step aside and let them work out their problems on their own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your ability to resolve an on-the-job problem without leaving too many ruffled feathers earns you kudos from co-workers. You also impress major decision-makers at your workplace.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Newly made and long-held friendships merge well, with possibly one exception. Take time to listen to the dissenter's explanations. You could learn something important.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be prepared to be flexible about your current travel plans. Although you don't have to take them, at least consider suggestions from the experts in the travel business.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A problem with a recent financial transaction could lead to more problems later on unless you resolve it immediately. Get all the proof you need to support your position.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Daydreaming makes it difficult to stay focused on what you need to do. But reality sets in by midweek, and you manage to get everything done in time for a relaxing weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to reach out to those in need of spiritual comfort makes you a much-revered, much-loved person in your community.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Taking some time out of your usually busy social life could be just what you need to help you focus on putting those finishing touches on your plans for a possible career change.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A misunderstanding about a colleague's suggestions could create a delay in moving on with your proposal. But by week's end, all the confusing points should finally be cleared up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel overwhelmed by all the tasks you suddenly have to take care of. But just say the magic word — help! — and you'll soon find others rushing to offer much-needed assistance.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Finishing a current project ahead of schedule leaves you free to deal with other upcoming situations, including a possible workplace change, as well as a demanding personal matter.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Turn that fine-tuned feline sensitivity radar up to high to help uncover any facts that could influence a decision you might be preparing to make. Devote the weekend to family activities.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A state of confusion is soon cleared up with explanations from the responsible parties. Don't waste time chastising anyone. Instead, move forward with your plans.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Finger is moved. 3. Mouth is wider. 4. Thumb is moved. 5. Neckline is different. 6. Wall is

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.

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Difficulty: ★★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Difficulty This Week: ◆◆◆
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

"DOR" WORDS

MAGIC MAZE

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T C B Z Y W V R O D I R R O C

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

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Ardor Corridor Matador Tudor
Candor Cuspidor Odor Vendor
Condor Ecuador Splendor

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Answers: CORREGIDORS, HOO BOY!

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: B equals T

SWQB SEJXI FEJ GQXX Q WHDW-
GQXEYHK, MJDQYF RKOKYQDK
ENBKU MKYOKI QB VQYBHKM?
NYJHB VQJUGW.

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.

XRD RGWXYBJ YA XRD KYBMP
GW XRD BDUYBP YA T HTC
GC ZQDWX YA RGW SBDTP
TCP SQXXDB.
— R.K. FTC MYYC

"DOR" WORDS

Answers: CORREGIDORS, HOO BOY!

Super Crossword

Answers: CORREGIDORS, HOO BOY!

Cryptoquote

answer

The history of the world is the record of a man in quest of his bread and butter. — H.W. Van Loon

answer

What would you call a high-calorie, sugary beverage often served at parties? Fruit punch.

Washed New By His Power ...

My college Spanish teacher Marilyn Allgood was one of the most persuasive people I've ever known. She was passionate about missions in the Rio Grande River area. To incentivize college students to go during summer break, she offered college credits to go and translate for a mission team doing work in the rural Mexican desert. I was persuaded and signed up.

We went in with a team from Arkansas, and I learned that my college Spanish had not prepared me for construction terminology. No one had taught me the word for rafter or welding or soffit or concrete. By the end of my first week, I was dreaming in Spanish.

The team from Arkansas left after a week, and my partner Brian and I were left behind to work with children and lead Bible Studies.

The people in the village were trying to scratch out a living in the desert. They had small vegetable gardens, watered by buckets carried from a windmill pump. Their scrawny cows and goats survived out in the bush.

I was enough of a norte americano that after a week, I wanted a bath. With water so precious, bathing was not a regular activity in the village. After a day or two, you no longer noticed the smell of others; you simply hoped they didn't notice you. The only bathing option was the pond by the windmill, where the cows and goats drank and cooled off. The water was muddy and, shall we say, had little islands of cow residue floating on top of the water.

Desperate men do desperate things. I took my bar of soap down to the cow pond and waded out into the filthy water. My soap touched the water, squealed, rolled over and sank. I tried to remove the top layer of dirt, but new dirt was clinging to me faster than the old dirt was coming off. I gave up, filthier than before.

Our Mexican liaison must have noticed our discomfort, because the next day he rattled into the village with a pickup and told us we were going for a ride. We hopped on, Brian and I, and he headed out of the village, headed toward the distant mountains. He stopped in another village to pick up another team of students, Molly and Susan. They had been doing literacy training. Off we went again.

After hundreds of twists and turns, he stopped. Then we heard it: the sound of rushing water. We jumped off the truck and headed to-

ward the sound. Gushing over rocks was the cleanest, purest water I had ever seen, flowing down from the mountains. Brian needed no encouragement. He waded right in, fully clothed. I was right after him. The water was cold but refreshing. Molly and Susan were hesitant, but soon their desire for clean overcame their modesty.



Directions
By Clay Smith
Hardee County Native

I found a deep spot and squatted down. I could feel the water peeling away the layers of dirt and grime. I dunked my head underwater, and felt the oil stripped from my hair. I was being washed clean.

It was a moment of deep joy, sanitized by the force of the water, refreshed by its cool temperature, and restored to something we once knew — cleanness. It meant even more, because the four of us were sharing it together. This was gift, a renewal. It was like a baptism.

The shadows had begun to fall, and our Mexican guide told us it was time to go back. Darkness fell quickly. We rode in the back of the truck, shivering in our wet clothes, but clean; marveling at the stars, bright in an unpolluted sky. Despite having no preacher, no music, and no Bible, it was one of the best days of worship I ever had.

How often do you try to clean your soul in dirty water? It never works. Jesus tried to tell us this. He told us that hate, lust, self-centeredness, salesmanship, making sure things are even — none of this works. None of these behaviors make us feel cleaner.

You and I need an encounter with God's grace. We need to be plunged into God's blessings and be cleaned by his power, the power of a pure Savior who died for our sins and was raised to give us new life.

Visit God's gushing stream of grace. Be loved. Marvel. Get clean.

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 unlikely-clay.com.

Waterfowl Habitat Offers Hunting Opportunities

"When people from out of state think about Florida, often the first things that come to mind are the state's beautiful beaches and Disney World," said Matt Coffey, senior communications specialist for Ducks Unlimited. "And I myself used to think the same thing — until I experienced my first Florida duck hunt."

Coffey had an opportunity last year to hunt waterfowl at central Florida's T.M. Goodwin Waterfowl Management Area.

"I didn't realize how vast the estuaries and wetlands are and how much waterfowl habitat there is in Florida," he said. "Florida waterfowl hunters have great opportunities, especially with duck species like the black-bellied whistling duck and the fulvous whistling duck, where populations in the U.S. mainly occur in Texas, Louisiana and Florida. Hunting Florida mottled ducks is a totally unique experience because the only place in the world they exist is the Florida peninsula."

Coffey also said he appreciates the fact that even in winter, temperatures are usually moderate and comfortable. Plus, there's so much to do in the Sunshine State.

"The group I was with hunted teal, pintails and mottled ducks in the morning, snipe at midday, and then we fished for tarpon in the Intracoastal in the afternoon," Coffey said. "Some of them even slipped off to enjoy the beach! Where else can you do all that in a day?"

Hunting Guide

Check out the Florida Fish

& Wildlife Conservation Commission's "Guide to Waterfowl Hunting in Florida" at MyFWC.com/Duck. It's a valuable resource that lists where duck hunting is available, shows decoy placement setups, gives scouting and hunting tips, and provides identification photos of most duck species you're likely to see in Florida.

ers, four eiders, four long-tailed ducks and four mallards, of which only two may be female, in your bag.

The daily limit on coots is 15, and there's a five-bird limit on mergansers, only two of which may be hooded.

You also may take light geese statewide during the waterfowl and coot season, which includes the taking of snow,



Outta The Woods
By Tony Young
Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission

Seasons & Licenses

Waterfowl and coot season runs through Jan. 27 statewide. In addition to a hunting license, duck hunters also need a Florida waterfowl permit, federal duck stamp and migratory bird permit. And if you're hunting on a WMA, you'll also need a management area permit and maybe a quota permit.

