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Pedestrian Dies In Easter Crash

By CYNTHIA KRAHL &
JENNIFER McCONKEY
Of The Herald-Advocate

A Wauchula man died from his injuries Sunday after he was hit by a car while attempting to cross U.S. 17.

Florida Highway Patrol and Hardee County Sheriff's Office records said the Easter accident occurred shortly before 9 p.m. near the highway's entrance to Hardee Junior High School.

The 22-year-old pedestrian, whose

identity is being withheld by the FHP until his next of kin can be notified, was walking across U.S. 17 near its intersection with Maxwell Drive at the time.

It was dark, as the sun set at 7:55 p.m. in Wauchula that day.

There is no crosswalk at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Maxwell Drive.

While walking east across the highway, the pedestrian was struck by a

2009 Nissan Altima being driven northbound by Fernando River Lopez, 22, of Wauchula, the FHP said.

The car came to a controlled stop on the road's shoulder.

The pedestrian came to a final rest partially on the roadway. He died at the scene.

Lopez, who was wearing a seat belt, was not hurt in the crash, according to the FHP.

His passenger, however, suffered

serious injuries. The FHP said Alexandra Huizar, 19, of Chicago, Ill., was transported to AdventHealth Wauchula. She also was wearing a seat belt.

The incident is being reviewed by FHP crash investigator Tpr. P. Amaya and homicide investigator Cpl. Randy Slocum. Any possible charges would be pending the completion of that investigation.

Alcohol was not a factor in the col-

lision, the FHP said.

This Sunday death was the sixth fatality on Hardee County roadways this year. On Monday, the victim of an April 13 hit-and-run died, becoming the seventh fatality.

At this same time last year, there had been only one traffic-related fatality in the county.

There were a total of 10 fatalities on Hardee County roadways in all of 2018.

BILLBOARD BLESSING



PHOTO BY JENNIFER McCONKEY

Mike Rouse and Wallace Roberson surprised their wives, sisters Patricia Rouse and Gloria Roberson, with a billboard next to U.S. 17 in Wauchula for their 50th wedding anniversaries. Both couples reached that milestone anniversary last Friday. They were married on April 19, 1969, after the sisters' father walked them down the aisle, one on each arm. Two preachers and two wedding parties carried out the ceremonies. "We have been blessed and we recognize that," said Mike Rouse.

Schools Brace For Insurance Hike

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

Aetna will be raising premiums for the health insurance plan provided by the School District of Hardee County.

How much of a hike remains unclear.

"The shock will be if it is less of an increase," said Todd Durden, deputy superintendent.

The exact financial impact of the looming increase in health care cost remains largely unknown and will not likely gain clarity for several more weeks when more "hard numbers" emerge.

The district's insurance committee — comprised of representatives of administration, staff and the Hardee Education Association/United — is continuing efforts

to create a response plan for the anticipated hikes.

The group's next meeting, according to Durden, will likely be scheduled in the "next couple of weeks" after Albritton Insurance, the district's health insurance agent, receives additional financial projections from Aetna.

Durden says initial planning calls for the school system to continue with the current insurance provider.

"We want to keep the Aetna plan in place," he said.

Next in the planning process will be to begin to decipher the results of a survey fielded by Jim Demchak, lead negotiator for the union, which attempted to assess the health insurance wants and needs of

staff.

The survey was completed by 186 employees.

"We are going to take a look at response, the number of responses we got, what the responses there were, and the suggestions they made," Durden said.

The task, though, is challenging.

"The results ran from extremes and then had everything in between," Durden said.

The insurance survey asked four questions and provided an optional comment section.

Of those surveyed, 24.19 percent said they would prefer to pay more in monthly premiums and not change the benefit structure.

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EARTH DAY Make Every Day Count

By JENNIFER McCONKEY
Of The Herald-Advocate

When you think about "going green," you might picture expensive hybrid cars or time-consuming gardens.

But did you know there are many convenient ways to help the environment while saving money and helping the local economy?

According to the Hardee County Landfill, "The Department of Environmental Protection has determined a three-tiered approach for managing solid waste: reduce, reuse and recycle."

Since Earth Day was Monday, this can be a great time of year to start focusing on helping the earth, the community and your pocketbook.

Here is a quick look at some easy ways you can participate in the 3 R's.

Reduce Waste & Save Money

The average American generated 4.48 pounds of solid waste in 2015, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

That's nearly 4-1/2 pounds of items that you likely paid for and are now throwing away.

So how can you lower that number?

One easy way is to bring your own travel cup or mug when you order coffee.

Many chain fast-food restaurants, coffee shops and even some gas stations will let customers bring in their own cups. Some even offer a discount if you do!

And when you're shopping, the Hardee County Landfill recommends bringing reusable bags or going without a bag if you don't need one.

This can save you money at some stores, which charge a small fee for plastic bags.

Another way to save money is by planning meals ahead of time and buying only what you need. When purchasing perishable items, check the expiration date — if you can't eat it all before it goes bad, look for a smaller size.

Americans generated over 39 million tons of food waste in 2015, according to the EPA.

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WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
04/16	85	53	0.00
04/17	85	56	0.00
04/18	91	59	0.00
04/19	85	57	1.19
04/20	74	54	0.00
04/21	79	52	0.00
04/22	82	51	0.00

Rainfall to 4/22/2019 - 11.53
Same period last year - 5.92
Ten Year Average - 49.17

Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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7 Unlucky For Drug Trafficker

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

Darkly tinted windows proved unlucky for a Wauchula man, who will now be spending seven years in prison because of them.

Denis Alexis Rosado, 40, has been sentenced to seven years in Florida State Prison for the 36.8 grams of methamphetamine found in his vehicle after a Hardee County Sheriff's Office deputy pulled him over because of dark window tinting.

Rosado was charged with trafficking in 28 grams or more of methamphetamine, and had faced up to 30 years behind bars.

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MOTORCYCLIST DIES



COURTESY PHOTO

James Porter Berry, the motorcyclist injured in an April 13 hit-and-run crash, died from his injuries Monday, the Florida Highway Patrol said. The FHP is seeking information on the truck that pulled out in front of Berry at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Morales Road. The white Dodge Ram (above) was driven by a Hispanic male and pulled out of the La Tienda De Los Primos parking lot, witnesses told the FHP. According to the Hardee County Sheriff's Office, the Dodge "should have a broken left tail lamp lens" and is a 2010 or 2011 Ram 2500 HEMI quad-cab. Berry, 82, of Winter Haven, is the seventh Hardee County traffic fatality this year. If you have any information, even if it seems insignificant, call FHP at (239) 938-1800 or contact Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-8477, heartlandcrimestoppers.com or through the P3tips mobile app.

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



Kelly's Column

By Jim

Regular unleaded gasoline in Hardee County on Tuesday was \$2.639 a gallon compared with a nationwide average of \$2.84. The price of crude oil has risen recently to about \$67 a barrel.

Several homes will be painted this Saturday in Wauchula as an annual project of "Paint The Town" by Main Street Wauchula, headed by Jessica Newman. This greatly improves the looks of the neighborhood.

There is a very interesting feature in this week's edition on the late Wauchula dairyman Norm Nickerson written by Annetta Krause Stanton. She is a talented award-winning writer.

The Democrats in Washington, D.C., want to see tax returns of President Donald Trump for the past six years. Trump will not release them, saying his returns are still under IRS audit. The merry-go-round continues.

Expensive divorce. Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos had to cough up \$35 billion worth of Amazon stock to his wife MacKenzie of 25 years in an amicable agreement. He maintains 75 percent of his ownership of Amazon and the other companies. Jeff's new girlfriend Lauren Sanchez and her husband Patrick Whitesell, a Hollywood agent, filed for divorce the next day, reported The Week magazine.

Bezos remains the world's richest man, worth \$110 billion.

The Grand Canyon National Park had 17 fatalities last year and 3 so far in 2019. Two recent deaths involved falling over the rim while taking a selfie, reported The Week.

The magazine reports wind farms (turbines) kill 500,000 birds a year compared with 600 million by cars and power lines and 2 billion by cats. I believe those numbers may have been pulled out of the sky and are undocumented, therefore to be largely ignored.

Why do some paleontologists believe a giant asteroid 7.5 miles wide 66 million years ago slammed into the Gulf of Mexico and killed all the world's dinosaurs?

There was no historian to record this allegation. The so-called asteroid could have been 6 miles wide and hit the earth 55 million years ago. How do you argue such figures or prevent an obscure columnist running low on bona fide material from repeating those wild guesses?

CNBC reports a poll of 141 Wall Street institutional investors showed about 70 percent believe President Trump will be re-elected in 2020. "Among Democratic contenders, former Vice President Joe Biden was deemed 'most acceptable' by 67 percent of the responders."

1970 Hardee High School graduate Donna Dee Downing Cowart now lives in Alabama. She sent an Associated Press news article from the March 20, 2019, Dothan Eagle that said the Florida Senate proposed a \$1.1 billion increase for Florida public schools. The proposal would increase per student spending of about \$350.

Lorraine Gillespie of Alpha and Omega Freedom Ministries has recently had two back surgeries and has been in rehab learning to walk again. Her daughters Karen Tibbs (executive director) and Christine Price (associate director, grants) are helping run the ministry founded by Lorraine and her husband John Gillespie. Dr. Nick Timmerman is chairman of the board and a counselor.

Other counselors are Elizabeth Samol, Shirley Tucker, Lorraine, Chris, Karen, Esther Alvarado, Kenny Sanders and Joyce Cook. This is a worthwhile local ministry that operates Hannah's House Domestic Violence/Homeless Shelter, Hannah's House Complex, Community Counseling Center, and Hannah's HOPE Chest and Food Pantry. Call 773-5717 for more information or go to aofm-hannahshouse.org.

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

HIKE

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The results indicated that 33.87 of employees sampled preferred to keep monthly premiums as close to no increase, and change the plans by reducing the benefit structure.

Of those surveyed, 33.63 percent preferred a mixture of some increase in monthly premium and some reduction in plan benefits.

Respondents only supported one proposal, investigating plan changes that would provide lower premiums if the employee participates in a wellness program, which received majority support. Of those surveyed, 83.33 percent support the proposal.

Approximately one-third of those surveyed — some 63 employees — provided comments and suggestions.

"Insurance is very important for most of our staff who are either older and have health problems or are starting a family and need good benefits," noted one respondent. "I'd sacrifice a raise for a better insurance plan that has lower deductibles and better coverage for less out-of-pocket expenses — something more in line with what most state employees have as far as insurance coverage."

Dozens of respondents questioned the school system's continued relationship with Aetna and Albritton Insurance.

"I would like the committee to investigate other insurance companies," said another respondent.

"Can we go out to bids?" commented an-

other respondent.

"It seems as if every county facing this situation has Albritton Insurance as their representative, so it appears that this seems to be some sort of scam or conspiracy for the district to continue to prevent pay increases using insurance costs as an excuse ... Our insurance situation is similar to that of the moneychangers in the temple. Jesus spoke up and put things right and called them a 'den of thieves.' ... My solution is this: state insurance."

"I would like the committee to shop around for an alternative insurance company/plan," added another respondent.

"I think it is time to move away from Albritton and find a different insurance company," another employee commented.

A recurring theme in the comments was the lack of coverage for vaccinations for children.

"I think it's unfair that vaccines are not covered at 100 percent like they were in the past," a commenter stated.

"Our coverage is already terrible," one employee noted. "As a mother, I am now having to pay for routine vaccines."

Added another employee: "I do feel wellness care like shots required for children and such should have better coverage. Not as expensive to the parent. They are free at the Health Department but our teachers make too much to participate."

Child Pornographer Back In Florida State Prison

By **CYNTHIA KRAHL**
Of The Herald-Advocate

A child pornographer whose original sentence was light on prison and heavy on probation is behind bars once again.

Billy Joe Staton Jr., 41, formerly of Bowling Green, has been moved from the state's Reception & Medical Center in Lake Butler to Century Correctional Institution in Florida's Panhandle.

There he will complete a 10-year prison term handed down in December by then-Circuit Judge Marcus J. Ezelle during a violation of probation hearing. Staton will be granted credit for the 751 days he already has served.

His projected release date, however, has not yet been set.

Sending him back to state prison again was the latest probation violation Staton has been charged with since his initial May 26, 2009, sentence of 18 months in prison followed by 10 years of sex-offender probation.



Staton

In it, Probation Ofc. Edwin Einfinger Jr. said that on Oct. 31, 2017, Staton violated Condition No. 7 of his probation by having marijuana inside a drawer in the bedroom of his Wauchula home. A new warrant for his arrest was issued on Nov. 3 of that year, and on Dec. 18, 2018, Ezelle adjudicated Staton guilty and imposed the new prison term.

When Staton was first arrested on Feb. 18 of 2008, he was charged with 26 counts of possession of child pornography. Authorities said he was

downloading and storing child porn on his office computer.

Bowling Green Police Chief John Scheel explained at the time that Yahoo reported nine suspicious uploads on Jan. 18, 2008, and generated a Cyber Tip which was forwarded to a sheriff's office in another county.

An officer there determined the case was within the jurisdiction of the BGPLD, and handed over information obtained from Yahoo.com and Embarq Corp., Scheel said. The chief assigned then-Cpl. Robert Ehrenkauf, who was certified with the Law Enforcement Against Child Harm — or LEACH — Task Force to investigate.

Ehrenkauf secured a search warrant for Staton's business, seizing a Dell computer which contained 106 photos and 17 videos in a saved folder. Later it was determined that 20 of the photos and six of the videos met the criteria for child pornography.

Solunar Forecast

<p>4/25/2019 Sun Data Rise: 6:53 AM Set: 7:57 PM</p> <p>Day Length 13 hrs. 04 mins.</p> <p>Moon Data Rise: 1:13 AM Set: 11:56 AM Overhead: 6:35 AM Underfoot: 7:00 PM</p> <p>Moon Phase 62% Waning Gibbous</p> <p>Major Times 6:35 AM - 8:35 AM 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</p> <p>Minor Times 1:13 AM - 2:13 AM 11:56 AM - 12:56 PM</p> <p>Prediction Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p>Time Zone UTC: -4</p>	<p>4/27/2019 Sun Data Rise: 6:51 AM Set: 7:58 PM</p> <p>Day Length 13 hrs. 07 mins.</p> <p>Moon Data Rise: 2:43 AM Set: 1:42 PM Overhead: 8:12 AM Underfoot: 8:35 PM</p> <p>Moon Phase 43% Waning Crescent</p> <p>Major Times 8:12 AM - 10:12 AM 8:35 PM - 10:35 PM</p> <p>Minor Times 2:43 AM - 3:43 AM 12:42 PM - 2:42 PM</p> <p>Prediction Hunting or Fishing Average+</p> <p>Time Zone UTC: -4</p>	<p>4/29/2019 Sun Data Rise: 6:49 AM Set: 7:59 PM</p> <p>Day Length 13 hrs. 10 mins.</p> <p>Moon Data Rise: 3:59 AM Set: 3:27 PM Overhead: 9:42 AM Underfoot: 10:03 PM</p> <p>Moon Phase 25% Waning Crescent</p> <p>Major Times 9:42 AM - 11:42 AM 10:03 PM - 12:03 AM</p> <p>Minor Times 3:59 AM - 4:59 AM 3:27 PM - 4:27 PM</p> <p>Prediction Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p>Time Zone UTC: -4</p>	<p>5/1/2019 Sun Data Rise: 6:48 AM Set: 8:00 PM</p> <p>Day Length 13 hrs. 12 mins.</p> <p>Moon Data Rise: 5:06 AM Set: 5:11 PM Overhead: 11:07 AM Underfoot: 11:28 PM</p> <p>Moon Phase 11% Waning Crescent</p> <p>Major Times 11:07 AM - 1:07 PM 11:28 PM - 1:28 AM</p> <p>Minor Times 5:06 AM - 6:06 AM 5:11 PM - 6:11 PM</p> <p>Prediction Hunting or Fishing Average</p> <p>Time Zone UTC: -4</p>
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Corrections

At The Herald-Advocate, we want accuracy to be a given, not just our goal. If you believe we have printed an error in fact, please call to report it. We will review the information, and if we find it needs correction or clarification, we will do so here.