All licenses and permits are available at GoOutdoors-Florida.com, county tax collectors' offices or license agents, or by calling (888) Hunt-Florida, which is 486-8356.

Bag Limits

The daily bag limit on ducks is six. But there may be only one mottled duck and one fulvous whistling duck; only two may be canvasbacks, black ducks, scaup, pintails or redheads; and only three may be wood ducks. And you may have no more than four scot-

blue and Ross's geese. There's a 15-bird daily bag limit on any combination of these geese.

Hunting Regulations

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity, magazine and chamber combined.

Hunters may use only non-toxic shot: iron (steel), bismuth-tin and tungsten alloys.

DU & FWC Partnership

Ducks Unlimited, the FWC and others partnered in 2017 to conserve, improve and restore nearly 30,000 acres of wetland habitat in Florida.

"The partnership between the FWC and DU is making an important difference in Florida," Coffey said. "The FWC identifies local areas that need the most help, and DU delivers sound wetland restoration that benefits both Florida's wildlife and people."

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

Dear HCDI customers,

As of January 1, 2019, we will no longer be servicing any drums, small bins or fabricated cans (as pictured) as garbage receptacles (garbage cans). Please see the proper definition (shown below) as stated in the Hardee County Solid Waste contract as to what is acceptable as a garbage receptacle.



"Garbage Receptacle - Any commonly available light gauge steel, plastic or galvanized receptacle of a non-absorbent material, closed at one end and open at the other, furnished with closely fitted top or lid and two handles. A receptacle also includes a heavy duty securely tied plastic bag designated for use as a garbage receptacle." Any receptacle including waste materials shall not exceed 32 gallons in capacity or 50 pounds in weight each."



"The Collection Service shall include collection of two garbage receptacles not to exceed 32 gallons in size and 50 pounds in weight."

New garbage receptacles can be readily purchased at various stores throughout the county. **Do not purchase garbage receptacles (garbage cans) larger than the 32 gallon capacity as we will be phasing out collection of other non-compliant containers throughout 2019.** Please feel free to call us at 863-773-6079 for any further information.

If you WOULD like to discard these containers, HCDI will dispose of them beginning with regular pick up on Wednesday, January 9th for the City of Zolfo Springs and Thursday, January 10th for Unincorporated Hardee County. If you like to keep your old cans/receptacles, please do not put them out on the road or they will be picked up.




12:13-1:17c

On This Day:

- In 1871 1st cable car patented, by Andrew Smith Hallidie in the US (begins service in 1873)
- In 1916 Rodman Wanamaker organizes a lunch to discuss forming a golfers association (later the PGA) at the Taplow Club, Martinique Hotel, New York City
- In 1920 First day Prohibition comes into effect in the US as a result of the 18th amendment



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A watercolor workshop with artist Max Gooding is being offered Friday, Jan. 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at South Florida State College's Museum of Florida Art & Culture in Avon Park. Gooding will teach the importance of value in watercolor and how to "see" using the medium. A Florida native, Gooding is a landscape design professional and visual artist and business owner. He graduated from SFSC and attended the University of Florida, and now owns and operates The Max Gooding Company, a landscape design and fine art business in Naples. Gooding developed a love for watercolor over time. When asked about his relationship with the medium, Gooding said, "I despised watercolor before understanding it and embracing it." Workshop participants should bring watercolor paint, brushes, palette and a few of their own images to paint. Watercolor papers and additional images will be provided. To register, call Megan Stepe, curator, at (863) 784-7240 or Karla Respress, art professor, at (863) 449-0978. Cost is \$60.



COURTESY PHOTO

Kyla Shiver and Randal Platt

Kyla Shiver Engaged To Wed Randal Platt

Dr. Gary Shiver of Zolfo Springs and Martha Shiver of Wauchula announce the engagement of their daughter, Kyla Jane, to Randal John Platt, the son of Jim and Melissa Platt of Lake Placid.

The bride-to-be is a radiologic technologist at Florida Joint & Spine.

The prospective groom is self-employed and owner of Platt Fencing Inc.

A March wedding is being planned.

SHERIFFS 911 REPORT



PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

Speaking to the Hardee Rotary Club on Wednesday, Jan. 9, were 911 coordinator Christy Reschke and Hardee County Sheriff's public information officer Makayla Chancey. The 911 call center has 18 employees, including two supervisors. There are four vacancies in the center. From left are Capt. Eddie Davis, Christy Reschke, Makayla Chancey, Sheriff Arnold Lanier, and Rotary President Lee Mikell.

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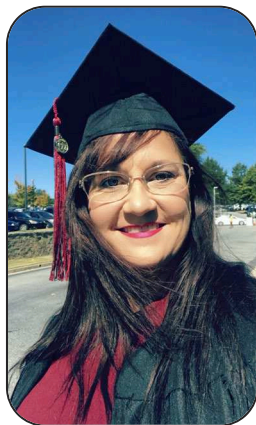


Church News

The Hebrew Bible College is offering an International Center for Torah Studies course at its campus in Avon Park for those interested in learning more about Jewish history, the Bible and Israel. Call Joanne Schock at (863)

781-5773 or Joyce Fulse at (863) 448-7049 for more information on moving forward to the next level of your growth in God.

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



Pace

Jo Pace Gets MBA Degree

Jonnie "Jo" Pace, a 1993 graduate of Hardee Senior High School, was awarded a Master of Business Administration at a recent graduation ceremony in Georgia.

Pace, a resident of Zolfo Springs, is the mother of three and the grandmother of two. She earned the advanced degree online from the University of Phoenix while employed full-time.

Graduates received their degrees in a fall ceremony held at the Infinite Energy Center in Duluth.

Pace's Bachelor of Arts degree was awarded in 2009 at Warner University in Lake Wales.

She is currently employed by the state of Florida as a child protective investigator, a position she has held for 10 years.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Mardi Sumner of Wauchula.

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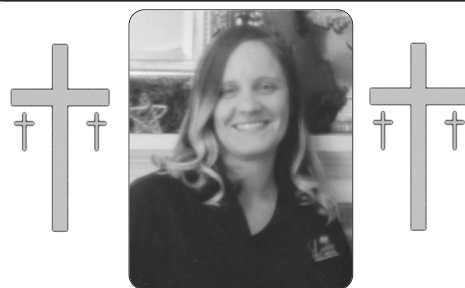
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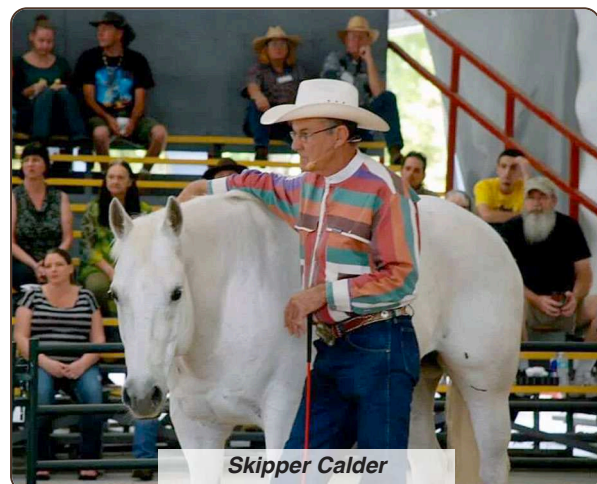
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HARDEE LIVING

WINTER REVIVAL



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Maranatha Baptist Church invites the community to its Winter Revival this Sunday through Wednesday, Jan. 20-23. Evangelist Dr. Dale Aguiar will be preaching. His unique style of preaching the Gospel message from the King James Version of the Holy Bible challenges the Christian and convicts the hearts of all who attend. The Calvary Quartet (above) from Simpsonville, S.C., in its 25th year of ministry, will be singing four-part harmony in the Sunday evening service. Weekdays, evangelist Aguiar will be playing the piano and singing. Times are Sunday at 10 a.m., Bible study for all ages; morning worship at 11; and an "old-fashioned dinner on the grounds" covered-dish lunch at 12:15 p.m. Evening service times are Sunday at 6 and Monday-Wednesday at 7. Maranatha Baptist Church is located at 204 N. Ninth Ave. in Wauchula. For more information, call Pastor Pedro Morales at (863) 832-7829.

Theolodge Opens 2019 With Mini-Tour And New Album

He may call Bowling Green home, but hip-hop artist Theo Jones isn't in the Sunshine State this week.

He's in the Netherlands. Jones, also known as Theolodge, is performing in a mini-tour this week.

The tour, called "Striving For Greatness," is to help promote his new album, "Striving," which is being released on Feb. 26.

Theolodge says that "Striving" will be available digitally on all major outlets, but will not be coming out on CD.

This "Striving For Greatness" tour falls two months after Theolodge's song, "Blue Faces," was used in an episode of The CW Television's "All American" show and less than a half-year after he signed his first contract with 411 Music Group.

In fact, Theolodge says that "Blue Faces" is playing on three radio stations - Slam Juize, Amsterdam Most Wanted FM and Taksim FM - in Amsterdam.

And this isn't Theolodge's first time in Europe.

Last summer, he toured Eu-



COURTESY PHOTO

Theo "Theolodge" Jones asks "Whassup?" For him, it's a music tour in the Netherlands.

rope for the first time, spending six weeks performing in France, Spain, Germany, Luxemburg and the Netherlands. It was that tour that led to his contract with the Los Angeles-

based 411 Music Group.

You can listen to some of Theolodge's music and find links to his social media accounts from his website, theolodgemusic.com.

LIONS AWARD WINNER



PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

Helen Summit (left) on Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Java Cafe was presented the Melvin Jones Fellow Award by Judy Galm, past Lions district governor from Lake Placid. Helen is treasurer of the Wauchula Lions Club and one of its hardest working members. Melvin Jones is the founder of Lions International.

YEAR OF REVIVAL



COURTESY PHOTO

Bishop Larry Timmerman, pictured above with wife Jan, will be at Faith Temple Church of God beginning this Sunday through next Wednesday, Jan. 20-23. Services are Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and weeknights at 7. Timmerman has served as a pastor, state overseer, evangelist and revivalist. The church invites you and your family to join in its first revival of the 2019 Year of Revival. Next month, Feb. 10-13, Dale Everett will be at the church for a healing revival. Faith Temple is located at 701 N. Seventh Ave., Wauchula; phone 773-3800.

School Menu

MONDAY
No School

TUESDAY
Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, banana bread, biscuit & sausage, fruit and milk
Lunch: fried Chicken (k-12), PB&J (k-12), nachos (k-12), pizza (6-12), garden salad, pinto beans, fruit and milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, pizza, donuts, juice, fruit and milk
Lunch: chicken fajita wrap, chicken sandwich (k-12), PB&J (k-12), french bread pizza (6-12), sweet potato, celery, garden salad (6-12), fruit and milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, yogurt parfait, pumpkin bread, fruit and milk
Lunch: chicken alfredo (k-12), PB&J (k-12), pizza (k-12), cheeseburger (6-12), carrot sticks, corn, garden salad (6-12), fruit and milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: cereal & graham crackers, breakfast bowl, pop-tart, juice, fruit and milk
Lunch: chicken nuggets (k-12), PB&J (k-12), fish wedge (k-12), calzone cheese, pepperoni or buffalo (6-12), french fries, cole slaw, fruit and milk

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HARDEE LIVING

4-City News

By Henrietta Benson
448-6737

The 75th Anniversary service convened Sunday at Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, the Rev. Arthur Powell Jr., pastor. Guest church in charge was Friendship Baptist Church, the Rev. Lewis Anderson, pastor, Arcadia. Dinner was served after worship service.

Deepest sympathy to the White family in the passing of their loved one, Donald "Uncle Don" Lee White, last Monday while in the VA Hospital in St. Petersburg. Viewing will be 9:30 a.m., service 11 this Saturday at First Baptist Church, 4531 U.S. 17, Bowling Green.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Deacon Leslie Mowatt, whose home-going came while on a Christmas/New Year holiday trip to New Jersey with son Zeke Mowatt and family. Visitation is 12:30 p.m. Saturday, service 2 p.m. Both at First Baptist Church, 1347 M.L. King Ave., Wauchula.

Please pray for all the sick, those in hospitals, care centers and at home.

Prayers for Annie Green, Betty L. Ellison Hinkson, Jean Forrester and James Barnett.

Lemont Belcher and his father, Jessie Belcher, were visitors last Sunday with Jessie's sister, Alice B. Faulk, at Hardee Manor Care Center.

Deepest sympathy to the Ellison family in the passing of James Otis Ellison of Quincy on Wednesday. He grew up and attended school in Wauchula. Service information is incomplete currently.

Hello to James A. White, who's in the care center.

Happy 95th birthday wishes to a very nice

lady on her special day, Lottie Mae White in St. Petersburg today (Jan. 17). Miss you both not here in Hardee.

Chiquita Robinson and I were Saturday visitors with our cousin, Stanley Davis, at Bartow Center.

Happier Birthday: Klowie Baker, Holly Bryant, Wanda Altman, Sylvia Elbertson, Jessica Whitted, Willie Pete Dunlap Jr., Dale Elbertson, Teresa Terrell, Charles Butcher, Betty Steedley, Tim McCray, Vicky Castaneda, Karen Bowmaster, Penny Smith, Courtney Evans, Melanie Allen Smith, Champ Fulse, Earnestine Richardson, Gregory McLendon, Jennifer Franks, John G. Adler, Sharri Knight, Juan Castanon, Angela Matthews, Tammi Green, Kimberly Irvin Silas, Diane Bethea Lane, Joe Flores, Carmen Crawford, LaKisha Palmore and Jodie Barlow.

Deepest sympathy to Judith Greenwell George and family in the home-going of her husband, Stephen V. George III, on Saturday.

Saturday was Clean-Up Day at Bowling Green Memorial Garden Cemetery, and was large in numbers with about 20 in attendance. Next work day will be Feb. 16, if you missed the first work day, as we still need helping hands. All are welcome.

Wanda Nelson and brother Rufus Nelson of Lakeland and their uncle, Moses Shaw, were here during the workday Saturday for the cemetery.

The coming weekend will mark the Dr. Martin L. King Jr. celebration.

Let's continue to keep our nation in prayer.

Brookside Bluff News

By Jerry Smith
517-930-1524

So here I am back in Florida after the worst trip ever! It's a long story, and I won't bore you with all the details but if you see Dee or me around we can fill you in with all the horrors.

Our first function shortly after arriving was the New Year's Eve Party at the Club House. Over 100 of our folks and some grandkids filled the hall for dancing, singing, a few drinks, some great food and just a lot of fun!

One highlight was the three grandkids of Jan and Sandy Hanson (Abby, Will and Lexi Hanson) as they performed the Cotton Eyed Joe. As they took the dance floor everyone was smiling from ear to ear! They definitely received the loudest ovation of the night.

But the best part was how everyone made their own fun by performing Karaoke, dancing, and by just doing anything asked of them! The Chicken Dance and The Hokie Pokie were added attractions and were big hits! Of course, Delbert Beach, top hat and all, was in his usual form! I tip Delbert's hat to Bruce Miller for

all his hard work and leadership once again. God bless!

Hey, if you are looking for a church or can't decide on one, try our Brookside Church held right in our club house. Services start each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. from the first Sunday in November and ending on Easter Sunday. It features convenience and a Gospel-driven service with a great sermon and park fellowship. For further information you may contact Ed or Marilyn Bredeleg, Cathy Bennett or Reverend James Stallings.

Another Christian group is the Tuesday Night Bible Study held at the Club House at 7 p.m. Contact Roy or Iva Roberts for more information. Both of these events have been a part of our park for many years.

I will write more about the Wednesday Jam in a future article but in the meantime, they are held each Wednesday at the club house at 1 p.m. Contact Marvin or Paula Nicholson for further info. And of course the Friday Night Jam is in full swing starting at 7 p.m. You'll all come!