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

REPORT ABUSE
CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE
1-800-422-4453

SAVE THE DATE

- APRIL**
- 25 — Storytime/HC Public Library/315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/ 10 am
 - 25 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 25 — Smash Ultimate Fight/Sanctuary Gaming Club/1321 E. Main St., Wauchula/ 3:30 pm
 - 26 — Friday Night Magic/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
 - 29 — Sanctuary Gaming Club/Sanctuary Gaming Club/ 3:30 pm
 - 30 — Beginner-Friendly Roleplaying Games/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
- MAY**
- 1 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 1 — Tech for Seniors/HC Public Library/ 10 am
 - 1 — Sanctuary Gaming Club/Sanctuary Gaming Club/ 3:30 pm
 - 2 — Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 2 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 2 — Smash Ultimate Fight/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
 - 2 — National Day of Prayer/Heritage Park/Downtown Wauchula/6 pm
 - 3 — Friday Night Magic/Sanctuary Gaming Club/3:30 pm
 - 3 — 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run/SendMeMissions Inc./6 pm
 - 8 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 8 — Tech for Seniors/HC Public Library/ 10 am
 - 9 — Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 9 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 15 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 15 — Tech for Seniors/HC Public Library/ 10 am
 - 16 — Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 16 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 21 — Devotion & Lunch/Hardee Help Center/ noon
 - 22 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 22 — Tech for Seniors/HC Public Library/ 10 am
 - 23 — Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 23 — "Stitch by Stitch" Crochet and Knitting/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 29 — Adult Coloring Club/HC Public Library/10 am
 - 29 — Tech for Seniors/HC Public Library/ 10 am
 - 30 — Storytime/HC Public Library/10 am

Save The Date will keep residents informed of upcoming community happenings. To have your non-profit meeting or event posted for free, e-mail features@theheraldadvocate.com as far ahead as possible.

EARTH
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By taking a few minutes to plan your grocery list ahead of time and saving leftovers for another meal, you can reduce the amount of food that goes straight into the garbage.

And if you and a friend or relative are going to the same place, carpooling and splitting the gas cost can save you money and reduce the amount of fuel being used.

Reuse Items & Help Others

Have you ever thrown out a shirt because of a tear or thrown out toys your kids don't use anymore?

The Hardee County Landfill encourages people to repair and reuse items when possible and to donate unwanted but still-usable items to charities.

There are many websites and books that teach do-it-yourself repairs that can help items last longer.

If you're donating old items to a charity, though, just make sure that the items are still usable. Otherwise, the charity will likely have to throw the items out anyway.

If you like gardening, you can reuse some of your garbage to help your plants.

By purchasing and using a composter, you can turn food waste and yard trimmings into compost, which can save you money over time.

Recycle & Help The Economy

According to the EPA, a 2016 study found that in the U.S., recycling and reuse activities accounted for 757,000 jobs, \$6.7 billion in tax revenues and \$36.6 billion in wages.

So, while recycling might not save you money directly, it has a positive impact on both the economy and the amount of garbage sent to landfills.

To recycle in Hardee County, just bring your items by the landfill's drop-off center at 685 Airport Road in Wauchula from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays or from 7:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Accepted items include:
-rinsed glass bottles,

-rinsed tin cans,
-rinsed aluminum cans,
-clean cardboard,
-clean dry newspapers,
-clean dry magazines and inserts, and
-rinsed plastics, such as milk jugs and water or soda bottles.

You can also drop off vehicle batteries, old motor oil, clean concrete and fluorescent lightbulbs for safe disposal.

Items that are *not* accepted include:
-dishes,
-mirrors,
-glass from auto or house windows,
-crystal or ceramic items,
-heavily-soiled newsprint, or
-wax-coated wet or dirty cardboard

It's also important to correctly dispose of hazardous waste to keep yourself and others safe.

The county's free quarterly hazardous waste collection will be held at the landfill on Saturday, May 11. Look for more information in an upcoming issue of The Herald-Advocate.



COURTESY IMAGES

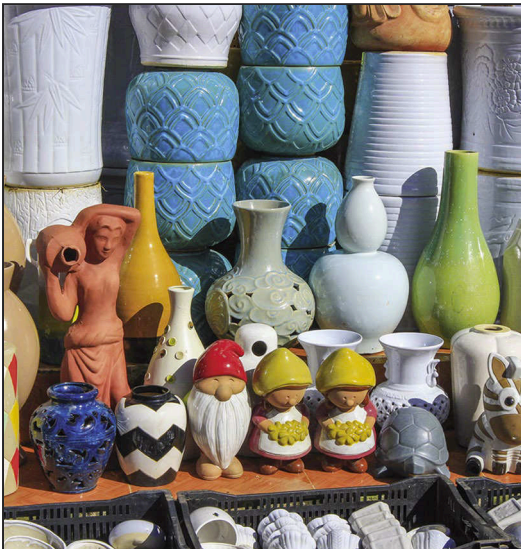
If you have hazardous waste, like household cleaners, paints, pesticides or electronics, bring them to the landfill during the quarterly household hazardous waste collection event on May 11.



Recycling rates in the U.S. have gone up in the last few decades, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. In 1960, about 10 percent of municipal solid waste was recycled. In 2015, that number had jumped to more than 34 percent.



Products made of paper and paperboard make up just over one-fourth of all municipal solid waste, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. You can recycle paper and wax-free cardboard at the Hardee County Landfill.



Make sure the items you bring to recycle are accepted by the landfill. Ceramics like these, for example, are not recycled in Hardee County.

Teen In Prison For Trafficking

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

A Wauchula teen convicted of trafficking in cocaine is now incarcerated in Florida State Prison.

Yolanda Dawn Kersey, now 19, of 510 E. Oak St., had been arrested by Lt. Matthew Whatley of the Wauchula Police Department on July 28 of last year on multiple narcotics charges. She was 18 at the time.

And in Hardee Circuit Court earlier this year, Kersey entered into a plea agreement with the State Attorney's Office which called for four of the counts against her to be dropped in exchange for her change in plea and a promise to testify truthfully at future court proceedings.

Kersey changed her plea to the charge of trafficking in cocaine in excess of 28 grams or more from "not guilty" to "no contest."

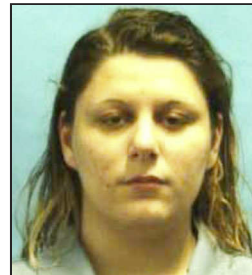
Circuit Judge Michael E. Raiden then adjudicated her guilty of that count.

He sentenced her to three minimum mandatory years in state prison.

Further, the judge imposed the required drug-trafficking fine of \$52,500.

Fees and court costs amounted to another \$1,115.

According to the Florida Department of Corrections, Kersey was transferred into its



Kersey

custody on April 1. She has been placed at Lowell Correctional Institution in Ocala, a facility for female and youthful offenders.

Her release date has been set at July 30, 2021.

Whatley, in his 2018 arrest report, said Kersey was in possession of 71 grams of cocaine, an amount which rises to the level of trafficking.

He also said she had 14 grams of methamphetamine, unspecified amounts of synthetic cannabis and Oxycodone, rounds of .40-caliber ammunition, and various items described as narcotics equipment, including digital scales and plastic bags for packaging and pipes and straws for ingesting the drugs.

Kersey was on felony probation for possession of methamphetamine when this new arrest came, court records showed.

TRAFFICKER

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But in a plea agreement with the prosecution, Rosado changed his "not guilty" plea to "no contest," and was sentenced to the seven-year term.

Circuit Judge Michael E. Raiden also imposed the mandatory \$100,000 fine for drug trafficking in that amount. Other fines, fees and court costs brought Rosado's total indebtedness up to \$105,905.

Rosado was handed over to the custody of the state Department of Corrections on April 10. He is currently placed at the Central Florida Reception Center in Orlando.

His release date has been set at Aug. 9, 2025.

According to a report filed by Det. Lyle Hart of the Drug Task Force, Dep. Johnnie Trammell spotted the dark window the morning of March 29 on State Road 64 and Dink Albritton Road.

A check with a certified tint meter found the windows to be darkened beyond the legal limit.

Trammell then checked Rosado's license and registration, Hart said, and found Rosado was driving with a suspended license.

Drug Task Force members arrived on the scene, and a K-



Rosado

9 check was made around the outside of Rosado's vehicle, Hart said.

It resulted in a "positive alert," the detective said.

An ensuing search revealed a glass pipe under the center console of Rosado's truck and a clear plastic bag containing "a large amount of an off-white crystalline substance" stashed between the driver's seat and the console.

The substance tested positive for meth, and weighed in at the hefty trafficking amount of 36.8 grams, he said.

Rosado was arrested and transported to the Hardee County Jail.

Judge Raiden granted Rosado credit for the 208 days he already has served since his arrest.

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March 16, 1956

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NWES Announces Its 'Cool Cat' & P.A.W. Winners



COURTESY PHOTOS

North Wauchula Elementary School students who earned the Cool Cat or the Positively Awesome Worker award for the third quarter were recently honored in a schoolwide ceremony. Award winners included first-grade Cool Cats (front, from left) Cade Deemer, Addilyn Hernandez and Angelica Navarro, first-grade P.A.W. Michael Watson, and kindergarten P.A.W.s King Rivers and Lanayah Johnson. Not pictured: Benjamin Diaz and Alex Borjas. Kindergarten Cool Cats were (middle) Veronica Hernandez, Omar Bruno, Laylah Harris, Layla Shoffner, Skyler Thomas and Avril Graham; (back) Taevon Lilly, Bowen Davis, Leilani Morales, Adriana Montanez, Solara Viqueira, Marcus Navarro and Jocie Wright.



Positively Awesome Workers in the first grade were (front, from left) Sawyer Tollison, Bentlee Johnson and Gizmo Rivers. Not pictured: Ryder Cerna. And earning the Cool Cat title for their good classroom behavior were (middle) Syda Newman, Carlos Aviles, Haylee Jeantiner, Dadlina Pierre, Payton Esquivel and Jase Martinez; (back) Dorian Mobley, Vicente Fuentes, Sarabeth Julius, Andres Coronado and Dylan Rodriguez.



Second-grade Positively Awesome Workers were (front row, from left) Zorielys Maldonado, Natalie Shumate, Erianna Severe, Haylee Ortiz and Abbi Summerlin. Responsible second-grade Cool Cats were (middle) Jamie Roeder, Anderson Gray, Alexa Rodriguez, Sarah Sosa and Oscar Sambrano; (back) Fabian Rivera, Aleighia Rosales, Kaylee Gutierrez, Rylan Cornett and Jose Garcia. Not pictured: Elijah Tapia.



Hard workers in the third grade who earned the P.A.W. award were (from front left) Carlos Sosa, Catarina Johnson, Natasha Kelley and Richard Rivera. Not pictured: Aidon Smith. And third graders with Cool Cat qualities were (middle) Adrian Benitez, Sophia Shoffner, Gabriela Galarza, David Bruno, Karina Herrada and Melanie Torres; (back) Hallie Smith, Elijah Juarez, Kwanzaa Patterson, Osmar Torres, Melanie Guerrero, Darius Hudson and William Rojas-Velasco.



Positively Awesome Workers from the fourth grade were (front, from left) Johnny Hernandez-Leon, Nathan Fenton and Gabriel Alpuche-Alvarez. Not pictured: Joshua Galvan. And earning the Cool Cat award for their good citizenship were fourth graders (back row) Isabela Badillo, Wendy Garcia-Hernandez, Ilmer Mendez, Xavier Juarez, Angye Luna-Aguilar and Nathaniel Fenton. Not pictured: Cheyenne Baringer, Janie Martinez-Garcia and Carolina Leal-Patino.



Fifth graders who earned the P.A.W. award for their good work ethic were (front, from left) Jonathan Alvarez, Gabriela Perez, Melina Bowes, Christopher Steinel, Savannah Steinel, Timothy Whaley, Isaiah Carreon and Elias Candelario. And showing good leadership skills were fifth-grade Cool Cats (middle row) Brianna Torres, Natalie Hipolito Hernandez, Liliana Tamayo, Natalie Rivera, Jordan Miller, Mariah Coronado and Lizeth Consuegra; (back) Joslyn Delarosa, Muhammad Sihwail, Nicholas Medeiros, Margarita Rivera-Carranza, Marisol Lopez, Colton Nicholson, Jalyn Delarosa and Isaac Guijon. Not pictured: Jorge Garcia.

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Obituaries



JAMES ROBERT HENSLEY

James Robert "Bob" Hensley, 65, died April 19, 2019.

He was born Sept. 3, 1953, in Wauchula, to the late Bill and Gladys (Fullerton) Hensley.

He and his wife, Laura Lee Paramore Hensley, raised one child, Jamie, in Wauchula before he retired from the phosphate industry as a heavy equipment operator after 30 years. He was a lifelong resident of Hardee and Highlands counties.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Gary Hensley and Larry Hensley; and step-children, Stephanie Lee and Ben Cotton.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Lee Hensley, of Wauchula.; daughter, Jamie (Michael) Lang, of Auburndale; one sister, Linda Frasier, of Wauchula; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Gilley's Family Cremation, Winter Haven.

In Loving Memory



BILLY MACK READ

Billy Mack Read, 87, a resident of Miami for 48 years, and living in Wauchula, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2019, in Miami.

He was born in Lufkin, Texas, on Sept. 7, 1931. Bill was a lifelong member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and was a member of Miami Temple SDA Church from the time he moved to Miami. Bill graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Southern Missionary College and a master's degree in Education from the University of Maryland. He began working as a professional artist after teaching for 19 years in Christian Education.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Delbert Read and Ella McCoy Read; brothers, Delbert "Sleepy" Read and Wallace Read; and sister, Clarice Read.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Patti Timmerman Read; son, Devin Read (Tiffany), of Statesville, N.C.; daughter,

Denise Read Anderson (Wayne), of Miami; brother, John Read, of Keene, Texas; sister, Betty Ann Price, also of Keene, Texas; and grandchildren Alexis Elliott and Kelton Elliott of Statesville, N.C.

Graveside services will be held at Bowling Green City Cemetery today (Thursday), April 25, 2019, at 2 p.m.

A Celebration of life will be held at Miami Temple SDA Church in Miami, 9175 SW 44th Street, Miami, FL 33165, on Saturday, April 27, at 4 p.m.

Flowers are welcomed and should be sent to Roberts Funeral Home in Wauchula for the Graveside Service and to Miami Temple Church for the Celebration of Life service on Saturday in Miami. In lieu of flowers, the family also welcomes contributions to the Bill Read Fine Arts Memorial Fund located in the Adventist Giving Site for Miami Temple SDA Church at the link below. Any donations will be used for the Art and Music education of GMAA students where Bill taught for 13 years, <https://adventistgiving.org/#/org/ANTBKL/envelope/start> - look under the local church offering categories.

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In Loving Memory



REUEL ALLEN 'BUTCH' SPEARMAN

Reuel Allen "Butch" Spearman, 73, of Wauchula, passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family at home, on Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

Butch was born at the Wauchula Hospital on March 28, 1946. The "Allen" in his name was from the doctor that delivered him, Dr. Allen A. Poucher.

He grew up on South 7th Avenue in Wauchula, right across the street from Spearman Brother's Garage, which was owned and operated by his dad (Reuel) and uncle (Tom Spearman).

He attended Southside Baptist Church, where his dad was a deacon, and his mother was also actively involved. It was there he became a Christian. He graduated from Hardee High School in 1964 where he was a member of the FFA and played basketball.

After graduation, he

joined the United States Air Force and served his country for four years. He was stationed in Thailand as a military jet engine mechanic during the Vietnam conflict.

His dad had been deceased since he was 14 and his mom was deceased during his military service.

After returning from overseas, and while stationed at MacDill Airforce Base in Tampa, he lived with his older sister's family, Doris and Bobby Lambert in Wauchula until he was honorably discharged from the military and became employed.

He went to work at Polk Auto Parts Company in Wauchula. The NAPA dealership was owned and operated by Jimmy and Margie Harrison where he worked as a parts salesman.

He married the love of his life, Betty Chancy, on Dec. 10, 1971, and soon after moved to Inverness to manage a Badcock Furniture Store for his brother-in-law and sister, Tommy and Mary Helen Bond. One of the brightest times in his life occurred during this era upon the birth of his daughter, Jennifer, in January of 1974. As the auto parts business grew, he returned to Hardee County to manage the Bowling Green NAPA branch location for the Harrisons.

Eager to become self-employed, he acquired a Mac Tool franchise and began selling tools to mechanics and garages all over the area. Eventually he decided to be-

come an independent tool salesman that expanded into a vending business. Butch was always a "welcome face" at many businesses in the area.

He always managed to work a couple of rounds of golf a week into his work schedule and was never without a source of music to listen to, especially Elvis Presley.