When I started writing this column I promised that I would only write stories that were uplifting, informative or just humorous. What happened on January 1, 2019 has changed all of that mostly because I was there when it all happened. By now, you all know that George Derr passed away on that date. His funeral took place on Friday, January 4 at our Club House. It was a standing only event to pay tribute to one of our own.

It was what happened on January 1 that I want to write about. I witnessed first hand the efforts of heroine Ellie Miller as she desperately tried to save George's life. Jumping in to assist Ellie was Bruce Miller's granddaughter Jackie who valiantly tried to help Ellie to keep George alive. For sure, there were others who helped out, but it was these two individuals that led the futile effort to save George. Sadly, we lost George but I can assure you it wasn't because of a lack of effort to save him. Condolences to Bonnie and their family from all of us at Brookside.

Election Heads Offer Scholarships

Local college or university students have the opportunity to apply for a \$1,200 scholarship through the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Election, Hardee County Elections Supervisor Diane Smith has announced.

The statewide professional organization includes all 67 supervisors of elections in Florida, providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences.

The group will award three \$1,200 scholarships again this year.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the student applicant must be either a Political Science/Public or Business Administration or Journalism/Mass Communications major who have finished two years of

junior college or undergraduate work, with enough credits for enrollment as a junior.

Any Hardee County applicant must be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in a senior college or university in the state of Florida.

The completed FSASE scholarship application, resume and two letters of recommendation must be submitted by March 29 to Smith at her office here.

The complete guidelines may be picked up at the Hardee County Supervisor of Elections Office, 311 N. Sixth Ave., Wauchula. They are also available at the South Florida State College Wauchula campus, 2968 U.S. 17, Bowling Green.

For additional information, call Smith at 773-6061.

Roundup

Worker Trainers Class Jan. 29

There will be a Worker Protection Standards training session on Jan. 29 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Hardee County Extension Service office. It will cover the information required under the rule to train employees as pesticide handlers or workers. Attendees can obtain a WPS Training Certificate or four continuing education units.

If you were trained as a trainer under the WPS rule prior to 2017, you will need to be trained under the new rule before conducting either handler or worker training sessions unless you have a valid restricted-use pesticide license. Call the Extension Service at 773-2164 to register for the class; registration is \$10 per person. The Extension Service is at 507 Civic Center Drive in Wauchula.

Food & Energy Help For Seniors

NU-HOPE Elder Care Services Inc. has crisis energy and nutrition assistance available for low-income senior households, including help paying past-due energy bills, obtaining adequate cooling or heating equipment, resolving other heating-related energy crises, and/or receiving a short-term supply of nutritious frozen meals.

Funding is limited. Seniors needing assistance should contact NU-HOPE's Wauchula branch at 773-2022 during business hours, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The office is located at 310 N. Eighth Ave. in Wauchula and is closed on holidays.



Ellie Miller



Ladies making angels for Christmas.

Letter To The Editor

Our Family Cut A Small Pine Tree For Christmas

Dear Editor:

This is a Christmas True Story that occurred when my oldest brother was still a baby in my Mama's arms and I was about 3 years old.

We lived in Homestead, Florida in a big 2-story house that had a porch that went all the way around the house. The water pump was on the back porch close to the back door. The privy was quite a distance from the back of the house.

There was a guava tree between the house and the privy. That guava tree was huge, as tall and as large as the oak trees in Hardee County.

There was a screen door on the back of the house on the north and south sides of the house and also on the front side of the house, and steep steps on the back and front of the house.

Daddy came home early in the afternoon from work a few days before Christmas. He asked Mama if she would like to go to the woods to look for a Christmas tree. Of course she said, "Yes."

Now, at this time people did not have to get permission to go to the woods to get a tree. The woods were full of pines and palmettos. (Just be careful, there were plenty of rattlesnakes.) So we piled into

the Skeeter with the axe and off we went to the pine woods (which were plentiful at that time).

I don't know how long it took to find the tree that was suitable to my Mama, but we chose one and brought it home. Daddy put it in a homemade stand on.

We didn't have many decorations, but Mama did a good job placing them on the tree. To my young eyes it was a beautiful tree.

That evening we piled into the "Skeeter" (the Skeeter had no cab, no top and was our transportation) and went to see my Mama's family.

When we got back home someone had come to our house and put a gift under the tree. It was the book with the Christmas story about "The Night Before Christmas."

I wanted Mama to read it to me that night, but Mama was so tired she would read it to me later. Besides it was way past my bedtime. It was well past 8 o'clock and my little brother was already sound asleep, so off to bed we all went and "passed out."

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas! Good night one and all.

See you next time.
Roxie Bentley
Your True Story Writer
Wauchula

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Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green!

I have new glasses and they are supposed to be for computer on the top, which is OK, but the bifocal on the bottom is out of whack. It is OK if I just look at the screen but when I look down at notes to type, I cannot read a word! Problems, problems, and the lady said when we get older we just cannot read like we used to be able to.

That is no solution. Sounds like the radio program I heard yesterday indicating the doctors in med school are to decide who is to survive and who is not, depending on condition at birth and old age! Not a good thought.

There were too many deaths listed in the paper, but thankfully I did not know any of them personally. However I heard last Friday night that Chuck Page had made his final journey. My sincere sympathy is extended to all the families and loved ones of all who made their final journey.

Chuck lost one of his legs to a rattlesnake bite several years ago as did Tommy Crews. You do not see as many snakes now as you used to, however if you have an infestation of them, just get you some geese. The snakes do not like the noise but I love them.

When we first bought our home, we did not know it was considered a snake crossing. They move from summer home to winter and vice versa every year. We killed so many snakes until I got the geese. Snakes do not like the noise a chainsaw makes either. We were cutting timber in Georgia and they were coming across the field in droves, at least in pairs.

There are plenty of big rolls of hay stacked along most pastures or in yards with plastic on them to protect from the weather. That is another sight that is visible only in this part of the country.

The gospel sing at Northside Baptist was very good last Friday night. Judy Miller normally plays the piano with Gulf State Quartet, but was not able due to her illness. Arden Rawls had to "man" or "lady" the piano and, of course, she is always good. They asked her how long had she been playing and she said about 65 years! I always remember her mother used to ask her if she wanted to practice the piano or wash the dishes! That was a smart mama!

It was good to see all the television information about Tim Tebow's proposal and the pretty bride-to-be.

They had special prayer at Fort Green Sunday morning for Dee Oisten and Judy Miller. They have called the family in for Dee and her daughter will fly up this week. Please remember these two in special prayer. Also, I heard that little Killian Soto is now home. T.K. is out of the hospital but in lots of pain out in Washington. Tracy and Elizabeth Powell are not through with all the tests at Tampa General to determine if he will be a candidate for a heart transplant. Please pray for these also.

Judy Miller was in the Wauchula ER Sunday morning but they transferred her to Lakeland Regional.

Please pray for each other and the United States of America.



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Crime Blotter

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

COUNTY

Jan. 13, Victor Uzziel Battle, 22, of 12026 Cedarfield Drive, Riverview, was arrested by Dep. Alex Hipple on charges of possession of marijuana, smuggling contraband into a detention facility, possession of narcotics equipment and on an out-of-county warrant.

Jan. 13, thefts were reported on the 3000 block of College Hill Road and on the 1400 block of U.S. 17 North.

Jan. 12, Jose Fidencio Garza, 46, general delivery, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Cpl. Donny Eversole and charged with trespassing into a structure or conveyance.

Jan. 12, Mowgli Luna, 21, of 1212 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Tyler Haywood and charged with possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams and possession of narcotics equipment.

Jan. 12, a vehicle was reported stolen from the 2400 block of Lily Lane.

Jan. 12, criminal mischief was reported on the 200 block of Wilbur C. King Boulevard.

Jan. 11, Anita Reyna, 46, of 1006 Polk Road, Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Alex Hipple on an out-of-county warrant.

Jan. 11, a theft was reported on the 2400 block of U.S. 17 North.

Jan. 10, Franklin Daniel Fox, 29, of 1482 Friendship Lane, Zolfo Springs, and Kage Elton Smith, 36, of 311 River Chase Circle, Wauchula, were arrested by the Drug Task Force and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of narcotics equipment.

Jan. 10, a theft was reported on the 900 block of Old Bradenton Road.

Jan. 10, dangerous shooting was reported on the 5100 block of Deer Run.

Jan. 9, Wayne Sheldon Howard, 26, of 311 S.E. Pine Ave., Fort Meade, was arrested by Dep. Dean DeDominicis and charged with selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a church, etc., possession of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a church, etc., possession of synthetic cannabis, selling marijuana within 1,000 feet of a church, etc., possession of drugs without a prescription, and possession of narcotics equipment.

Jan. 9, Jerry Jason Nichols, 42, of 2405 SR 60, Bartow, was booked into jail by Corrections Ofc. Joshua Clemente on a probation violation charge.

Jan. 9, Krystal Hortencia Mendoza, 32, of 405 S. Seventh Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by the Drug Task Force and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotics equipment, smuggling contraband into a detention facility, and three counts of probation violation.

Jan. 9, criminal mischief was reported on the 2200 block of State Road 66.

Jan. 9, Christian Wabanimkee, 19, of 4632 Pine Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Steve Ahrens and charged with probation violation.

Jan. 9, Cierra Aaliyah Denise Jones, 19, of 3516 Oak St., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Christopher Bandy and charged with grand theft.

Jan. 9, Terry Lavonne Pelham, 62, of 4695 SR 66, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Edilberto Soto and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Jan. 9, Melissa Ann Hanks, 23, of 4675 SR 66, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Det. Shane Ward and charged with grand theft vehicle.

Jan. 8, criminal mischief was reported on the 2200 block of State Road 66.

Jan. 8, a theft was reported on the 700 block of Chamberlain Boulevard.

WAUCHULA

Jan. 12, Isiah Thomas Faulk, 20, of 1022 Blue Jay Road, Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Emmanuel Vazquez and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell and possession of narcotics equipment.

Jan. 12, animal cruelty was reported on the 900 block of Seminole Street.

Jan. 10, a theft was reported on the 400 block of Orange Place.

Jan. 9, Casey James Simmons, 36, of 309 Georgia St., Wauchula, was arrested by Cpl. Bryanna Lott and charged with felony petit theft, trespassing into a structure or conveyance, tampering with evidence, and two counts of burglary.

Jan. 9, Taylor Cheyenne Myers, 19, of 6129 Old Bartow-Eagle Lake Road, Bartow, was arrested by Sgt. Robert Spencer and charged with possession of narcotics equipment and possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams.

Jan. 9, a conveyance was reported burglarized on the 200 block of South Seventh Avenue.

Jan. 9, a residence was reported burglarized on the 400 block of Melendy Street.

Jan. 7, thefts were reported on the 100 block of South Seventh Avenue and the 300 block of East Main Street.



Peavy's Ponderings

By Jonell Peavy

Sugar Possum of the late Truman Thomas

During your lifetime you will be faced with many changes, and the challenges you face daily will determine the direction you will take throughout your life's journey.

As the oldest of six children my challenges started at an early age. Since both parents worked they depended on me to help with household chores and taking care of my brothers and sisters. That was the way things were done when I was growing up.

In school I was very shy. Standing in front of the class reading or giving a book report was sheer torture. There were so many times during class discussions that I wanted to speak up and voice my opinions, but I didn't have the courage to do so. At home I didn't have that problem.

As I got older and had a family of my own I still had problems speaking out, except when I was around family and friends. It took awhile, but that all changed when I went to work. There was always something going on, and our supervisor would call a meeting to solve whatever dispute was going on. There were always several who thought they spoke for everyone, even though everyone didn't agree—like me, they would not speak up.

I can still remember the first time I found the courage to speak out. The same ones who called themselves our spokesperson had suggested something that most of us disagreed with, but no one would say anything.

I stood there about to choke on what I wanted to say. When the first words came out of my mouth I don't know who was more surprised, myself or my co-workers. It still took courage, but as time went on it did get easier.

Our president needs our voices. We need to speak out and be heard. Surprise yourself—find your voice and speak out for all the good he has done. Don't be afraid to let everyone know your support is with President Trump. We know if he can find a way he will do what we elected him to do—with or without the Democrats' help.

As long as he knows the people are behind him he will continue to fulfill the promises he made to all of us.

Held out from last week's issue.

My family never knows what to expect from me because I'm not your typical Mom and Granny. My daughter is always saying to me, "Mom you're not right." My granddaughters say, "You are so funny, Granny. You are not right." It is always said in a loving way.

You may find me outside with the grands swinging on a swing made with a rope tied to a limb on one end and a tire to sit on, with one of the grands pushing the swing. I've been guilty of sitting on the floor playing with farm animals with the barn and farmer with my youngest, or they give tea parties for me with cookies and real food and drink.

They all want to buy gifts for me at Christmas. I tell them I don't want, or need, anything. When they keep insisting I tell them to just get me some potting soil. I got four bags of potting soil for Christmas, besides other things I really didn't need.

The new year will be here in a few days, and my New Year's resolution is to "try" to organize my drawers and closets so I will know where everything is.

My problem is I buy things all year long for Christmas, Easter, Halloween and birthdays. If I need a gift for a special occasion I usually have it. The problem is finding it. The grandkids are here often so I have to put everything away so they don't find anything they are not supposed to see.

By the time Christmas was over my house was a wreck. I had pulled everything out of the closets and shelves and went through all the drawers and any other places where I might have hidden a gift. Then I had to put batteries in everything and do lots of wrapping. Cleanup would just have to wait.

I did have to clean everything off the bed so I would have a place to sleep, and I have started on getting things back in order. It's going to be a tall order, but I will prevail.

Wishing all of you a prosperous and happy New Year. Jonell Peavy lives in Avon Park and can be reached at 863-453-3589.

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Notices

MEETING NOTICE

The Insurance Committee will meet Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, 412 West Orange Street, Room 102.

For more information, please contact Hardee County Human Resource at 863-773-2161.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The HARDEE COUNTY PLANNING and ZONING BOARD meeting as the Local Planning Agency will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2019 6:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter in the County Commissioners' Board Room Room 102, 1st floor Courthouse Annex 412 West Orange St., Wauchula, FL

TO HEAR THE APPLICATION, TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT AND OFFER A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR

Agenda No. 19-08 25 34 25 0000 03950 0000
Pedro Martinez-Velasco and Merced Lopez-Lopez as property owners/applicants have filed an application for a Variance to reduce the required front yard setback from 50 ft to 15.42 ft to accommodate an existing attached 46'x11' front porch on an A-1-zoned parcel in the Agriculture Future Land Use Category On or abt 1514 Valdez Ln, Hardee County

0.214+/-acres
Beg at SW corner of NE1/4 of SW1/4 of S25, T34S, R25E, and run thence N 198 ft; thence E 110 ft for Point of Beginning; thence N 99 ft; thence E 110 ft; thence S 99 ft; thence W 110 ft to POB LESS N 14 ft for road, S25, T34S, R25E, Hardee County

Roger Conley, Chairman

This is a Disabled-Accessible facility. Any disabled person needing to make special arrangements should contact the Planning and Development Department at least two (2) working days prior to the P/Z Public Hearing.

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

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

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

All interested persons shall have the right to be heard.

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

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

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 6th day of February, 2019, 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.: 262
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2016
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Kenneth D. Richardson and Linda J. Richardson

Description of Property:
Parcel Identification Number 28-33-25-0820-00001-0009

DESCRIPTION:
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WAUCHULA HILLS SUBD
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173P223 492P232

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 February 6, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces the following public meeting to which all interested persons are invited:

Change of Date: Springs Coast Steering Committee Meeting moved from January 30, 2019 to January 29, 2019.

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, January 29, 2019; 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: District Brooksville Office, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: WaterMatters.org - Boards, Meetings & Event Calendar; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211.