He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church where he really enjoyed his Sunday school class.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reuel and Shelly Spearman.

He was survived by his wife, Betty; one daughter, Jennifer (Edwin Delgado); three grandchildren, Cody and Connor Cook and Gigi Delgado; one great-granddaughter, Raylee Lace Cook; two sisters, Doris Lambert and Mary Helen Bond; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

A memorial service was held at New Hope Baptist Church on Monday, April 22, 2019, at 4 p.m. The Rev. Jim Davis officiated. Military Honors were by American Legion Post #2.

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In Memory

LINDA MERLE WINGATE DEVANE

Linda Merle Wingate Devane, 68, of Lemon Grove, passed away Saturday, April 20, 2019.

She was born Jan. 6, 1951, in Wauchula, to James Merl and Waynoka (Hester) Wingate. Linda was a homemaker and a fourth generation cattle rancher, member of the Corinth Primitive Baptist Church, and had been a lifelong resident of Lemon Grove in Hardee County.

Survivors include her daughter, Melissa Robinson (Johnny), of Freeport; sons, Morgan DeVane (Michele), of Sebring, and Michael DeVane (Betsy), of Land O Lakes; and five grandchildren, Micaela, Morgan, Nikolas, Dalton and Mia.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Park Thomas DeVane.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 26, 2019, at 11 a.m., at the Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, with family receiving friends beginning at 10 a.m. She will be laid to rest in Hart Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to: **Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home** 111 East Circle Street Avon Park, FL 33825 Online condolences may be left at: www.stephenson-nelsonfh.com

In Loving Memory



PATTE JO MARTINEZ

Patte Jo Martinez, 66, of Bowling Green, passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2019, at Good Shepherd Hospice in Sebring.

She was born in Ionia, Mich., on Jan. 19, 1953. She was a resident of Hardee County for 32 years, coming from Michigan. She was Pentecostal by faith. Patte was self-employed as a Notary.

She was preceded in death by a half-sister, Nancy Gardner; and step-brother, Mark Pearce.

She is survived by her

husband, Santana Martinez, of Bowling Green; son, Jaime Sillas (Amber), of Cape Coral; brother, Michael Pierson and Peggy Wray; half-sisters, Wendi Gross, Sandi Pearce and Sheri Pearce; step-brothers, Craig Pearce and Dave Pearce; step-sister, Cindy Sanderson; five grandchildren, Jordan Sillas, Michael Sillas, Kiara Morrill, Ethan Sillas and Destanie Sillas.

A Visitation will be held in the Roberts Garden Chapel on Friday, April 26, 2019, from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 11 a.m., in the Roberts Garden Chapel.

Interment will take place at the Wauchula Cemetery. Expressions of comfort may be made at robertsfh.com.

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JUDITH BRECKON

Judith Breckon, 77, of Wauchula, died on April 16, 2019.

She was born on May 1, 1941. She was formerly of Marshall, Michigan.

She is survived by five children, Debra Ward, of Wauchula, Charles Lake Jr. (Toni), of Marshall, Michigan, Henry Siefke (Cindy), of Battle Creek, Michigan, Daniel Siefke (Kim) of Battle Creek, Michigan, and Merrie Willbrandt (James) of Battle Creek, Michigan; 13 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her brother, Robert Thomas, and sister, Susan Gillespie.

No service will be held at her request.

In Memory



DAVID MERLE DOWNING

David Merle Downing, 65, of Wauchula passed away on Monday, April 22, 2019, in Lakeland.

He was born on March 12, 1954, in Wauchula, and was a lifelong resident of Hardee County. David was of the Methodist faith and attended the First United Methodist Church of Wauchula with his family. Before and after his graduation from Hardee High School in 1972, David was actively involved in rodeo, participating in bull and bronc riding.

For many years, he was employed in the cattle industry, first at Gerald Darroh and later at D&S Cattle Co. David was very knowledgeable about and enjoyed cattle buying. He was also an avid Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Oakland Raiders fan.

David was preceded in

death by his parents, A.M. "Buster" and Mary Downing.

He is survived by his sisters, Diane Downing (Jesse) Roberts, of Fruitland Park, and Karen Downing (George) Porter, of Wauchula; nephews, Jesse B. (Katie) Roberts and Allen (Karen) Roberts, both of Fruitland Park, and Adam (Jeni) Lovett, of Los Angeles, California; niece Amanda R. Porter, of Lakeland; great-nieces, Destiny Roberts and Mary Pomeroy, both of Fruitland Park; aunt, Jenny A. Ullrich, of Wauchula; and numerous cousins.

A visitation will be held today (Thursday), April 25, 2019, at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Wauchula from 10-11 a.m., with a Celebration of Life following at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Wauchula Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to the American Lung Association in David's name.

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Algae Farm Looks To Grow Here

By **MICHAEL KELLY**
Of The Herald-Advocate

Algae farming could be the next component of the local agriculture economy if a company and the economic development office can reach a partnership agreement.

Joseph Miller met with the Hardee County Industrial Development Authority board earlier this month to brief them on his proposed project.

He initially planned to start growing algae in Hawaii but has since backed off those ideas and is now looking at Hardee County.

He said he needs around 40 acres, and is looking to the IDA for some assistance with a building to process the algae once it is harvested.

Executive Director Bill Lambert said he has not finished vetting the company's financials but he wanted to let the board hear Miller's proposal before trying to move forward.

Miller said the algae would

be used for human nutrition, animal feed and aquaculture uses.

He said the type of algae he would grow is not associated with causing red tide or the blue/green algae that has plagued the state in recent years.

Miller said he would construct four one-acre shallow ponds initially to begin growing the algae.

He projects needing 20-30 employees in the first year, with a projected starting wage of \$18 per hour. If he constructed additional growing ponds and built-out the entire 40-acre site, he expects to employ up to 60 people.

Board members expressed

interest in continuing discussions with Miller and for Lambert to continue vetting the company.

Miller said he would need around a 40,000-square-foot facility to dry and process the algae once it is harvested from the ponds.

Tommy Watkins did express some concerns over a completely new technology and agricultural venture, adding the amount of money Miller is asking the IDA to invest would affect his willingness to partner in the project.

Lambert said he will continue working with Miller and bring the project back to the board in the future, once the final details are worked out.

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20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Bowling Green Police Department Capt. Brett Dowden (right) on April 9 was presented a clock for his 20 years of dedicated service to the city and its residents. The population of the city is over 2,900. Also in photo is Police Chief John Scheel, who has worked with the city for 21 years, and Mayor Sam Fite.

A PARTING GIFT



COURTESY PHOTO BY LESLIE LONG

Retiring Bowling Green City Manager Jerry Conerly (third from left) received a clock and many thanks on April 9 for his seven years of service to the city. From left are city commissioners Steve Spinks and Wayne Gardner, Conerly, Mayor Sam Fite, Vice Mayor Shirley Tucker, city commissioner David Durastanti, and city attorney Gerald Buhr.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD



PHOTO BY LESLIE LONG

On April 9 at the Bowling Green City Commission meeting Bill Lawrence (right) from Maine was welcomed as the new city manager. Also in photo are Mayor Sam Fite and retiring city manager Jerry Conerly who had served for the past seven years after planning to be there only three years. Lawrence said he was delighted to be the new city manager and said his last two jobs as city manager involved taking over in a crisis situation. He was happy that the government in Bowling Green was positive and in good standing. Bill and wife Kathy are currently renting an apartment out of town but hope to acquire a home soon within the city limits. The city has several big projects underway, including a new wastewater treatment plant and major upgrades to the city water treatment plant. The old city sewage treatment plant was built in 1970. Treatment of city wastewater (effluent) is piped to Mosaic's use in their mining operations, therefore reducing Mosaic's pumping of groundwater. The city water improvements are to further enhance the quality of drinking water and to remove more total dissolved solids (minerals).



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COUNTY COURT

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 Ruth Cruz Lopez, 26, of Wauchula, and Javier Bautista Antonino, 30, of Wauchula.
 Ashley Ann Baker, 23, of Lakeland, and Eric Bruce Klein, 23, of Zolfo Springs.
 Fabiola Gonzalez Palacios, 33, of Arcadia, and Jose Efrain

Martinez Nunez, 40, of Arcadia.
 Kathryn Leigh McDonald, 24, of Zolfo Springs, and Andrew Michael Kobs, 23, of Cape Coral.
 Gemi Thomas Saunders, 22, of Georgetown, Ky., and Matthew James Godwin, 24, of Wauchula.
 Nijah Monae Williams, 21, of Bowling Green, and Austin Charles Eads, 24, of Tampa.

The following civil actions and small-claims cases were disposed of recently by the county judge:
 American Express National Bank v. Debra Jean Hill, plaintiff's notice of voluntary dismissal.
 Crown Asset Management v. Jaclyn Waldeck, voluntary dismissal.
 LNVN Funding v. Fatema Mariner, notice of voluntary dismissal.

Capital One Bank v. Jennifer Sellers, notice of voluntary dismissal.
 Onemain Financial Group v. Michael Jernigan, notice of dismissal.

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

Jamie Martinez, possession/use of narcotics equipment, \$780 fines, costs and fees; possession of marijuana, not prosecuted.
 Jose Fidencio Garza, trespass occupied structure/conveyance and resisting arrest, warrant issued.
 Daniel Lee Calvillo, resisting officer and possession/use of narcotics equipment, 12 months' probation, \$655 fines, costs and fees; possession of marijuana, not prosecuted.
 Randall Brey Manning, illegal taking/possessing

deer/turkey freshly killed with gun and light in/out of season and unlawfully taking wildlife/fish during closed season, adjudication withheld on both, 12 months' probation, hunter safety class, forfeit firearms, \$1,266.40 fines, costs and fees.
 Nicholas Ryan Knaack, illegal taking/possessing deer/turkey freshly killed with gun and light in/out of season and unlawfully taking wildlife/fish during closed season, adjudication withheld on both, 12 months' probation, hunter safety class, forfeit firearms, \$1,266.40 fines, costs and fees.
 Melvin Charles Patton, possession of marijuana, adjudication withheld, 12 months' probation, 25 hours' community work, \$720 fines, costs and fees; domestic battery, not prosecuted.

cer order on civil contempt.
 FDOR and Eudelia Ferrer Martinez v. Jessica Prince Valdez, recommendation of hearing officer order on civil contempt.
 Geraldine Pollock and FDOR v. Jessica Prince Valdez, recommendation of hearing officer order on civil contempt.
 Aron S. Thomas and FDOR v. Linda Oleane Thomas, recommendation of hearing officer order on civil contempt.

The following felony criminal cases were disposed of recently by the circuit judge:
 Kristine George, introduction contraband into county facility reduced to attempted introduction of contraband into a county jail, three years' probation, 50 hours' community work, \$1,220 fines, costs and fees.
 Sarah Anderson, two counts of possession of meth (adjudication withheld on both), two counts of possession/use of narcotics equipment and possession of marijuana, 60 days' jail, credit time served, one year probation, license suspended one year, \$1,990 fines, costs and fees.
 Kimberly Aletta Loeb, possession of alprazolam, tampering/fabricating physical evidence and possession of meth, 180 days' jail, credit time served, probation revoked, \$350 fines, costs and fees.
 Melissa Goodin, possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana reduced to possession of marijuana and possession/use of narcotics equipment, 12 months' probation, curfew between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., license suspended one year, \$770 fines, costs and fees; possession of oxycodone, not prosecuted.
 Luis Alberto Gonzalez, violation of probation, original charge possession of meth, 180 days' jail, credit time served, probation revoked, \$300 fines, costs and fees.
 Ashley Nicole Norman, violation of probation, original charge possession of meth, two years' prison, credit time served, probation revoked, \$100 fines, costs and fees.
 Adam Sambrano Ornelas, false information to law enforcement during investiga-

tion, possession of marijuana, possession/use of narcotics equipment, three counts of petit theft, causing minor to become delinquent/dependant and four counts of grand theft (adjudication withheld on all grand theft counts), time served, five years' probation, no contact with victim, 50 hours' community work, license suspended one year, \$5,825 fines, costs and fees; \$2,326.84 restitution.
 Stacy Santellan, violation of probation, original charge possession/use of narcotics equipment, adjudication withheld, six months' jail, credit time served, \$100 fines, costs and fees.
 Felipe Roque-Garcia, leaving scene of crash with property damage, criminal mischief and battery, motion for early termination of probation, motion granted.
 Andrew Dalessandro, possession of meth and possession/use of narcotics equipment, 30 months' probation, curfew between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., \$995 fines, costs and fees.
 Raul Trevino, possession of meth, possession/use of narcotics equipment and driving while license suspended/revoked, 36 months' prison, credit time served, \$1,070 fines, costs and fees.

The following deeds for real estate transactions of \$10,000 or more were filed recently in the Clerk of Courts Office:
 Mark Pohnl and Dorothy Pohnl to Ronald V. Hershberger and Kathleen Hershberger, for \$24,000.
 Larry Wilton Stephens to Ignacio Lucatero Zamora, for \$39,000.
 John V. Tomassi and Ellen M. Tomassi to Samuel Lee Pollock and Velma Faye Pollock, for \$55,000.
 Joan Evans and Richard W. Evans to Donald E. Maddox as trustee of the Donald E. Maddox Revocable Trust and Maria D. Maddox as trustee of the Maria D. Maddox Revocable Trust, for \$22,800.
 Kenneth M. Hunt and Sherry A. Hunt to Kipling Tige Freeman and Sherri Lynn Freeman, for \$285,000.
 Linda Robinson Davis to Daryl Black, for \$135,000.

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CASE NO. 25-2018-CA-000301

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

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, WANDA DURRANCE A/K/A WANDA DURRANCE AYCOCK, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 18, 2019, and entered in Case No. 25-2018-CA-000301 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida in which Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company, is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against,

Wanda Durrance a/k/a Wanda Durrance Aycock, deceased, Coyt Jan Hamilton, United States of America Acting through Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through, Under, And Against The Herein named Individual Defendant(s) Who are not Known To Be Dead Or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest in Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Or Other Claimants are defendants, the Hardee County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Hardee County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 417 W. Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873, Hardee County, Florida at 11:00 a.m on the 15 day of May, 2019, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 11,12 AND 13, OF BLOCK 4, WILDWOOD SUBDIVISION TO TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS PER PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 19.

A/K/A 5111 MINOR AVENUE, BOWLING GREEN, FL 33834

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis

Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated in Hardee County, Florida this 18 day of April, 2019.

Victoria L. Rogers, Clerk of the Circuit Court Hardee County, Florida

By: Connie Coker Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

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

CASE NO.: 252019CP000040

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

CONNIE R. FRAZIER, also known as CONNIE RAE FRAZIER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CONNIE R. FRAZIER, also known as CONNIE RAE FRAZIER, deceased, whose date of death was April 3, 2019, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hardee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Drawer 1749, Wauchula, FL 33873-1749. The name and address 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 WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 25, 2019.

Attorney for Personal Representative: John W. H. BURTON, P. A. Post Office Drawer 1729 Wauchula, FL 33873-1729 Telephone No.: (863) 773-3241 Fax No.: (866) 591-1658 Email: office@burtonpa.com Florida Bar Number: 650137

Personal Representative: LYNN A. SCHULTZ 3416 St. Rd. 62 Bowling Green, FL 33834

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

The property will be sold at a public auction on the 8TH day of MAY, 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.: 1037
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2013
 NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: R. E. Raulerson and J.B. Altman

Description of Property:
 Parcel ID Number: 35-33-26-0000-40070-0000

20 AC MINERAL RIGHTS 1/16 INT W1/2 OF SW1/4 OF SW1/4 35 33S 26E DB 52 P66

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 MAY 8, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk

Pursuant to F.S. 197.512
 Victoria L. Rogers
 Hardee County, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
 Tax Deed File: 252019TD001XXXX
 Date: 03/18/2019
 Ad No.: 1

4:4-25c

HARDEE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hardee County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinances NOS. 02-17 and 04-01, which authorize a financial hardship exemption to the solid waste disposal and fire rescue portions of the special assessment fees. Property owners qualifying for this exemption will not have to pay the current year's approved non-ad valorem taxes toward the special assessment fees for solid waste disposal and fire rescue assessment fees. Even if approved for exemption property owner will be responsible for Solid Waste Collection fee if applicable.