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If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board/Committee with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Kelly.Page@watermatters.org; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4226 (Ad Order EXE0656)

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces the following public meeting to which all interested persons are invited:

The meeting is being held to review interview documentation and select the best qualified officer to reside in the District's Hampton Tract residence in exchange for providing security services to the District.

DATE/TIME: Friday, February 1, 2019; 8:30 AM.

PLACE: District Brooksville Office, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604

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For more information, you may contact: Chad.Hughes@watermatters.org; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x 4464(Ad Order L060G0IP23 EXE0657)

8-Year-Old Boy Is Flying High

By JENNIFER McCONKEY
Of The Herald-Advocate

He won't be able to get a pilot's license until he's 16, but 8-year-old Brandon Gillispie of Wauchula is already taking to the sky.

Brandon has been flying with his dad, pilot Michael Gillispie, since he was about 3 years old. And now that he's turned 8, he was able to receive a Young Eagles flying certificate and logbook.

Young Eagle is a program by the Experimental Aircraft Association Inc. that allows youth from 8 to 17 years old to take a free flight with a pilot.

During a Young Eagle flight, some youngsters are allowed to manipulate the flight controls and fly the plane under the pilot's direct supervision, Michael Gillispie says. This is something Brandon has been able to do during his time in the air.

Brandon says that flying is fun and that he wants to be a pilot when he's older.

Now that he's completed his Young Eagles flight, Brandon is eligible for a free Student Membership with EAA, which includes free

"Learn to Fly" computer lessons from Sporty's Pilot Shop.

Once he's completed the Learn to Fly Course, Brandon can take his first flight lesson for free. He will need to wait until he is 14 to start taking flight lessons in the state of Florida, though, according to his dad.

And while there's no age restriction to make a first solo flight, Michael Gillispie adds that flight students need to have a driver's license before they're allowed to solo. That means Brandon will need to be at least 16 years old to fly alone.

Michael Gillispie has been a member of EAA for over 10 years and says the program is "our way of sharing our joy of flight with any child that's interested that normally would never get the opportunity to go flying."

He is currently with EAA Chapter 1240, which operates out of the Sebring airport, but would like to start a chapter at the Wauchula airport if he can get enough interest.

Anyone who is interested in the Young Eagle program or the adult version - Eagle Flights - can visit eaa.org.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Brandon Gillispie, a second grader at Wauchula Elementary School, received his Young Eagle flying certificate on Dec. 8.



Brandon Gillispie with his father, Michael Gillispie. Brandon wants to be a pilot like dad when he's older.



Brandon's older sister, Micayla Gillispie, also flies. She received her Young Eagle certificate when she was 9 years old.

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VARSITY BOY'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats Fall To DeSoto In OT Heartbreaker

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

The boys in orange and blue fell to last place in the district with a heartbreaking 80-79 loss before a home crowd at Wildcat Gymnasium to the visiting Bulldog pack last Tuesday (Jan. 8) in varsity basketball action.

The loss, which came in Hardee High's return to the court following the two-week holiday break, dropped the squad to 7-5 for the season and 0-2 in Class 6A District 10 action. DeSoto High (7-7, 1-2) slid into the third place district slot.

Sebring High and Booker (Sarasota) High remain ranked at the top of the district heap this week with both teams undefeated against district opponents.

DeSoto jumped to an early lead in the match-up as they went on to lead 13-4 by the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldog pack continued to attack in the second quarter as they outpaced the Wildcats 19-13 to go up 32-17 by the halftime buzzer.

The Wildcats, however, returned to the court rejuvenated as they started a late game comeback and outpaced the visitors 16-9 to cut the Bulldog lead to 41-33.

Hardee continued to scratch away at the Bulldog lead until final buzzer of regulation as they outpaced DeSoto 35-27 in the fourth quarter to bring the score to a 68-68 tie that sent the game into overtime.

The ball, though, took a Bulldog bounce in overtime as the DeSoto crowd edged past the

Wildcats 12-11 to bring the final score to 80-79.

Senior Jean Youte led the Hardee scoring effort as he earned an impressive 30 points. Cody Helms, also a senior, also had an impressive night as he earned 27 total points. Parker Sasser earned eight points; Ellis Hodges recorded six points; and Myron Refoure, Samuel Louis, Randy McLeod, and Tavon Faulk each contributed two points.

Helms and Youte also dominated Hardee's three-point effort. Helms went 4-for-9 and Youte went 3-for-8 as the duo combined to contribute 21 points from the three-point zone.

The match was laden with penalties with more than a quarter of Hardee's points coming from penalty shots from the free-throw line. The squad went 24-for-40 from the line - shooting 60 percent. Youte went 7-for-13; Helms went 7-for-8; Hodges went 2-for-5; Refoure went 2-for-4; Louis went 2-for-6; and Sasser went 4-for-4.

Wildcats Bested By Booker

The Wildcats suffered a second district loss last week as they traveled to Sarasota to face the Booker High School Tornadoes.

Booker (10-4, 3-0) handed Hardee (7-6, 0-3) a decisive 57-45 defeat.

The Wildcats remain in last place in the Class 6A District 10 rankings. DeSoto (8-8, 1-2) is fourth; Sebring (12-3, 1-1) is third; Lake Wales (10-4, 2-1) sits in second; and Booker (10-4, 3-0) remains in first place.

Upcoming Games:

Hardee hosted the Sebring Blue Streaks on Tuesday (Jan. 15) in a district matchup. Results were not available as of press time. The Wildcats will face another district challenge today (Thursday), Jan. 18, as the Highlanders from Lake Wales come to Wildcat Gymnasium for a 7:30 p.m. matchup. Hardee will play at home again Monday (Jan. 21) as the squad hosts Bradenton's IMG Academy at 6 p.m. The squad is then scheduled to head on the road Tuesday (Jan. 22) for a trip to Arcadia to visit the DeSoto Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. in another district showdown.



Well football fans, it is time to close the book on college football for this season. What a season it was. Teams like Georgia, Ohio State, Penn State and others tried their best to grab the top spot, but, in the end, it came to what we all knew: Alabama and Clemson were the best two teams.

Oklahoma and Notre Dame realized their reality in the fact the gap between the top two and them was very wide. Clemson simply had their night. It was an awesome performance by the Tigers.

The announcers kept making the point Clemson were the first national champions to win 15 games since 1897. Pardon me but Marshall was 15-0 in 1996. The Herd's national championship team included two quarterbacks destined to play in the NFL Eric Kresser and Chad Pennington, Hall of Fame wide-receiver Randy Moss, Packers nose tackle Billy Lyons, Patriots punter Chris Hanson and Vikings running back Doug Chapman.

Some interesting notes from the bowl season were observed from Conference-USA and the Big 12.

The Capital One Bowl Challenge Cup awarded to the conference with the best record of the bowl season went to the Conference-USA for the fourth time. Their four wins by Marshall, Louisiana Tech, UAB, and FIU gave the league a .667 percent to win it.

The Big 12 went 3-1 against the SEC in head-to-head bowl games. Baylor defeated Vanderbilt, Texas took down the Georgia Bulldogs, and Oklahoma State beat Missouri. Alabama did beat Oklahoma. The Big 12 averaged 36.2 points in those four games with an average of 499 yards in offense against the vaunted SEC defenses.

The post season annual coaching carousel has seen Mack Brown come out of retirement and the broadcasting booth to return to North Carolina and Les Miles resurface at Kansas to try to resurrect the Big 12 doormat. Manny Diaz didn't even get unpacked at Temple before turning the bus around and landing back with the Miami Hurricanes.

The most surprising coaching move to most fans was Dana Holgerson leaving West Virginia to take the Houston job, moving down from a Power 5 conference to a Group of 5 school. Houston Billionaire Tilman Fertitta put up the \$4.5 million to entice Holgerson to the Cougars. He will be the highest paid coach in the Group of 5. A Houston paper had an article headlined "Stealing Dana Holgerson Tilman Fertitta's Boldest UH Move Yet." West Virginia Fans responded with laughter and asked the question: "If you put old furniture out by the road and someone comes along and takes it, is it really stealing?"