If you are interested in applying for this exemption, or if you have any questions pertaining to this issue, please contact the Office of Management & Budget, 412 W. Orange Street, Room 204 or call 863-773-3199. Applications will only be accepted between May 1, 2019 and May 31, 2019. Applications will not be accepted after May 31, 2019. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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

Notice is given that the District's Intended Agency Action is approval of the renewal application for a Water Use Permit to serve Agricultural activities. The total authorized withdrawal is 238,000 GPD, Peak Month is 531,900 GPD, and Maximum is 5,036,600 GPD. The project is located in Hardee County, Section(s) 1 & 12, Township 35 South, Range 27 East. The permit applicant is Windmill Farms Nurseries, Inc. / Attn: Jason Cord whose address is 4687 South Hammock Road, Zolfo Springs, FL 33890. The Permit No. is 20009390.007. The file(s) pertaining to this project is available for inspection Monday - Friday except for legal holidays, 8am - 5pm, at the Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

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The Fort Meade Times

FORT MEADE'S HOMETOWN NEWS
 PRISCILLA WHITE PERRY — MANAGING EDITOR
 Thursday, April 25, 2019

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DAVIS 1ST QUARTER EMPLOYEE



COURTESY PHOTO
 Finance Assistant Tandra Davis was recognized at the April 9 Fort Meade City Commission Meeting. Financial Officer Breana Smith presented Davis the First Quarter Employee of 2019 award.

TEACHERS WEAR RED AT THE FLAGPOLE



PHOTO BY JAN JACKSON
 Lewis Anna Woodbury Elementary teachers banded together in solidarity to wear red and meet at the flagpole on April 17th, the statewide day of action for education funding. The Florida Education Association (FEA) is lobbying the State Legislature to increase the base student allocation by 10%. Pictured (from left) are Lezza Merrill, Lisa Williams, Amy Gargus, Ashley Mettlen, Beverly Crockett, Theresa Johnson, Dana Kobylarz, and Yesenia Nunez.

BIGSBY PANCAKE CELEBRATION



PHOTOS BY LOU ANN BIGSBY
 As the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) were recently completed, third grade students in Mrs. Lou Ann Bigsby's class at Lewis Anna Woodbury Elementary celebrated with pancakes. David Bigsby served as pancake chef, cooking up the yummy treat for the class. Students enjoyed adding whipped cream and sprinkles to their pancakes. Pictured are (left) Kesler Pope and (right) Jelenna Sanchez.



Want to Be A Hero to Kindergarteners?

By PRISCILLA PERRY
 Of The Fort Meade Times
 Now is a good time to consider joining the league of volunteers who read once a week to four kindergarteners – two at a time.

Lewis Anna Woodbury is having Kindergarten Round-up this week and most of the 5-year olds in the classroom don't know how to read. And sad to say, most of the them don't have anyone who reads to them. Those particular students start one step behind because of that missing link.

This is where someone who has an hour during the week – 8-9 am – becomes a hero. Speaking from experience, I can tell you it is a mutual admiration society. As a "charter member" of Reading Pals in Fort Meade, it is quite satisfying to see non-readers evolve into students ready for first grade.

Contact Reading Pal Program Manager Sylvia Palmer at Central Florida United Way, 863/648-1500, ext. 278, to sign up for the 2019-20 school year and become a hero.

One Horse Farm Brings Community Together for Grand Opening April 13



On a hot day, ice cream hits the spot!



Stop for a photo! Lanier (left) and Judy Birdsong greet visitors and made sure everything was in order.



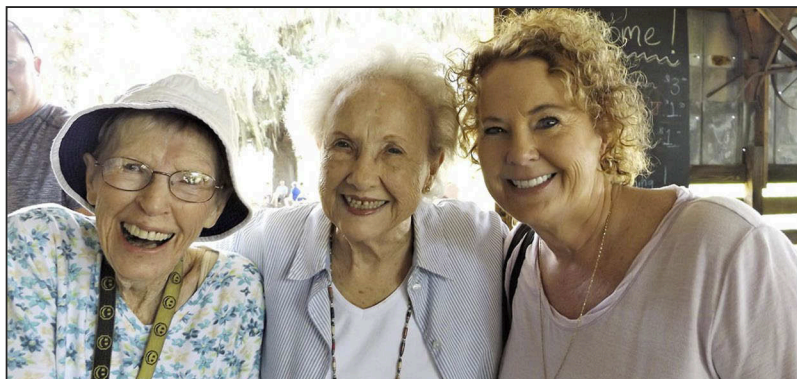
Melony Bell, Paulette Gillespie and Melony's granddaughter Raleigh Bell Barnett.



Best buds! Tina Lanier, (left) owner of One Horse Farm and State Rep. Melony Bell have remained best friends since childhood.



The Lanier Men: Steve and his father, Mac.



Luwahna Zink on left, then Peggy Langston and Donna Butler.



Mmmmm good! Good food, good friends, good shade!

The Fort Meade Times

Calendar of Events

- April 25**
- **Kindergarten Round-Up** - 4-6 pm - Lewis Campus
 - **Softball Senior Night** - 6 pm - FMMHS Softball Field
- April 26**
- **FMMHS Varsity Baseball** - 7 pm - Santa Fe Catholic (Away)
- April 27**
- **FMMHS Track Team** - 8 am - 1A Regional 3 Titusville
- April 30**
- **FMMHS Varsity Baseball** - 7 pm - Hardee (Home)
 - **Baseball Senior Night** - 6:40 pm
- May 1**
- **Museum's Annual May Pole Event** - 9 am - Museum
 - **Gift Card Basket Drawing** - End of May Pole Event at Museum - Fort Meade Garden Club
- May 2**
- **FMMHS Varsity Baseball** - 7 pm - Lake Wales (Away)
- May 3**
- **FMMHS Varsity Baseball** - 7 pm - Kathleen (Away)
- May 8**
- **Fort Meade Garden Club Member Luncheon** - Jacaranda in Avon Park - noon
- May 7-9**
- **FMMHS Senior Final Exams**
- May 10**
- **FMMHS Senior Video** - 8:30 am
- May 13**
- **Book Club at Library** - 2nd Monday - 5 pm
- May 14**
- **FMMHS Senior Awards** - 6 pm - Performing Arts Auditorium
 - **City Commission Meeting** - 7 pm - City Hall
- May 19**
- **FMMHS Baccalaureate** - 6 pm - Cornerstone Church
- May 21**
- **Crocheting at Library** - 3rd Tuesday - 3:30 pm
- May 22**
- **Graduation** - 6 pm - Gymnasium
- May 27**
- **Memorial Day** - Federal Holiday
- May 28**
- **Sewing at Library** - 4th Tuesday - 3:30 pm - Sewing Machines on site
 - **American Legion Post 23** - Member Meeting - 4th Tuesday - 6:30 pm - Legion Hall
 - **City Commission Meeting** - 4th Tuesday - 6 pm - City Hall
- May 30**
- **Polk County - Last Day of School**
- Church - Vacation Bible School**
- **Oak Park Baptist Church June 16** - 6 pm - Roar - VBS Director Sandra Bass, 863/837-8086
 - **First United Methodist Church June 24-28** - 9 am - Roar, Grades K-5

Ramblin'

By Priscilla Perry

I love small towns. Fort Meade, to me, is a small town. Homey. Quaint. Friendly. Supportive.

But according to World Population Review, which used the 2017 census, Fort Meade is the 206th largest city in Florida. There are 283 cities, 107 towns, and 20 villages. Add them all together and we have 412 incorporated municipalities in the state.

In trying to determine the difference between a city and town, I started to doze off when I got to the part that read a town is a step up from a village, but a step down from a city, and then something about having 5 towers. Zzzzzzz

But basically, what makes a city different from a town has little to do with the number of residents. And with that tid-bit of information, Fort Meade turns into a town because it has few retail businesses. But Fort Meade is a city when it comes to the number of churches - more than 30. That's one church for each pioneer family in town - or city, which ever you prefer at this point.

Fort Meade is a unique little spot in Central Florida and is home to 6,115 residents. The average age is 35.9 years! There are 100 females for every 90.1 males. (I always worry about that decimal point. Does one of the females take possession of an arm that is connected to another female's significant other?)

At one time, most of Fort Meade was designated as historical and listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The northeast section continues to hold that distinction. But with each modernization and demolition, the overall percentage of the historic business area shrinks.

Fort Meade does continue to have some remarkable historical sites, however. The Museum has a driving tour, if you're interested in seeing Historic Fort Meade this way. And mark your calendar now for the Museum's History Trolley Ride November 15 beginning at 4:30 pm for more in-depth narration of the city/town's colorful background.

One thing about small towns, one never needs to do a lot of explaining. One sentence wraps it all up nicely without grandstanding.

"I'm stopping by Toula's." Translation: I'm getting a Miner Burger on the way home.

"Go to the red light and go past the old high school." Translation: Go to the only signal light in Fort Meade and head east on Broadway.

"I'm going to my family reunion." Translation: Everyone is town is meeting at Peace River because everyone in town IS a Hancock, MARRIED a Hancock, or CLAIMS to be a Hancock so they can get in on the good food.

Yes, there's something very special about Fort Meade. And I feel at home.

Kindergarten Round-up April 25

Parents of incoming kindergarteners will enroll their children Thursday, April 25, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Lewis Campus, 115 S. Oak Ave.

The following documentation is required for enrolling new students into Polk County Schools: Two proofs of current residence, birth certificate, current immunization record, physical record within last 12 months, and Social Security card is optional.

Dancing Feet, Free Dance Class for Special Kids

Most children like to dress up, dance and perform. Dancing Feet provides that experience to children who may not always have the opportunity.

Alexis Whitehead hosts the classes for children, ages 4 to 15, with disabilities. To learn more about the event, call 863/535-6101. Classes are held at Wendy's Dance Company in Bartow at 780 W. Main St.

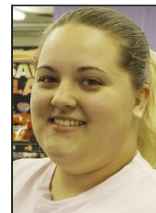
The Beat On The Street

Today's Question is about the proposed Old Fort Meade Outpost that will be located at the current Fort Meade Outdoor Recreation Area (known by locals as Peace River Park). The City owns approximately 200 acres between US 98 E and Mt. Pisgah Road that is going through growing pains of becoming a viable destination point in Central Florida.

So a few people were asked: *What would you like to see developed at the proposed Outpost first? And why?*



Ali Albert - "I like the equestrian project. It would give people in Fort Meade something to do. I don't have horses but I have family who does."



Cynthia McCord - "It needs a new pavilion. The one there now is really run down."



Toula Giannopoulos - "We need an RV park. So many people come here but have no where to stay."



Apolinar Macedo - "I would like to have a worship center there and have donations sent to a children's cancer research center."

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A TISKET, A TASKET, A \$500 GIFT CARD BASKET



PHOTO BY THELMA CHAMBERS

Eeny, Meeny, Miney, Moe. Pick a card and off we go! For several years, "The Basket" has traveled throughout Fort Meade to various venues as people donate \$5 for one ticket and \$20 for five tickets to assist charity. This year, members of the First Baptist Church Fruit of the Spirit Sunday School Class transitioned their familiar charitable fundraiser to help the Historical Society of Fort Meade. The basket holds a flower arrangement made up of \$500 worth of gift cards, which will be awarded to the winning ticket drawn at the end of the Historical Society's annual May Pole event, May 1. Museum Volunteer Chair Thelma Chambers will have the basket ready to give to winner, who does not have to be present to win. All proceeds go toward support and upkeep of the Museum located 1 Tecumseh Ave. Gift Cards are for Kiki's Egg House (\$25), Sonny's BBQ (\$25), Carrabbas (\$50), Lowe's (\$25), WalMart (\$25), Cobb Theater (\$25), Pizza Hut (\$25), Classic Pizza (\$25), Red Lobster (\$25), Beef O'Brady's (\$25), Cracker Barrel (\$25), Outback Steakhouse (\$50), Home Depot (\$25), Publix (\$25), Chili's (\$25), John's Miner Den (\$25), Southern Posh (\$25), and Fowler's Grocery (\$25).

DAISY STEM PALOOZA



PHOTO BY JAN JACKSON

STEM Palooza, a Girl Scout event held at Florida Polytechnic University in Lakeland, provided Fort Meade Daisy Girl Scouts with a variety of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math hands-on activities. The girls gained experience in engineering, designing, and coding. Daisy Girl Scouts are girls in Kindergarten and First grades. Troop #5214 is led by Ashlee Evans and Kathy Belcher. Pictured are (from left) Emma Rotten, Dahlia Johnston-Torres, Carly Croley and Delaney Barnhill.

Greenwood Chevrolet Partners With Fort Meade Dixie Youth

Fort Meade Dixie Youth players and coaches count their lucky stars for a partner like Greenwood Chevrolet.

"Playing the game of baseball helps kids develop skills like leadership, cooperation, and sportsmanship while bringing families and communities together to show their support."

"Greenwood Chevrolet and Chevrolet Youth Baseball are proud to participate in a sport that brings so many smiles to kids and families in Fort Meade," said Bob Elliott, owner of Greenwood Chevrolet.

Greenwood Chevrolet will present Fort Meade Dixie Youth an equipment kit that includes useful items such as equipment bags, first aid kits, batting tees, and T-shirts. The

sponsorship also includes youth clinics featuring current and former MLB/MILB players and coaches, or instructors from Ripken Baseball.

In addition, Greenwood Chevrolet will present a check representing a one-time monetary contribution to Fort Meade Dixie Youth. Sponsored leagues across the country will have the chance to earn additional funds as community members take test drives at the partnering dealership to help support the league.

2019 marks the fourteenth year of Chevrolet's Youth Baseball program, which has benefited more than 7 million players since it launched.

For more information on Chevrolet Youth Baseball, visit www.chevrolet.com/youth-sports.com.

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATE



COURTESY PHOTO

Each month volunteers of the Historical Society of Fort Meade gather at Kiki's to enjoy a meal and a piece of birthday cake. April's birthdays are shown (From Left) Diana New, Wayne Gunter, Thelma Chambers and Betty Speer holding the cake.

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TALLAHASSEE TRIP



COURTESY PHOTOS
Miss Hardee County 2019 Jessie Kunkel visited Tallahassee March 20-22 to represent and promote Hardee County. Traveling with her were her mother, Dagmar Kunkel, and Miss Hardee County Chairwoman Mary Lynne Driskell and her son, Jack. The group brought two gift baskets with products from Hardee County producers that they gave to Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nuñez (top) and Sen. Ben Albritton (middle). Jessie also met with Rep. Melony Bell (bottom). While in Tallahassee, she toured Florida State University. Jessie says she doesn't think she would have any trouble fitting in at the school as Tallahassee still has a small-town feel. The highlight of the trip for Jessie was seeing the process of politicians voting on bills. She says seeing what goes into the making of a new law was very eye-opening.



PUBLIC NOTICE

You are hereby notified that on Thursday, April 4, 2019, upon public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County, Florida, adopted Resolution 2019-15 vacating and closing a portion of Bost Road, generally described as: The westerly portion of Bost Road, as extended, running north and south, lying in Section 11, Township 34 South, Range 25 East, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 105, also known as Plat Bar 82, Cabinet A of the official Public Records of Hardee County, Florida.

Mike Thompson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

4:25c

NOTICE
The **HARDEE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE** will hold a **MEETING** on **TUESDAY, May 07, 2019, 2:00 P.M.** or as soon thereafter in the **Planning/Development Dept. 110 S. 9th Avenue, Wauchula, FL**

4:25c

Good Grammar R Us

Back in 1964, only a few weeks into my Florida National Guard career that would last for 30 years, Col. Ed Chassee, deputy commander of what was then the 53rd Armored Brigade, called me aside and said, "Frisbie, you and I are guardians of the printed word in this brigade." I had three years of daily newspaper experience to my credit, plus two years of administrative duties and personnel management in the active Army.



Thinking Out Loud

By S.L. Frisbie IV

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

My entry job in the Guard was Officer in Charge of the Administrative Services Division. In the civilian world, this would have been called supervisor of the typing pool.

Colonel Chassee's point was that writing simple, declarative prose was not a common skill in the National Guard of that era, and he had appointed himself and me to do something about that in the 53d Brigade.

I took Colonel Chassee's appointment as guardian of the printed (and spoken) word into the civilian workplace with me, and every now and then I set out to identify some of the egregious misuses that journalists, broadcasters, and politicians engage in on a daily basis.

By far the most unforgivable misuse is the word "literally," whose purpose is to declare

"very, very, very exceptional." If that doesn't sound sufficiently declarative, how about adding maybe a dozen exclamation points at the end of the sentence?

Sportscasters are the world's worst (with the possible exception of meteorologists) when it comes to exaggeration.

No football play was ever "brilliant" or "heroic."

A couple of weeks ago, I (literally) laughed out loud when a network sportscaster declared Tiger Woods' victory in the Masters to be "the greatest sports comeback of the century." Words fail me.

When the Lightning lost their fourth consecutive hockey game to be eliminated from contention for the Stanley Cup, a Tampa sportscaster called the loss "heartbreaking."

The death of a child's pet is "heartbreaking." A loss of the first four games of a best-of-seven play-off is "disappointing."

I have not strayed into a discussion of "who" and "whom." Use whichever one sounds right and your chances are pretty good that (1) you're right or (2) not many people will pick up on it if you're wrong.

I am less forgiving of anyone who is making more than minimum wage who will not learn the correct use of "me" and "I." I am unforgiving of the use of "myself" (usually pronounced "muhself), often used as "muhself, our other coaches, and our team."

The use of its and it's is simple enough. (The apostrophe indicates a contraction; no apostrophe and it's possessive.) That said, I can't be too critical of a good friend who explained his rule to me: "I use an apostrophe every third time I use the word."

S.L. Frisbie is retired. One of his rules of grammar is to learn the rules so well that you entitle yourself to violate one every now and then because it just plain sounds better.

Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

• If you're a blood donor, you're part of a significant minority. In the United States, less than 5 percent of the population donates blood every year.

• The first sound recording ever made was created in 1877 by Thomas Edison. It was a musical selection: "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

• Cars weren't allowed on the island of Bermuda until 1948.

• Are you a cacographer? You may not be, but if you spend any time at all online you've certainly run across a few. A cacographer is someone who can't quite grasp the rules of spelling.

Thought for the Day:
"The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it."

—Oscar Wilde

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Hardee Man Dies In Manatee Shooting

By CYNTHIA KRAHL

Of The Herald-Advocate
A 32-year-old Zolfo Springs man was killed late Saturday afternoon in what Manatee County Sheriff's Office authorities are terming a "road rage" incident.

Zachary Barnett died from a gunshot at about 5:15 p.m. on Buckeye Road near U.S. 301 in Parrish, they said.

The driver of the other vehicle, who shot Barnett, stayed onsite and notified authorities of the shooting.

According to that driver, the two men were headed in opposite directions on Buckeye Road when Barnett's truck swerved and nearly hit his vehicle. He turned around and followed the truck, saying he was attempting to get its tag

number. Barnett pulled over, however, and began to argue with him, the man described to Manatee authorities.

Barnett, he said, got out of his truck and came up to his vehicle, leaning into the driver's-side window. The Manatee County Sheriff's Office said that is when the shooter said he got out his gun and told Barnett to back away.

But Barnett, too, had a firearm.

The man said Barnett pulled a gun, and he fired his "in fear for his life," according to Manatee authorities.

The incident remains under active investigation.

Barnett leaves behind a wife and three young children.

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BGE Proclaims Its 'Proud Panthers' For Third Quarter



COURTESY PHOTOS

The third-quarter Proud Panther award winners at Bowling Green Elementary School were recently announced. Kindergarten Proud Panthers were (front, from left) Victoria Molina, Aubree Esquivel, Talon Bass and Avi Calvillo; (back) Tomas Maya, Estrella Hernandez-Palacios, Cyiah Simmons and Scarleth Enzaldo-Cantor.



Showing self-control in the first grade were Proud Panthers (from left) Kieylna Stevens, Leilani Trejo-Hernandez, Aidan Mouldin, Hilario Ramirez-Garcia, Wesley Wright and Sadianne McQuail.



Second graders with good classroom skills were Proud Panthers (front, from left) Brielle Medina, Ana Cruz-Cruz, Adamaris Cruz-Avila and Alan Cruz-Cruz; (back) Aaron Reyes-Ochoa, Bodhi Derringer, Natalie Arvizu and Maillany Cervantes.



Responsible third-grade Proud Panthers were (front, from left) Shianne Murphy, Jayla Bass and Antonio Gonzalez; (back) Jaylee Rios, Juan Luevano, Brianna Perada and Carlos Cruz-Abrego.



Proud Panthers in the fourth grade who managed their time well were (front, from left) Eduardo Hernandez-Palacios, Brandon DeJesus-Martinez, Andrew Johnston and Andrea Rodriguez; (back) Emilio Calvillo, Yuridia Valencia-Hernandez, Dylan Flores and Madelin Hernandez-Jose.



Fifth graders rewarded for their study habits were Proud Panthers (from left) Neida Rodriguez, Olivero Castillo, Rebecca Curry, Joselyn Abrego, Karla Ramos and Natalie Rodriguez.

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I saw that the actress who played Georgette on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" passed away recently. I just loved her character on that show. Did she ever act in anything else?

—M.R.

A: Why yes, actress Georgia Engel had a long career in television after playing the flighty, hilarious Georgette on the classic sitcom. She was a regular on the short-lived "The Betty White Show," and she appeared many times on "The Love Boat" and "Fantasy Island." She had a regular role on the hit show "Coach" in the 1990s. In more recent years, Engel was a semi-regular on "Everybody Loves Raymond" and again co-starred with Betty White on the sitcom "Hot in Cleveland."

Engel never married and didn't have any children. In an interview with "People" magazine several years ago, Engel credited the late Mary Tyler Moore, and her iconic

character Mary Richards, for "letting it be known that it was alright to be a certain age and not be married, to be a certain age and not have a date on Saturday night. She made it OK to have the joy of throwing yourself into your work." Engel's chosen work definitely brought her audiences a lot of joy and laughter. She will be missed.

Q: Will "Manifest" be back on NBC next fall? I really hope so after that cliffhanger.

—P.E.

A: For those who haven't watched the season finale, I won't spoil it for you by giving details about how season one ended. For those who are avid

viewers of the mystery drama, I have good news: There will be a season two of "Manifest." It's hard to believe that its renewal was even in question after more than 10 million viewers watched the series premiere last fall. It was no doubt compared to the very popular "Lost," another show about passengers on a plane sharing some kind of purpose or connection. However, by season's end, "Manifest" had lost more than 5 million viewers. Fortunately, NBC still has faith that it will win back viewers in its sophomore season.

Q: Who is the woman Tiger Woods kissed after he won the Masters? I thought he was still with that Olympic skier.

—W.P.

A: The special woman in Tiger's life is Erica Herman. She's in her early 30s, and they apparently met when she was managing his restaurant in Florida. His children, daughter Sam and son Charlie, also were in attendance when he won the elite tournament, along with his mother, Kultida.



Tiger and his former girlfriend, Olympic skier Lindsey Vonn, still remain friends. His professional comeback occurred after years of scandal and injuries. He missed two seasons of pro golf before returning to the green. He finally got relief by undergoing another back surgery, this time by Dr. Richard Guyer of the Texas Back Institute.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com.
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Couch Theater DVD Previews

By Amy Anderson

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

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Escape Room" (R) — Six players accept an uninvited mental challenge with a hefty payoff: survive an enhanced escape room and win a million dollars. When the puzzles become perilous — the first room heats up like an oven until it bursts into flames — the strangers must combine wits and learn from past experiences in order to literally escape with their lives. And the lives to be saved are diverse, from an Iraq War veteran (Deborah Ann Woll) to an introverted physics student (Taylor Russell) to a supercilious stockbroker (Jay Ellis). It's moderately suspenseful young adult horror, and although there are plot points that aren't hard to work out, I couldn't escape my own enjoyment.

"Destroyer" (R) — Nicole Kidman goes deep undercover — so deep that there are times you can barely identify the actress portraying LAPD detective Erin Bell. As a young cop, Bell takes a surreptitious role in a crime gang with her partner Chris (Sebastian Stan). They end up party to a



botched bank robbery, and Chris is killed by gang leader Silas (Toby Kebbell), who disappears. Years later, Silas' emergence is discovered when a tainted bill is left behind at a murder scene. This brings Bell out full force, tracking him down for retribution and justice, gang member to gang member, with a treacherous bloodlust and moral ambiguity to match.

"The Gospel According to Andre" (PG-13) — As a boy in North Carolina, Andre Leon Talley discovered luxury in not only the issues of Vogue magazine he found in the library, but also in the smart and well-crafted clothes provided by his grandmother, a cleaning lady at Duke University. Raised in the segregated South, but never accepting its limits, he rose to a life of influence in the New York fashion world, working at the top echelons of Vogue by his mid-30s. Told through interviews and archival footage, with a loving patina of honesty from the man himself.

"Hal" (NR) — He operated in the same universe as other pantheon directors of the 1970s, a decade of groundbreaking film direction, but you don't generally hear the name Hal Ashby in a list of greats. Director Amy Scott means to change that by documenting the significant contributions of one of the most respected and rebellious editors and directors of his time. From his editing Oscar for "In the Heat of the Night" to direction of iconic, era-defining works such as "Shampoo," "Harold and Maude" and "Being There," Hal is brought into focus by an exhaustive list of actors, Hollywood filmmakers and friends.

NEW TV RELEASES
"A Place to Call Home" Season 6
"Shameless" Season 9
"Margaret: The Rebel Princess"

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• The probability of you drinking a glass of water that contains a molecule of water that also passed through a dinosaur is almost 100%.

• There are castles and even lighthouses that are less expensive than NYC apartments.

Inside Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

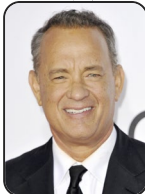
Tom Hanks has a couple of big roles coming up, starring as Mr. Rogers in "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," with Wendy Makkena, Matthew Rhys and Chris Cooper (out Nov. 22), then transforming himself into Colonel Parker, the manager of "The King of Rock and Roll" Elvis Presley, for director Baz Luhrmann.

Luhrmann's hit films are "Moulin Rouge" (2001), "Australia" (2008) and "The Great Gatsby" (2013). He recently completed the Netflix series "The Get Down," about the birth of hip-hop, and you can be sure this Elvis film will be like no other. Meanwhile, the release of Hanks' war film "Greyhound," with Elisabeth Shue, has been pushed back to May 2020.

You knew after the \$20 million low-budget film "A Quiet Place" pulled in \$340 million at the box office that there would be "A Quiet Place 2." John

Krasinsky again writes, directs and stars with wife Emily Blunt, plus Millicent Simmonds and Noah Jupe (as their children). But it's likely the film will zero in more on other survivors, including Cillian Murphy, for a May 2020 opening.

Denzel Washington will next take on the title role of a Scottish lord in William Shakespeare's "Macbeth," aided and abetted by "Three Billboards" Oscar-winning best actress Frances McDormand as Lady MacBeth. Chris Hemsworth has landed another franchise with the reboot of "Men In Black: International," co-starring Rebecca Ferguson, Liam Neeson and Emma Thompson, dropping June 14, and "Dhaka," about a mercenary hired to rescue a Bangladeshi businessman's kidnapped son.



Benedict Cumberbatch, now starring as Doctor Strange in "Avengers: Endgame," is going

Top 10 Movies

1. Shazam! (PG-13) Zachary Levi, Mark Strong
2. Little (PG-13) Regina Hall, Issa Rae
3. Hellboy (R) David Harbour, Milla Jovovich
4. Pet Sematary (R) Jason Clarke, Amy Steimetz
5. Dumbo (PG) Colin Farrell, Michael Keaton
6. Captain Marvel (PG-13) Brie Larson, Samuel L. Jackson
7. Us (R) Lupita Nyong'o, Winston Duke
8. After (PG-13) Hero Fiennes Tiffin, Josephine Langford
9. Missing Link (PG) animated
10. The Best of Enemies (PG-13) Taraji P. Henson, Sam Rockwell

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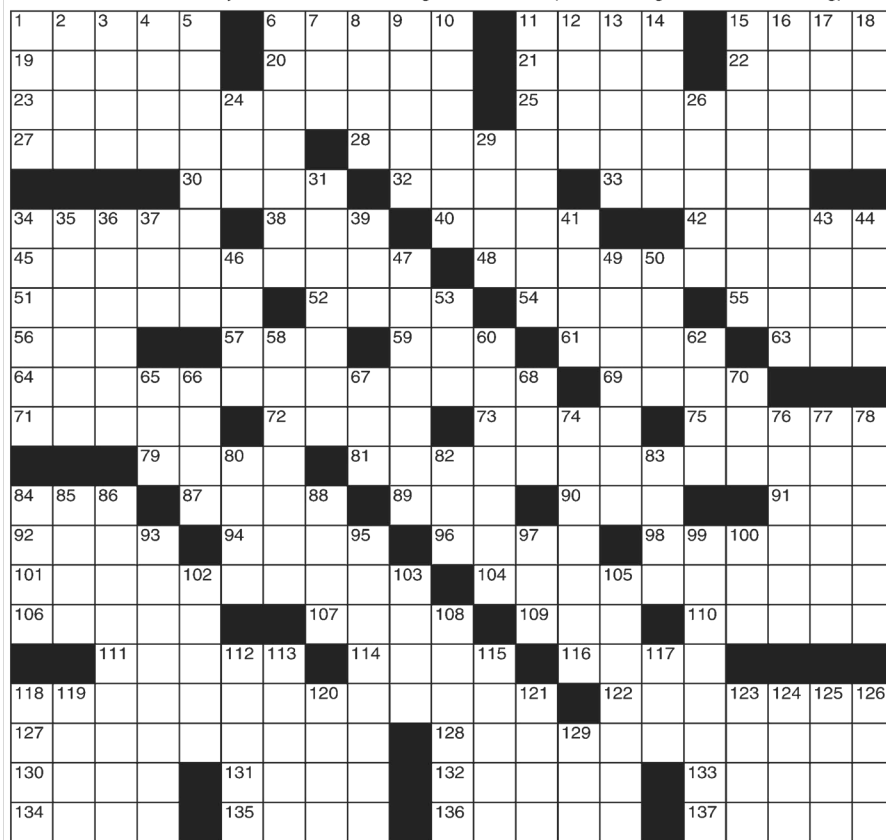



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Super Crossword

PICK A CARD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Firing sound
 - 6 Frog sound
 - 11 Kerfuffles
 - 15 Soldiers of Seoul
 - 19 Old Aegean region
 - 20 Singer with the 2013 #1 hit "Royals"
 - 21 Typesetter's option
 - 22 Saber's kin
 - 23 Film that's both funny and gloomy
 - 25 Thin material used in painting and baking
 - 27 Bulls scores
 - 28 Putt-putt
 - 30 Yard sale proviso
 - 32 With 40-Across, classic grape drink
 - 33 Step inside
 - 34 "Mirage" actor Edward James —
 - 38 Boolean logic operator
 - 40 See 32-Across
 - 42 Opening bets
 - 45 Overhead air circulator
- DOWN**
- 1 Lettuce variety
 - 2 Dancer Falana
 - 3 Santa — (some winds)
 - 4 Ill
 - 5 Test the tea, say
 - 6 Shutting 7 CD- —
 - 8 City NNW of Provo
 - 9 Also include John Maynard —
 - 11 Scared by "Get busy!"
 - 12 "Get busy!"
 - 13 Well-timed
 - 14 Rigid
 - 15 Mixtures for chemical analysis
 - 16 Well-timed (ump's call)
 - 17 Boat's spine
 - 18 Feudal peon
 - 24 Dollar or euro div.
 - 26 Blossom bit
 - 29 Breakfast chain, briefly
 - 31 Unstiffened shoe part
 - 34 — razor ("keep it simple" principle)
 - 35 Tackle
 - 36 Part of rpm
- ACROSS**
- 48 Films, TV, hit songs, etc.
 - 51 Fancy snack
 - 52 — McAn
 - 54 See 50-Down
 - 55 Chilly powder
 - 56 "The Simpsons" shopkeeper
 - 57 Clock setting in NYC
 - 59 "... man — mouse?"
 - 61 Sketched
 - 63 Priest follower?
 - 64 Homeland
 - 69 "— Brockovich"
 - 71 Cynic's look
 - 72 Sheep group
 - 73 — vu
 - 75 Metal debris
 - 79 Pianist Hines
 - 81 Alternative medical practices
 - 84 Rubble maker
 - 87 TVs "Better Call —"
 - 89 "— hoo!" ("Hello!")
 - 90 Equal: Prefix
 - 91 Subpar mark
 - 92 High cards
 - 94 FBI agent
 - 96 Bulky brass
- DOWN**
- 98 Michigan county or its seat
 - 101 Important biblical meal
 - 104 Clownish type
 - 106 Really bug
 - 107 Give and take
 - 109 — chi
 - 110 Sales talk
 - 111 Of Tehran
 - 114 Fish story
 - 116 Pulitzer winner William
 - 118 Dictionary, e.g.
 - 122 Film theaters
 - 127 Ethiopia, formerly
 - 128 Playing card apt to this puzzle's theme (hint: see the ends of the longest answers)
 - 130 "That's — bad idea"
 - 131 One fibbing
 - 132 Barbecue
 - 133 Ruhr Valley's chief city
 - 134 Tie feature
 - 135 Many August babies
 - 136 Determined to carry out
 - 137 Sown things



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be tempted to be more assertive when dealing with a job-related matter. But a carefully measured approach works best at getting the cooperation you're looking for.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While others urge you to act now, you instinctively recognize that a move at this time is not in your best interests. You should know when to do so by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A busy schedule keeps you on the move for much of the week. But things ease up by the time the weekend arrives, allowing you to reconnect with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Travel dominates the week, and despite some delays in getting to where you want to go, the overall experience should prove to be a positive one in many ways.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine self-confidence comes roaring back after a brief period of doubt and helps you get through a week of demanding challenges and ultimately emerge triumphant.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Virgos who have made a major commitment — personal or professional — should be able to tap into a renewed reservoir of self-confidence to help them follow through.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You soon could receive news from a surprising source that could cause you to change your mind about how you had planned to deal with an ongoing job-related problem.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A surprise move of support from a colleague who has never been part of your circle of admirers helps influence others to take a new look at what you've put on the table.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While a bold decision to take an "I know what I'm doing" approach impresses some colleagues, it also raises the risk of causing resentment among others.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A misunderstanding 'twixt you and a friend might not be your fault at all, despite what he or she suggests. Talk it out to see at what point the confusion might have started.