Negotiations between WVU and Holgerson on an extension were nixed by the Mountaineers. After back to back collapses in the last two seasons with bowl game fiascos still fresh in their minds, Holgerson was on his way out anyway. WVU promptly hired Neal Brown from Troy who had a 31-8 record with three bowl wins in a row over the past three seasons. His teams have beaten LSU at Death Valley and Nebraska in Lincoln. The Trojans played Clemson tough in a 30-24 loss at Clemson as well. Coach Scope ranks Brown the 18th Best Coach in College Football while Holgerson came in 39th. So, thank you Mr. Felitta and we wish you and the Cougars the best of luck next season in the Popeye's Bahamas Bowl against Old Dominion or Texas-San Antonio.

Now, for the Swami's Final Top 25:

1. Clemson - Tigers left NO DOUBT.
2. Alabama - We could see a rematch with Clemson next season.
3. Oklahoma - Never gave up against the Tide.
4. LSU - Played the toughest schedule.
5. Georgia - Lost to quality teams LSU, Alabama and Texas but still had a great season.
6. Florida - Mullen exceeded expectations. The future is bright.
7. Texas - Moved up after dominating Georgia.
8. UCF - What if the Knights had their QB for the bowl?
9. Washington State - Best of the PAC 12 with 11 wins.
10. Ohio State - Beat Maryland 52-51 and LOST to Purdue?
11. Notre Dame - Again proved they should not have been in the playoffs.
12. Kentucky - Great year for the Cats. Finally Beat Florida.
13. Army - 11 wins and coach won the Coach of the Year Award.
14. Washington - Bested by WSU but still won 10.
15. Michigan - Overrated but won 10.
16. Utah State - Overlooked but a very good team. 11-2
17. Fresno State - 12-2 very impressive.
18. Boise State - 10-3 always in the mix.
19. Syracuse - 10-4 - Almost beat Clemson with their best team in years.
20. UAB - 11-3 C-USA Champs and Bowl winner.
21. Marshall - 9-4 with 7 straight bowl wins which is the nation's longest win streak.
22. Texas A&M - 9-4 Jimbo did well with the Aggies.
23. Cincinnati - 11-2 after a 4 win season. Good turnaround.
24. Iowa - 9-4 Solid program with good fans.
25. West Virginia 8-4 - Missed one game due to hurricane, several players skipped the bowl.

Heavens Part for Bucs' Fans

To borrow song lyrics from my daughter's favorite Disney movie, "For the first time in forever," the Tampa Bay Buccaneers made a hiring decision that has enraptured the joy of all fans.

After years of the Glazer family paying less for

head coach.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Bruce Arians and his work, let me just ask you this. Have you heard of Peyton Manning? Or, Ben Roethlisberger? Do you recall how the Arizona Cardinals went from being an absolute disaster to

58-33 win loss ratio as a head coach. That's a major improvement from Koetter's 19-29 record.

The only potential item that may draw ire from Bucs' fans is this: Arians is keeping quarterback Jameis Winston. Arians believes Tampa Bay has the quarterback it needs. He finds that Winston just hasn't been properly coached.

Many fans have grown tired of Winston's antics and childish behavior over the past four years since he was drafted no.1 in the 2015 draft. I say, let's give him a chance to fix Winston. After all, Arians has worked with Peyton Manning, Carson Palmer and Ben Roethlisberger. And, he literally wrote the book on quarterbacks. The book is called "The Quarterback Whisperer" and you can find it on Amazon.

Buckle up Bucs fans. Next year should be fun.



Bucs Beat
By David Horton

mediocre head coaches and in house promotions, the Bucs now have a proven leader to take helm of the sinking pirate ship. Just for fun, allow me to list the previous coaches since 2009:

Raheem Morris - Who?

Greg Schiano - The man instrumental in dismantling a decent roster by trading key players such as LeGarrette Blount and Aqib Talib (Both made Super Bowl appearances on multiple new teams). Schiano is no longer in the NFL.

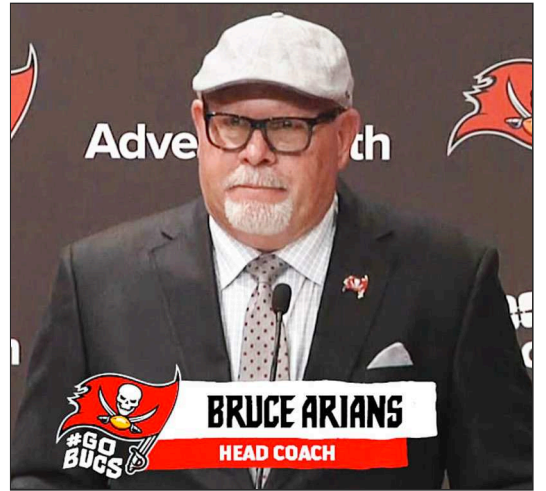
Lovie Smith - He was brought down from Illinois after coaching the Bears to the playoffs. But, the heat here must have been too much. Lovie never had a winning season and was fired. He hasn't returned to the NFL since.

And, our recently departed, beloved Dirk Koetter. He's gone, relegated back to an offensive coordinator position in Atlanta. That's where Lovie Smith found him. Hmm. I wonder if Koetter was always working for our division rival? Regardless. Now, Bucs fans have hope.

On Jan. 8, the Bucs introduced Bruce Arians as the

being relevant from 2013 to 2017? That was Arians.

He took a struggling team to the playoffs in 2014 and 2015. He probably would have repeated in 2017 if not for the injury of his star running back and the age of starting quarterback. According to ProFootball Reference, Arians boasts a



Bruce Arians has been tapped to helm the struggling Tampa Bay Buccaneer franchise.

VARSITY GIRL'S SOCCER

Lady Cats Take Down Bulldogs

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Lady Wildcat varsity soccer squad returned from the two-week holiday break ready to win.

The ladies in orange and blue from Hardee Senior High School traveled to Arcadia last Tuesday (Jan. 8) to deliver a 3-0 defeat on the pitch to the Lady Bulldogs of DeSoto County High School.

The win improved Hardee to 5-8 on the season and 2-4 in Class 3A District 11 action. The victory over DeSoto put the Lady Wildcats in a three-way tie for second with DeSoto and Poinciana High School. Lake Wales High School remains undefeated with a 6-0 record in district play.

Alexi Rodriguez, a freshman, continued to dominate Hardee's scoring as she provided all three Lady Wildcat points. Rodriguez was 3-for-8 on shots on goal on the evening.

Also taking shots on goal were Ashlee Patterson, Yennifer Nunez, Lillian Salazar, and Amari DeLeon.

Hardee goalkeeper Kareli Plata, a senior, was credited with 19 saves for the evening.

Hardee Buried By Miners

The Fort Meade High School Lady Miners buried the Lady Wildcats as Hardee traveled north to Polk County for a U.S. 17 showdown Jan. 10.

Hardee Blanks Lady Dragons

The ladies in orange and blue slayed the

Lady Green Dragons from Lake Placid High School in a 3-0 match last Friday (Jan. 11) at Wildcat Stadium.

All three of Hardee's goals came in the first half.

Freshman Alexi Rodriguez was credited with two goals and senior Yennifer Nunez was credited with a goal in the effort.

Senior Kareli Plata tended goal for the Lady Wildcats and was credited with eight saves on 17 shots on goal.

Also taking shots for the Hardee squad were Ashlee Patterson, Ingrid Mendoza, Hannah Rast, and Lillian Salazar.

Upcoming Matches:

Hardee was back in action on Tuesday (Jan. 15) as they hosted the squad from Lake Region (Eagle Lake) High School. Results were not available as of press time. The squad will travel to North Port today (Jan. 18) to face The Imagine Schools at 8 p.m. The Lady Wildcats return home on Tuesday (Jan. 22) to host the Bulldogs of Frostproof Middle/Senior High School at Wildcat Stadium at 8 p.m.

District Standings

Hardee (6-9, 2-4) is in a three-way tie for last place in the Class 3A District 11 standings with the Eagles of Poinciana High School (3-7-1, 2-4) and the Lady Blue Streaks of Sebring High School (4-9-1, 2-4). The Lady Highlanders (14-0, 6-0) are sitting atop the heap and are undefeated in district play and the regular schedule so far this season.

Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. Which teams hold the major-league record for most hits in a nine-inning game?
2. When was the last time before 2017 that the Houston Astros won a division championship?
3. Dallas' Dak Prescott set a rookie NFL record in 2016 for highest completion rate (67.8 percent). Who had held the rookie mark?
4. Which original member of the ACC has never won the conference's men's basketball tournament?

ANSWERS

1. The 1901 New York Giants and the 1992 Milwaukee Brewers, with 31 hits each.
2. The Astros won the N.L. Central in 2001.
3. Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger, who had a 66.4 percent completion rate in 2004.
4. Clemson.

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VARSITY BOY'S SOCCER

Wildcats Swat Yellow Jackets

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The boys in orange and blue defended Wildcat Stadium last Tuesday (Jan. 8) from an invasion of Yellow Jackets from Polk County.

Hardee's varsity soccer squad swatted down the visiting squad from Bartow High School in a 4-2 showdown on the pitch.

The Wildcats led 2-0 as the squads headed to their locker rooms at halftime.

Bartow added two points in the second half, but not before the Wildcats added two more goals of their own to earn the 4-2 win.

The Wildcats improved to 5-5 for the season with the win.

Bulldogs Best Wildcats

The Hardee squad traveled to Arcadia last Thursday (Jan. 10) and suffered a 3-2 loss at the hands of the DeSoto County High School Bulldogs.

The Wildcats (5-6, 2-4) fell below .500 on the season with the loss.

The two squads battled to a 2-2 tie by the end of the first half.

The Bulldogs gained the advantage in the second half after scoring an unanswered goal to hand DeSoto the 3-2 win.

Upcoming Games:

The Wildcats faced Fort Meade High School at home on Monday (Jan. 14) and traveled to Lakeland to face Lake Gibson High School on Wednesday (Jan. 17). Results from neither game were available at press time. The squad will travel to North Port for a matchup against The Imagine Schools on Friday (Jan. 18) at

8 p.m. The squad will be on the road again on Wednesday (Jan. 24) for a return trip to Arcadia for a rematch with the Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m.

District Standings

The Wildcats (5-6, 2-4) are currently in last place in the Class 3A District 11 standings. The Blue Streaks of Sebring High School (3-7-1, 2-3-1) sit in third place; Poinciana (Kissimmee) High School (3-8-2, 2-3-1) is in second place; and the Highlanders of Lake Wales High School (6-6, 5-1) are in first place.

Notices

Notice of Annual Meeting for Crime Stoppers of Polk County, Inc., D/B/A Heartland Crime Stoppers.

Heartland Crime Stoppers will hold its annual meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019, at 5:15 PM, at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, 1891 Jim Keene Blvd, Winter Haven, FL 33880. New Officers will be installed and other business matters pertinent to Heartland Crime Stoppers will be conducted at that time. The following is a list of meeting dates for 2019:

- February 25, 2019
- March 25, 2019
- April 22, 2019
- May 20, 2019
- June 24, 2019
- July 22, 2019
- August 26, 2019
- September 23, 2019
- October 28, 2019
- November 25, 2019

All monthly meetings will be held at the Polk County Sheriff's Office Media Room and will begin at 5:15 pm. Any changes to meeting dates and/or times will be posted on our website: www.heartlandcrimestoppers.com. For inquiries, please contact Heartland Crime Stoppers at 863-293-2500. Pd by CSTF

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ORANGE & BLUE REVIEW



Overcoming Life's Challenges

by Owen Skinner, HSHS Senior

Life is yours to live, and it is built on a series of choices that you make. What happens to you, the things you go through, these things can sway you, can make the choices harder to make. However, the things that happen do not define you, nor do they control your destiny.

I was born in Michigan to a young mother who did not always make the best choices. She chose the wrong path. Her path has affected me greatly throughout my journey. It has guided my own path in lots of ways, but not in the way you think. I never knew my father; he was out of the picture before I was born. I have a picture of him, and carry his middle name, but aside from that, he is a stranger to me. My mother was in and out of my life, and continues to be, all be it now very limited contact that I chose for my own well-being. For the most part, I was raised by my grandparents. I wish I could tell you that with them I lived a story book life, but that would not be true. They did always make sure I had food and a place to live. My grandfather taught me to hunt and fish and my grandmother instilled in me a phenomenal work ethic.

As I mentioned, my grandfather taught me to hunt and fish, he was the only man in my life for many years. We had a very simple life that involved a lot of lazy days just waiting for life to happen. As I grew up, I decided that I wanted more than a life like this though. I wanted to live my life not just sitting around like I would in a deer stand, waiting for things to happen to me. I was aware, even at a very young age that I would have to be the one to make my own path. I was overweight,

so I started to move more from hunting and stationary activities to athletics and fitness. I was not in shape at all, well I guess I was kind of in shape, I mean round is technically a shape. I discovered that I had a knack for fitness and that I wanted to be in the military. I wanted to become a Marine. With this realization, I poured all my efforts into it. I ran constantly, ate better, and studied all I could about the military. I did everything I could to make myself the best version of me that I could be, because I knew this was step one to my goal of being a Marine and ultimately getting out of the life that was seemingly laid out for me to live.

It was at this point in my life, I tried living with my mom another try. It was short-lived, as nothing had changed from the destructive lifestyle I had lived before. I was able to go my friend's house that I had started attending church with. Ultimately, his parents took me in and treated me as their own. A few weeks later my siblings went into foster care where they remain today. My God Parents saved me that night and took care of me until I was able to take care of myself. I was baptized, learned about and converted to Catholicism, and continued my path as I had been before this set back. To these people, I am eternally grateful. It was then that I made a promise to myself that I would not have contact with my mother unless it was on my own terms. I was now done with living with different family members, I would stay with my God Parents until I could support myself and then I would do just that.



Owen Skinner (Front holding flag handle) supports his Marine Corps Poolees teammates after completing an eight-event obstacle course race. Owen takes great pride as he encourages his fellow marine recruits to perform at their maximum potential.

Now, I live on my own. I work, pay my own way to live, bought my own car, and have enlisted in the Marine Corp. I am set to leave sometime between now and January, and I could not be more excited. People often ask me what turned me down this path. To be honest, I do not really have any one specific answer; it is a culmination of things. Just a lifetime of seeing what the wrong path would lead me to and knowing that I was and am better than that. I am not my parents; their story is not mine. I am Owen Javier Skinner, and my path is my own. C.S. Lewis once said, "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending." My journey began rough and I am only 18 so I am sure I have a few more rough roads to travel down. But, through will power, determination and the support and love of a few good people, I am changing and progressing every day. I am becoming a man that I can be proud of.

I hope to get through boot camp, make a career of the military and have a family, something I have never truly had. You only get one life, live it to the best of your ability, and do not let anything stop you from attaining your goals or from becoming your best self.

HHS IN PICTURES



Using concept maps in Biology class, students identify structural parts and organelles as they compare and contrast plant and animal cells. In this small group led by Mrs. Daphne Hays are students (L to R): Majalynn Thompson, Star Parker, Bruce Baughman, and Brenda Salgado.



David Radford, Chorus Instructor, leads HHS chorus students in a medley of Christmas carols in the commons during lunches. Hearts were warmed and spirits cheered by this lovely introduction to the holiday season.



Hardee High seniors share their good news, as they are accepted to colleges, universities, technical schools or a branch of our military. Pictured (L to R): Tony Webb will attend Auburn University, Kristofer Burton received acceptance to Full Sail University, Adolfo Gonzalez attending Full Sail University, and Kyra Wilson, attending University of South Florida. Dr. Polk congratulates these students!

Calendar of Events

- 1/21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- No school for Students & Staff
- 1/25 HSHS Blood Drive
- During All Lunches
- 2/5 8th Grade Orientation
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm HSHS Auditorium
- 2/9 ACT Test
- 8:00am HSHS Cafeteria