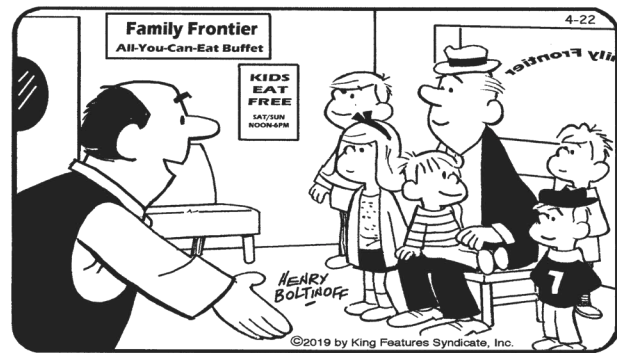
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Getting into a community operation fulfills the Aquarian's need to help people. It also can lead to new contacts that might one day help you with a project.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A minor problem could delay the start of a long-anticipated trip for two. Use the time to recheck your travel plans. You might find a better way to get where you're going.

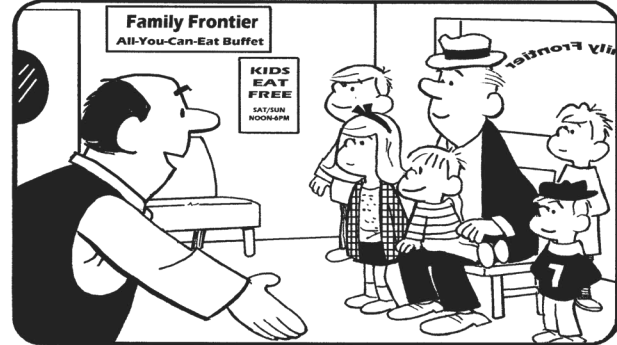
BORN THIS WEEK: You are a dedicated romantic who seeks both excitement and stability in your relationships.

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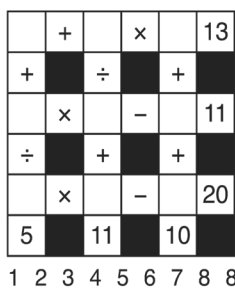
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Chair leg is moved. 3. Boy is taller. 4. Hat is larger. 5. Boy's head is turned. 6. Girl's sweater has stripes.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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



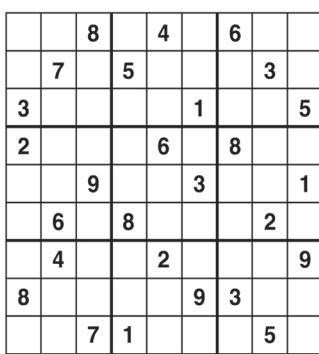
DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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

- Advanced
- Bad
- Bank
- Child tax
- College
- Commercial
- Course
- Direct
- Energy
- Export
- Import
- Letter of
- Line of
- Overdraft
- Revolving

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ANSWERS

Super Crossword

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: J equals W

JSQL MJV EOFKGFYNR GOLN

MVHQMSQY JSFKQ JYIFLH VL

O MORI, UVTKN AVT ROA

MSQA OYQ UVL-EVFLQN?

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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NH KNRGAPUH OA APUHOAT,

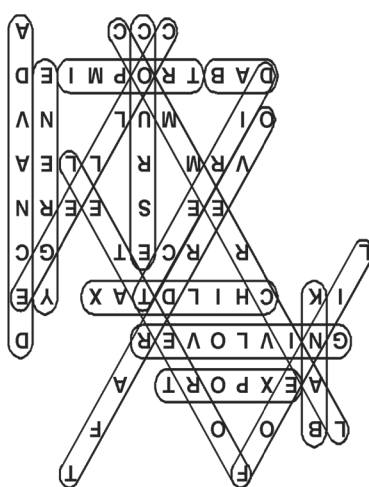
MTWXIP KNRG JOXY. OH KNR

YNX'Q, KNR'GP AOJFUK YRMBOXI

KNRG GPAFNXAOSOUOQOPA.

— WXX GOMTWGYA

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When two jairbirds band together while working on a task, could you say they are con-joined?

ANSWERS
CryptoQuip

— Ann Richards
your responsibilities.
don't, you're simply ducking
of yourself is selfish,
change your mind. If you
if you think taking care

ANSWERS
CryptoQuote

HARDEE LIVING

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN



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The annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics was held in downtown Wauchula last Thursday as participants traveled from the old junior high school gymnasium to Heritage Park. At the park, the group posed for pictures under a large American flag that flew from a firetruck ladder and then ate a lunch of spaghetti and garlic bread donated by Giovanni's. Participating in the event were members of Hardee Correctional Institution, the Hardee County Sheriff's Office,

the Hardee County Sheriff's Office Explorers Post No. 400, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, the Wauchula Police Department, Hardee County Fire Rescue, Hardee County Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 3471, Hardee Homes and Sunrise Community. The firefighters union donated the T-shirts for the event, and LaFlam Bush Hogging & Land Clearing donated caps.

CIVIL WAR AUTHOR



PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

Mark Barie of Sebring has published his first novel, a Civil War love story entitled *War Calls, Love Cries*. He spoke to the Wauchula Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, April 9, at the Java Cafe. He is currently writing a book about the American Revolutionary War. Barie, 64, is from upstate New York and has lived year-round in Sebring for over three years. His wife, Christine Racine, of 30 years is a sister of Hardee County Engineer Ken Wheeler. He has started and sold five businesses, including commercial real estate, immigration, marketing and economic development. He is a consultant. Barie said the Civil War resulted in 620,000 deaths, two percent of the population, with two-thirds dying from disease. The North had 3.4 million horses and the South 1.7 million horses, and 1 million were killed in the war. The Civil War caused over 60,000 amputations. Grover Cleveland and John D. Rockefeller each paid \$300 to get out of the draft and have a substitute, which was legal. Abraham Lincoln was once shot at while riding his horse, leaving a bullet hole in his hat. From left are club president Kyle Long and Mark Barie. He can be reached at markbarie.com or 518-593-3754.

DIABETES REPORT



PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

Hugh Pate, a Hardee High School junior also enrolled at South Florida State College, spoke to the Hardee Rotary Club on Wednesday, April 10, at the Java Cafe. He has diabetes but stays active. Hugh is currently No. 1 in his class, scored in the 96th percentile on the SAT, represents HHS at the Sunshine State Scholars for the Florida Department of Education, is a district champion in four events for the HHS swim team, a member of the STEM Club, National Honor Society, HHS FFA chapter, and National Society of High School Scholars. He plans to attend medical school at Vanderbilt, Duke or University of Florida and become an endocrinologist to help other fellow diabetics. From left are club president Lee Mikell, Hugh Pate and Tanya Royal.

Brookside Bluff News

By Jerry Smith
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Today is Easter Sunday and the day started with a well-attended Sunrise Service at Charlie Creek. This is a tradition that started many years ago and continues every year. And because it starts at 7 a.m. it was indeed a little chilly. Reverend Stallings had a very nice sermon! Cathy Bennett, assisted by Laura Swisher at the keyboard, put the service together for a truly wonderful beginning to this day.

After a light breakfast of Easter eggs and baked goods following the Sunrise Service, the Easter dinner at the Club House started at 1p.m. Ellie Miller, Sandy Hanson, Janet Lockery and Terri Godin did a fantastic job of putting it together. The main meat was of course ham, but the pot luck was delicious which means the attendees brought in some very good dishes and desserts.

Everyone had plenty to eat and were very pleased. And once again many folks jumped in to help clean up. A perfect weather day didn't hurt either as we had a clear sunshine day with the temps in the low 80s. Janet's day started at 5a.m. and she was the last one to leave the hall. What a lady!

Can you imagine anyone in his right mind wanting to be our association president for four terms? Meet Jerry Williams! Once saying "never again" Jerry is indeed into his fourth term. And one can only

guess how many miles Jerry puts on his golf cart as he and his dog Sophie cruise the park. Not much gets by him as he keeps close tabs on what is happening in this park.

Jerry and his wife Dodi are full-time residents and will be here all summer long (minus 2 weeks). So through all the summer storms Jerry will be here to deal with whatever happens. Hopefully, there will not be any hurricanes because he has had to deal with the likes of them before and that is anything but fun.

All kidding aside, Jerry is a proven steady leader in times of tragedy. OK, Bruce Miller, I took your advice and made Jerry my week's hero but he actually deserves the recognition all on his own.

By the time you read this article Dee and I will be on our way back to good ole Michigan. Let's hope and pray that our trip home is much better than our trip down here. Good-bye to dear friends and great

weather of this past season.

This will be the last of the weekly articles until November. From now until then they will appear once or twice a month or as events warrant one. Again I will rely on our full-time residents to keep me informed of events in our park. In the past Terri Godin and Linda Hutson have sent me most of my information and, yes, pictures.

Stay safe and God bless!



COURTESY PHOTO

Jerry Williams and Sophie.



Ellie, Sandy, Terri and Janet.

Roundup

Free Food Is Available Today

The Feed My Sheep food pantry in Wauchula is giving out free food today (Thursday) from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The food pantry is just west of the First United Methodist Church building at 204 W. Palmetto St. Bring something to carry your food.

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HARDEE LIVING



4-City News

By Henrietta Benson
448-6737

Greater Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, Elder Emanuel Reed of Bowling Green, were guests for 11 a.m. worship in Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church of Lakeland's Fifth Pastoral Anniversary honoring Elder Isaac A. Lane and Lady Samantha Lane. Theme: "Keep the Fire Burning." Jeremiah 20:9.

It started with praise and worship by the Zion Hill Youth Department. Deacon Ray and Mother Hicks escorted the pastor and first lady into the service. Sis. Bridgette Harper gave the Welcome Address; Elder Eddie Watkins, Scripture Reading, Jeremiah 20:7-11; Minister Willie Dixon, Mission Offering; Sis. Vera Peterson, Announcements.

The Youth of Zion Hill rendered a skit, Elder Reed delivered the Spoken Word and Sis. Charlotte Fuller the Words of Thanks. Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church is located at 1348 N. Sidney Ave., Lakeland. You are welcome to worship anytime.

Annual Youth Day will convene at Greater Macedonia PB Church this Sunday at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., 607 Palmetto St., Bowling Green, Elder Emanuel Reed, senior pastor. All are welcome.

The Pre-Mother's Day Program at Essential Truth Ministry will convene May 4 at 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be The Very Dynamic Sister Renae Jackson.

April is Autism Awareness Month. There's going to be an Autism Speaks Walk this Saturday at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa. WFLA News Channel 8 and WTTA Great 38 will partner with Tampa Bay Autism & Acceptance of those with Autism, and their loved ones. I can truly say it's a full-time job. We are a family with a son and grandson with autism. We will be walking in honor of my great-grandson, Liam Greene. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. See you at the Walk!

Community Prayer will be convening every "first" date of each month at 6 p.m. Location is the vacant field on Magnolia Boulevard in Wauchula. All are welcome. It is upcoming on Wednesday, May 1. This prayer group will convene the first of each month, regardless of whatever day the first is on.

Deepest sympathy to the Hearn family and friends on the homegoing of Joe Allen Sr. of Marianna.

Deepest sympathy to the Morris family and friends in the homegoing of Ali Morris on April 12.

The Wauchula Rent King Store's annual Easter egg hunt for children was held Saturday. The children and their families were treated to hot dogs, drinks, chips and cupcakes. There was a drawing for a full Easter basket of toys and candy for the lucky winner.

The Easter weekend in Bowling Green, I can truly say was a very, very enjoyable and spiritual three-day event, beginning Friday evening with the Good Friday celebration

"Let's Celebrate He Is Risen," Mark 16:5-7. Hosted by The City-Wide Mission at St. John AME Church, the Rev. Raleigh Allen, pastor.

Opening worship service, Prayer by Mother Naomi Lindsey, the Scripture Mark 16:5-7, Selection by the Combined Community Choir. Guest speakers were Brother Shame Tenney, "Your Hope is Alive." 1 Peter 1:3; and Sis. Renea Jackson, "Jesus is the Hope of Our Salvation." The service was highly Spirit-filled and enjoyable by all present. Mother Barnes, Remarks; the Rev. Allen, the Benediction.

Saturday's 5:30 p.m. Celebration Parade began on Bertha Fulse Street, to the left on Martin Luther King, to the left on Jones Street, left for Doyle Parker Avenue and left on Bertha Fulse Street to St. John AME Church.

The parade was much larger than last year's. Thanks to all that participated to make this happen. The Youth Program followed immediately after the parade. The church was filled, Praise God.

The Easter Sunrise Service was at 6 at St. John AME Church with worship and fellowship. The message was delivered by Pastor R. Allen. Breakfast was served afterward and enjoyed.

The 86th Church Anniversary at Shiloh Baptist Church, the Rev. Redmon, pastor of Arcadia, was April 17-21.

St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church and the Rev. Davis, pastor of Hull, were guests Friday at Shiloh's 86th Church Anniversary Celebration. Afterward all enjoyed a delicious meal.

The Limestone Annual Easter Community Dinner was Saturday at New St. Paul MB Church.

New Mount Zion AME Church of Arcadia's annual Black & White Ball convened Saturday at the Arcadia Armory.

Steven Crews of Virginia visited Easter weekend in Wauchula with family and friends. Blake Holten of Orlando spent Easter Sunday with his parents, family and friends.

At Progressive MB Church's Easter Sunday Service, the message was given by Pastor Arthur Powell Jr. The youth were treated with bags of goodies.

Colette Greene and I visited Stanley Davis in the Bartow Center Easter Sunday afternoon.

Alexus Greene, Liam Greene, James Greene, Christina Pate and Abigail of Lakeland spent the afternoon with their mother, Colette Greene, and me, their grandmother, in Lakeland.

Pleasant Hill Methodist Church in Arcadia hosted a Hat & Jewelry Show on Saturday. There was a brunch and tea at 12:30 p.m.

St. John Baptist Church of Arcadia rendered service Thursday evening at Shiloh MB Church's 86th Anniversary Service. Dinner was served afterward.

Remember the sick: Annie L. Green, Charlie Robinson, Charlie Rivers, Patricia Lunsford and Steve Hodges.



Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green!

We certainly enjoyed a beautiful Easter Day. My trumpet lilies were in full bloom, and a more beautiful sight I have not seen. The weather was a little chilly to me, but that was the type of weather we used to have every Easter in Georgia. They always said we would have our last cold spell at Easter.

Our choir outdid themselves again, and Dennis had requested all the men wear ties! This is an abomination to some of the men, including Sherman. He prefers just an open collar with his jeans and that is the only type of pants he wears or even owns!

The church looked good with it full, and required chairs brought into the sanctuary. We expect it to be just as full again shortly when we have our annual homecoming on May 5.

The Easter egg hunt was a success with lots of little ones filling the yard with their laughter as they ran to find eggs.

Mary Cameron called me last week and wanted four cookbooks. She sent her husband to pick up during our Easter egg hunt, as any other time when we would be at church they would be at their church. Then George McGee called and wanted one and he would send me a check. His wife passed some time back, but his son and wife live with him and she is young and likes to cook. They live in Lake City but he gets the Herald every week. He was sorry about Butch Spearman and said Delbert Moye called to let him know they had lost another classmate.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Butch Spearman who made his final journey last Wednesday. He fought the good fight but sometimes the Lord gives the ultimate healing when He just takes a person on home. Butch will be sorely missed by his family and loved friends.

There were too many obits in last week's paper. I got to know Bob Heine when our

mothers were roommates at Hardee Manor Nursing Home. Had I known, I would have gone at least to his visitation. The same goes with Billy Green, as I worked with his wife at Dr. Palmer's Office. My sympathy is extended to both of these.

Also our sympathy is extended to the family of Helen Connell, who made her final journey last Thursday. She is the mother of Elizabeth Powell. Tracy, Elizabeth's husband, is home from the hospital but not doing well. He gets two serious tests the first week of May.

Nancy McQuaig will know for sure the date her radiation will begin this Wednesday, if they do not begin on that date.

Johnny Long was anticipating surgery last Monday at Moffitt. Tim Cowart needs constant prayer. Please offer a special prayer for Ashley, a young lady who had a foster child since birth and now the grandmother has decided she wants the baby at age 2. This is very sad for the ones who have raised him. Please pray for all of these.

I am blessed with wild petunias. I have had friends who have dug some up to plant at their homes, but they just will not grow at their homes. I am truly blessed. Mary Lois Crawley has some but not abundantly as mine, all colors and very tall! Mary Lois and Leonard are both home from the hospital and doing better.

I saw Debbie Walker and she said her grandson, Austin, is 14 and would be entering high school next year! Sherman built him a fire house when he was very young. Where do the years go?

The beautiful yellow trees only bloom for a week, if that

long, but their seeds fall for six weeks! Our yard is covered with little white seeds that look like snow flying through the air. I would like to cut it down for the mess but Sherman says "No!"

My granddaughter's friend, Tamara, visited with her for several days, driving down from South Carolina. She wanted to come down to visit her sick grandmother. Kaylee enjoyed visiting with her, and Tamara brought a friend so she would not have that long drive alone. She plans to go to Alaska in May just as soon as her husband completes his basic.

My granddaughter took me shopping last week and she has a Mustang, which she has wanted since she was old enough to know about cars. The first one was introduced in April 1964, according to the news last week. I know it was in 1964 but did not know the month! My car is not fancy and hers is including heated seats, which sure help an old person's back!

Our graduation celebration for our graduating seniors will be postponed to May 19 and dinner will be furnished for them that date, immediately after the a.m. service.

Also, an important date to remember is May 2, the National Day of Prayer at Heritage Park.

Little Killian Soto celebrated his first birthday last week. He is improving but we all need to continue to pray for him.

The paper is dated April 25 this week, and that was my mama and daddy's wedding anniversary!

Please pray for one another, President Trump and our nation.

Letter To The Editor

Kids: Do Not Accept Rides From Strangers

Dear Editor:

Your True Story Writer remembers when she was in about the 3rd or 4th grade some of her friends and some older children decided it would be great fun to walk home from school instead of riding the school bus. This would give them more time to enjoy being with their friends and more exercise. (I have a feeling they weren't thinking so much about the exercise---just about enjoying being with each other, teasing and picking at each other.)

I wasn't in on this, but I was thinking about it. I knew I had better not do it without talking it over with my parents.

I can imagine how your parents would have felt about letting your children do it, had they asked you. My parents exchanged looks. They both started shaking their heads NO-WAY!

Daddy began telling how dangerous that could be---how some men would take advantage of little or young children. Mama agreed with everything Daddy said and began telling some stories she and her friends had heard about---some things that had been occurring.

That same little group of ladies decided they wouldn't ride the bus again the next week. While they were laughing and messing around as they were walking home, all of a sudden a beautiful red car came by and stopped. Two men got out and started to try and grab some of the girls. All the group of girls began running for home.

The story of what the men in the beautiful red car tried to do

got out. The police began following the school buses and the young people who had to walk home.

My grandmother always baked bread every two weeks. So one day when Mama went to visit my grandmother she told Mama to let me walk to visit her. She would have a special loaf for me.

So on that particular summer day, since there was no school, Mama told me I could walk to visit my grandmother. Mama thought it would be safe.

On my way to grandmother's house a beautiful red car came by and stopped on the opposite side of the road from me. A man was driving the car. He called to me and asked me to get in with him and he would take me wherever I was going. I told him, "No thanks." I kept on walking. He said, "Come on, let me take you where you're going. It's too hot for you to be walking." I continued walking, making my steps faster. Finally he saw he couldn't persuade me to ride with him, so he went on about his business.

I told my parents about it. My Daddy asked me what I would have done if the man had gotten out of the car and started for me. I told Daddy I was near the sawmill where Uncle Burt's office was, and Granddaddy was there to. Thankfully I didn't have to ask for help.

Daddy said, "You really used your 'Noodle'."

Young people---we always have to be on the ALERT!

See you next time.

Your Truthful Writer,
Roxie Bentley, 92

Local Pet Shelter In 'Bag Program'

Trust Again Pet Shelter Inc., a non-profit committed to the care of local homeless pets, has been selected as a beneficiary of the Community Bag Program for the month of May at Wauchula's Winn-Dixie store.

The reusable bag program supports community efforts. The store's goal is to make a difference in the communities shoppers live and work in.

The program features two reusable bags, each with a special Giving Tag attached to it that allows customers to direct a donation to a non-profit upon purchase.

Trust Again Pet Shelter was selected as next month's beneficiary by the Wauchula store's leadership, and it will receive a \$1 donation every time either of the reusable Community Bags is purchased at this location during May, unless otherwise directed by the customer.

The two colorful reusable Community Bags with the Giving Tag can be found on the reusable bag rack at the store.

"We feel very honored and excited to be chosen for this local program that gives back to the community" said Barry Edgley executive director and volunteer. "Everyday running of a shelter, spay and neutering of any animal that enters our facility can become very costly, this kind donation made by the local people of Wauchula will help us achieve our goals."

T.A.P.S. has a goal of raising \$1,000 during May, to augment its spay and neuter program and daily care.

The Hardee County non-profit was founded in 2011, and has taken in and re-homed hundreds of animals. Learn more about T.A.P.S. by calling 773-0452 or visiting its Facebook page.

Recipes From Good Housekeeping

COOKIES 'N' CREAM SHAKE

Kids will love their favorite combination mixed up in a glass.

4 scoops vanilla ice cream
4 cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies, coarsely chopped
1 cup milk

In blender, combine ice cream, cookies and milk and

blend until mixture is smooth and frothy. Pour into 2 tall glasses.

• Each serving: About 332 calories, 19g total fat (10g saturated), 52mg cholesterol, 32mg sodium, 35g total carbohydrate, 7g protein.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our Web site at www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipefinder/.

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Letter To The Editor

Roxie Bentley Shares Early Childhood Story

Dear Editor:

This True Story Teller has a story to tell you that was told to her by her mother, who always told the truth.

My Mother went off with a group of young ladies on a party, a picnic. She wrote a letter to her boyfriend and told him if he was still wanting to marry her, she was on a picnic at such and such a place. She was ready to marry him.

Well, he was still in the mood and met her where she was with her lady friends. I guess you would or could say they eloped.

They lived in Eagle Lake which is between Bartow and Winter Haven. My Daddy was working with his brother R.C. Bentley in a store where farmers and grove owners, etc. could obtain the supplies they needed for their ranches or farms: fertilizer, seeds, and soil improvements.

After store hours were over he went home and got Mama (of course she wasn't a mama yet). They went down to the lake for a swim. My Mama didn't know how to swim so Daddy tried to teach her. She had never lived near a place where she could go for a swim or just to paddle in the water.

Daddy's job in the store didn't last long because he could do the math in his head. R.C. had to use paper and pencil to figure out what the buyer had to pay for his supplies. This caused problems between Daddy and his brother.

Daddy and Mama went to Tampa where one of Daddy's cousins and family lived. My folks moved into an enjoined apartment with the cousin and family. The cousin was married and had a son who was about 2 or 3 years old.

Daddy began driving a truck for some concern (I never was told what kind). Daddy was running late every evening in coming home for supper. He would wash up, go in to check on Mama who was pregnant by this time. Then he would sit down to eat supper.

One evening he was late in getting home. He just washed up and sat down to eat. The cousin's wife said, "Aren't you going to check up on your wife now?" "No, I'm tired and hungry. I'm going to eat first."

It seems that every night when he came in from work his cousin and wife would tease him about checking to see his little son. He was very unhappy because this had not happened yet.

Well, by this time, on this night the baby had arrived. The baby turned out to be a girl. He was looking for a boy. He was very unhappy about it because he didn't have a son for his first child. When his brother R.C. found out that I was a girl he really ragged my Daddy. Frankly, I don't believe having a boy or girl makes a difference.

One day Mama stepped out of the room to say something to the cousin's wife---she quickly went back to her part of the house. She got there just in time to keep their little boy from hitting me with a stick. If she had not returned to the room when she did you may not have been reading this story. I suppose he thought I was getting too much attention that he should have been getting.

The next part of my story Mama didn't care for. The house where we lived in Tampa sat close to a railroad where there was a cemetery.

My story is they didn't know whether I was going to be born dead or alive. If I wasn't what they wanted they could ship me out to Tim-Buck-Two, or bury me in the cemetery.

They must have liked what they saw, because I'm still "kicking" --- not high but I'm still here. "Thank you, Lord," I'm here still kicking, trying to let all of you know I'm still around.

Good night, sleep tight, and don't let the BUGS BITE.

Yours truly,
Roxie Bentley, 92
Wauchula

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 2, 2019



★ **PRAY FOR AMERICA** ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.
JOHN 13:34

First Baptist Church
4531 U.S. Hwy. 17 N., Bowling Green
9:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church
320 4th Ave., E., Zolfo Springs
11:00 a.m.

**Bring
your lawn
chairs or
blankets**

Prayer Rally

Heritage Park - Downtown Wauchula
Praise & Worship Music - 6:00 p.m.
Service - 6:30 p.m.



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VARSITY BASEBALL

Tensions Hit Fevered Pitch

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

An eruption of emotions encapsulated the grand stand on April 16 as the Hardee Wildcats suffered a 13-0 loss at the hands of the visiting Red Devils of Avon Park High School in a Class 5A District 10 showdown.

Avon Park jumped to an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first quarter. Wildcat hurler Isaac Moreno loaded the bases for the Red Devils after hitting Drew McGuckin, a senior who transferred from Hardee High to Avon Park earlier this year.

Moreno then walked in the first run of the game as he gave former Wildcat Matt Tyson, another former Wildcat who transferred to Avon Park after the close of football season, a free pass to first base in the next at-bat. Avon Park then nailed a ground shot to second that allowed for a fielder's choice that caught Tyson advancing to second and allowed another Avon Park runner to cross home plate.

The Wildcats were unable to gain momentum in the bottom of the inning. The top of the Hardee batting order went down in a quick three and out as Quinton Lindsey, Logan Cartwright, and Moreno all grounded out.

Moreno's sole strike out of the evening came with the first at-bat of the second inning. A walk, a single to right field, and an error by third baseman Gunner Leonard had bases loaded for Avon Park as Moreno threw four straight balls to the next batter and walked a Red Devil across home plate. Bases remained loaded as McGuckin took the next at-bat. McGuckin connected on Moreno's first pitch for a grand-slam homerun that

sailed over the center field fence. Coach Steve Rewis strolled to the mound for a meeting with his hurler and opted to keep Moreno in the game.

Moreno's next pitch, to Avon Park's Tyson, struck the Red Devil.

Reaction from the dugouts was restrained as coaches kept a rein on the squads. Reaction in the stands, though, was heated.

A spectator rushed the fence to hurl curses at Moreno, by name, as he was escorted to the dug out by Rewis.

The disruption in the stands interrupted the game for several minutes as school officials and the Hardee County Sheriff's Office attempted to restore order.

One fan was eventually tossed from the stadium.

When play resumed, Lindsey was standing on the mound for the Wildcats. Lindsey struck out his first batter for the second out of the inning and then allowed a single that allowed Tyson's courtesy runner to score. He closed the inning with a strikeout as the Wildcat's trailed 8-0.

Hardee continued to struggle to find any momentum in the bottom of the inning. Dustin Willis singled with a hard ground ball to center. Willis got held up at second after Griffin Clark grounded out to McGuckin at third base. Willis remained at second as Dawson Hanchey singled with a line drive to center field. Cade Alexy then went down swinging. See *PITCH* A2



Isaac Moreno on the mound for the Wildcats.



PHOTOS BY TOM STAIK

Coach Steve Rewis gives the Wildcats a pep talk before the start of their match against the visiting Red Devils of Avon Park High School.



Wildcat catcher Griffin Clark (on the ground at 1) caught a Red Devil attempting to steal home early in the first inning.



A Red Devil runner slides safely into home as Wildcat third baseman Gunner Leonard struggles to come up with the ball.



Logan Cartwright (#2) lines up to take a swing for Hardee.



Wildcat Coach Steve Rewis (at left) meets with officials and Avon Park head coach Whit Cornell following a controversial play that resulted in an eruption of emotions from the stands.



Logan Cartwright (#2) scurries to first base.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The HARDEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING

will hold a
on **THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019**
8:35 A.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, AND TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT FOR

P/Z Agenda No. 19-14

as ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03

Shadowlawn, LLC and Mooney Family LLC request approval of a Rezoning of 1,204+/-acres from A-1 (Agriculture) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) and request approval of a Master Development Plan in the Rural Village Future Land Use Category and Conservation Future Land Use Category for the development of a mixed-use community

1,204+/-ac

On or about 2.0 mi W of Bowling Green, FL, South of Hardee-Polk County Line Rd. West, and North of Hardee Co Rd 664

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SECTION 02:

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Part of SW1/4 of SW1/4 of NW1/4 lying S of a ditch centerline which ditch centerline begins on W bdy of said SW1/4 of SW1/4 of NW1/4 to a pt lying 496.75 ft (measured along said W bdy) N of SW corn thereof & run Easterly to E bdy of said SW1/4 of SW1/4 of NW1/4 at a pt lying 517.66 ft (measured along said E bdy) N of SW corn thereof,
S1/2;

SECTION 03:

NE1/4 of SE1/4 LESS E 30 ft thereof;

SECTION 11:

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NW1/4 of NE1/4;
NE1/4 of NE1/4
LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING TWO PARCELS:
Com at SE corn of NE1/4 of NE1/4 & run thence W along S line of said NE1/4 of NE1/4 a dist of 465 ft to POB; cont thence W along said S line a dist of 150 ft; thence run N perpendicular to said S line a dist of 125 ft; run thence E & parallel with said S line a dist of 150 ft; run thence S perpendicular to said S line a dist of 125 ft to POB;

AND

Com at SE corn of said NE1/4 of NE1/4 & run thence W along S line of said NE1/4 a dist of 804.44 ft to POB; cont thence W along said S line 220 ft; thence run N perpendicular to said S line a dist of 345 ft; run thence E & parallel with said S line a dist of 220 ft; run thence S perpendicular to said S line a dist of 345 ft to POB; LESS E 30 ft for rd r/o/w;

SECTION 12:

NW1/4 of NE1/4 LESS the following parcel: Beg at SE corn of E1/2 of said NW1/4 of NE1/4 of said Sec 12; run thence W along S bdy of said NW1/4 of NE1/4 a dist of 417.5 ft; run thence N along a line parallel to E bdy line of said NW1/4 of NE1/4 a dist of 417.5 ft; run thence E along a line parallel to S bdy line of said NW1/4 of NE1/4 a dist of 417.5 ft to E bdy of said NW1/4 of NE1/4; run thence S along E bdy line of said NW1/4 of NE1/4 to POB; LESS THE FOLLOWING FOUR PARCELS:
Com at NW corn of said Sec 12;
thence S 00deg06min42sec E along W line of NW1/4 of NW1/4 of said Sec 12 a dist of 413.05 ft to POB;
thence S 89deg56min23sec E a dist of 502.43 ft;
thence N 00deg14min38sec W a dist of 188.48 ft;
thence N 15deg34min18sec E a dist of 167.40 ft;
thence N 34deg34min37sec E a dist of 159.51 ft;
thence S 89deg15min00sec E a dist of 100.67 ft;
thence S 03deg11min11sec E a dist of 151.48 ft;
thence N 89deg44min56sec E a dist of 489.56 ft;
thence N 01deg27min10sec W a dist of 142.03 ft;
thence N 84deg06min34sec E a dist of 86.64 ft to E line of SW1/4 of SW1/4 of said Sec 01; thence S 00deg15min09sec E along said E line of SW1/4 of SW1/4 a dist of 75.28 ft to NE corn of NW1/4 of NW1/4 of said Sec 12; thence S 00deg05min09sec E along E line of said NW1/4 of NW1/4 a dist of 908.20 ft to N line of S 417.40 ft of said NW1/4 of NW1/4; thence N 89deg39min27sec W along said N line of S 417.50 ft of NW1/4 of NW1/4 a dist of 417.51 ft to W line of E 417.50 ft of said NW1/4 of NW1/4;
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LESS AND EXCEPT W 30.00 ft thereof for Talley Rd; subj to unrecorded maintained r/o/w for CR 664 on S side;

A port of Section 11, Township 33 South, Range 24 East, Hardee County, Florida desc as follows: Com at NE corn of said Sec 11; thence S 00deg06min42sec E along E line of NE1/4 of NE1/4 of said Sec 11 a dist of 221.80 ft to POB;
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thence N 01deg46min42sec W a dist of 303.50 ft;
thence N 39deg22min58sec E a dist of 631.14 ft;
thence N 88deg50min31sec E a dist of 598.11 ft;

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

April 21, Triston Scout Jones, 21, of 3885 Fussell Road, Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Alex Hipple and charged with possession of synthetic cannabis and possession of narcotics equipment.

April 21, Marvin Williams, 49, of 450 Lisa Drive, Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Jessi Welch and charged with burglary and violation probation.

April 21, dangerous shooting was reported on the 3000 block of County Road 664.

April 21, a residence was reported burglarized on the 800 block of Altman Road.

April 20, a residence was reported burglarized on the 1000 block of Whooping Crane Lane.

April 20, dangerous shooting was reported on the 4500 block of Apache Trail.

April 19, Braulio Mateo, 38, of 2011 Alamo Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Edilberto Soto and charged with leaving the scene of a crash.

April 19, Fredrick Duane Staton, 31, of 1162 Blue Jay Road, Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Kim Pfeiffer and charged with failure to appear.

April 19, Mario Baca Garcia, 23, of 1680 N. Delaware Ave., Avon Park, was arrested by Dep. John Layport on an out-of-county warrant.

April 19, Monte Tyrell Carlton, 25, of 815 Pleasant Way, Bowling Green, was arrested by Cpl. Mitchell Johnson and charged with battery, simple assault on a first responder and resisting an officer with violence.

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thence S 88deg13min58sec E a dist of 519.38 ft;
thence S 65deg08min30sec E a dist of 179.99 ft;
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AND ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING PARCELS OF LAND IN

TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA;

SECTION 01:

S 30.00 ft of N3/4 of W1/2; N 30.00 ft of S1/4 of W1/2; W 30.00 ft of S1/4 of W1/2 LESS N 30.00 ft thereof; N 30.00 ft of NE1/4 of SW1/4 of SE1/4; S 30.00 ft of NW1/4 of SE1/4;

SECTION 02:

A strip of land 60.00 ft in width the centerline of which being centerline of pavement (as it exists on January 01, 1995), for "Payne Creek Road" said rd running generally North-South through center of N3/4 of E1/2 LESS any part thereof lying within N 1280.40 ft of W 264.00 ft of NE1/4 of NE1/4 which is intended to be those lands owned by Paynes Creek Primitive Baptist Church and Cemetery, AND LESS any part thereof lying in S 30.00 ft of N of said Sec 02; S30.00 ft of N3/4; N 30.00 ft of S1/4; W 30.00 ft of NW1/4 of SW1/4 W 30.00 ft of the following desc parcel: that part of SW1/4 of SW1/4 of NW1/4 lying S of a ditch centerline, which ditch centerline begins on W bdy of said SW1/4 of SW1/4 of NW1/4 at a pt lying 496.75 ft (measured along said W bdy) N of SW corn thereof & runs Easterly to E bdy of said SW1/4 of SW1/4 of NW1/4 at a pt lying 517.66 ft (measured along said E bdy) N of SE corn thereof; E 30.00 ft of SE1/4 of SE1/4;

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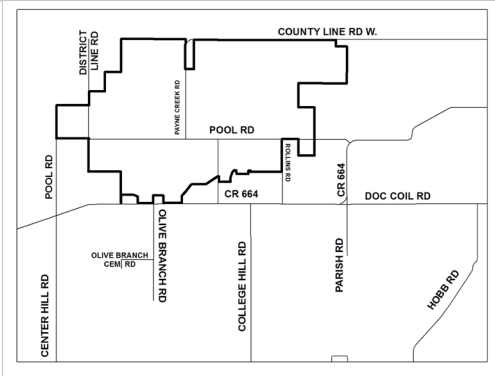
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SECTION 11:

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W 30.00 ft of NW1/4 of NW1/4; sub to r/o/w for County road 664 along S side thereof.



Mike Thompson, Chairman

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

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

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

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

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

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

April 19, Brooke Hillier, 21, of 1031 Edgemore Ave., Sebring, was arrested by Dep. Ethan Enderlin and charged with probation violation.

April 18, Justo Perez, 35, of 810 S. Seventh Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Det. Shane Ward and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

April 18, Amanda Morales, 31, of 700 E. Townsend St., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Beth Gainous on an out-of-county warrant.

April 18, Brandon Lloyd Darty, 29, of 4806 Keystone Ave., Ona, was arrested by Cpl. Octavio Alvarez and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams and possession of narcotics equipment.

April 18, Joshua Garrett Brantley, 31, of 2124 Stansfield Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Luke Schmidt and Cpl. Octavio Alvarez and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine, possession of narcotics equipment, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a harmful new legend drug without a prescription.

April 18, Steven Howell Richardson, 25, of 806 N. Eighth Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Johnny Trammel and charged with two counts of probation violation.

April 18, Josie Medrano, 28, of 2620 Garza Road, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Mitchell Hardy and charged with probation violation and withholding child support.

April 18, David Kingsley, 43, of 558 Shaw Road, Wauchula, was arrested by Cpl. Jeremy Brandeberry on a charge of resisting an officer without violence and by Dep. Mitchell Hardy on two out-of-county warrants.

April 18, Christopher Lee Eures, 24, of 316 S. 11th Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Cpl. Jeremy Brandeberry and charged with probation violation.

April 17, John Keen, 51, of 813 Louisiana St., Wauchula, was arrested by the Drug Task Force and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of narcotics equipment.

April 17, Yvette Normil, 22, and Akeem Kaleeq Kendrick Frazier, 29, both of 1548 Lincoln St., Wauchula, were arrested by Dep Beth Gainous and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and felony criminal mischief.

April 17, Adam Sambrano Ornales, 18, of 4117 Captiva Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Det. Shane Ward and charged with burglary, dealing in stolen property and four counts of probation violation.

April 17, a fight was reported at Hardee Senior High School.

April 17, a theft was reported on the 900 block of East Summit Street.

April 17, criminal mischief was reported on the 2900 block of Redbird Lane.

April 16, Shannon Lee Shoffner, 40, of 624 Fourth St. E., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Cpl. Mitchell Johnson and charged with probation violation.

April 16, Daniel Allen Jenkins, 24, of 5207 Doyle Parker Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Sgt. Danny O'Bryan and charged with probation violation.

April 16, Molly Caroline Hall-Rivas, 31, of 147 Honey Bee Lane, Polk City, was arrested by Dep. Jessi Welch on an out-of-county warrant.

April 16, a residence was reported burglarized on the 300 block of Dade Street.

April 16, a theft was reported on the 600 block of Baker Street.

April 15, Angelica Valdez, 42, of 502 North Road, Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Edilberto Soto and charged with withholding child support.

April 15, Adrienne Alvarado, 30, of 4060 Captiva Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Cpl. Mitchell Johnson and charged with probation violation.

April 15, Jose Maria Garcia, 50, of 310 N. Ninth Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Cpl. Mitchell Johnson and charged with probation violation.

April 15, Antonio Sambrano Ornelas, 45, of 4117 Captiva Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Det. Shane Ward and charged with felony petit theft, grand theft and two counts of trespassing.

April 15, a residence was reported burglarized on the 2900 block of Redbird Lane.

April 15, a theft was reported on the 3100 block of Main Street.

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April 19, a theft was reported on the 100 block of Hogan Street.

April 18, Martin Medrano, 19, of 802 Redding St., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Sgt. Robert Spencer and charged with grand theft.

April 18, thefts were reported on the 300 block of South 11th Avenue and the 1100 block of South Sixth Avenue.

April 16, Vincente Zamora, 25, of 613 Saunders St., Wauchula, was arrested by Cpl. Robert Ehrenkauffer and charged with battery.

April 16, a theft was reported on the 300 block of Turner Avenue.

April 15, Willie James Hall, 45, of general delivery, Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Jason Cohen and charged with loitering.

April 15, a conveyance was reported burglarized on the 100 block of West Palmetto Street.

BOWLING GREEN

April 21, a theft was reported on the 4900 block of Central Avenue.

April 20, a fight was reported on the 800 block of Pleasant Way.

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April 17, a theft was reported on the 4800 block of U.S. 17 North.

April 16, Alfonso Alegria, 49, of general delivery, Bowling Green, was arrested by Ofc. Breanna Locke and charged with retail theft.

April 16, a theft was reported on the 4100 block of U.S. 17 North.

April 15, criminal mischief was reported on the 4600 block of Church Avenue.

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PITCH
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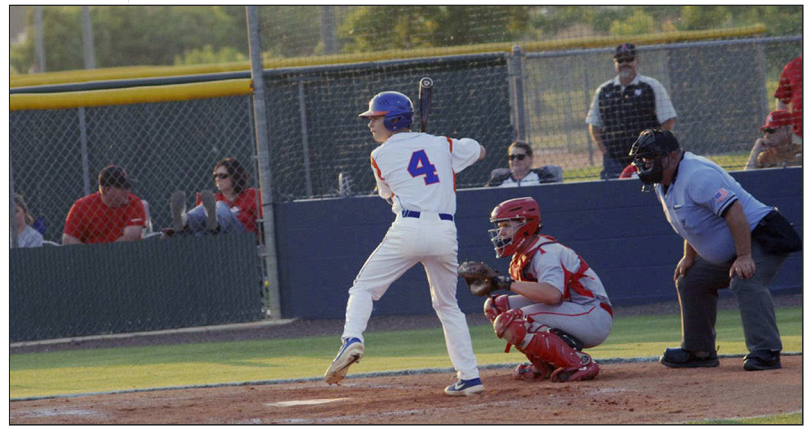
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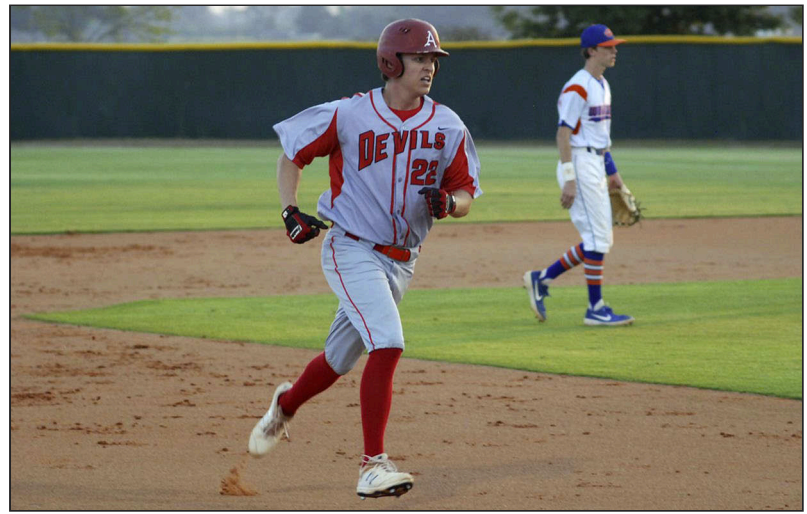
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Quinton Lindsey (#4) takes a swing for the Wildcats.



Drew McGuckin, a senior who transferred from Hardee High to Avon Park this season, rounds the bases after hitting a grand slam homerun over the center field fence.

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

Regional Tourney Set For Saturday

By **TOM STAIK**
Of The Herald-Advocate

Hardee High will compete in 24 events this Saturday (April 27) at the Florida High School Athletic Association's (FHSAA) Class 2A Region 3 tournament at Cypress Creek (Wesley Chapel) High School.

Regular parking is \$3 and VIP parking is \$5. Admission is \$7 for spectators.

For a schedule of event times visit www.fhsaa.org.

Thirty-three Wildcats will be participating in the regional meet.

Competitors:

- Girls 100M:* Miracle Thompson.
- Girls 200M:* Miracle Thompson.
- Girls 400M:* Adriana Mier.
- Girls 800M:* Adriana Mier.
- Girls 100M Hurdles:* Eboni Lamy.
- Girls 4x100M Relay:* Acheline Delhomme, Majalynn Thompson, Majavia Thompson, and Ariyana Leger.
- Girls 4x400M Relay:* Majalynn Thompson, Jessica Pascual, Eboni Lamy, and Tatiana Mier.
- Girls 4x800M Relay:* Kaitlynn Brandeberry,

Adriana Mier, Tyler Moseley, and Jessica Pascual.

Girls Pole Vault: Mariella Badillo and Daisy Badillo.

Girls Long Jump: Miracle Thompson and Majalynn Thompson.

Girls Triple Jump: Miracle Thompson.

Girls Shot Put: Azaria Rivers.

Girls Discus: Taleia Moreno.

Boys 110M Hurdles: Samuel Louis and Aaron Cook.

Boys 300M Hurdles: Nerlensky Sanon.

Boys 4x100M Relay: Ellis Hodges, Randy Mccloud, Eli Bertrand, and Nerlensky Sanon.

Boys 4x400M Relay: Aaron Cook, Noah Torres, Eli Bertrand, and Randy Mccloud.

Boys 4x800M Relay: Kodie Myers, Misael Arana, Jacob Davidson, and Angel Aviles.

Boys High Jump: Myron Refoure and Samuel Louis.

Boys Pole Vault: Zack Durastanti.

Boys Long Jump: Myron Refoure.

Boys Triple Jump: Myron Refoure and Hezekiah Austin.

Boys Shot Put: Tom Pace, Ariel Whitters, and Tyler Steedley.

Boys Discus: Tyler Steedley.

The Time Has Come For Wildcats To Rise Above

The Hardee Wildcats stand at a turning point.

Down one path is a journey that protects the reputation of integrity, class, and decorum that has been crafted over the past 70 or so years to become a benchmark for sportsmanship by players, teams, schools, coaches, and fans.

The second path is much darker. It leads to disrespect and dishonor.

Hardee Senior High School's varsity baseball — no stranger to controversy in recent years — is at the center of the latest flashpoint.

Emotions erupted rather violently as the Wildcats faced a visit from the Red Devils of Avon Park High School in a district showdown on April 16 before a home crowd here in Wauchula.

The drama started well before a single cleat touched the infield.

The trigger for the riled attitudes came months back when two Hardee High seniors opted — following the close of football season — to become switch-hitters.

Drew McGuckin and Matt Tyson transferred to Avon Park High School prior to the start of baseball season as they severed allegiance to the orange and blue and swore allegiance to the red and black of Avon Park.

The transfer — entirely legal under FHSAA guidelines and state school choice law — did not sit well with many diehard supporters of the Wildcat baseball program.

The tension lingered until March 22 when Hardee traveled to the City of Charm and suffered a 6-5 loss after a late rally by the Wildcats in the seventh inning fell short.

Coverage of the game by The Herald-Advocate — that included notations of all Hardee County persons involved including those playing for the other school — served as a further lightning rod.

Social media became the chosen platform of antagonistic chatter and taunting prior to Avon Park's visit April 16 as tensions came to a further boil.

Escalation continued in the first inning of the game when Wildcat hurler Isaac Moreno hit McGuckin with a pitch in the top of the first inning as his former teammate held the plate with a 3-2 count.

The eventual — and predictable — eruption was not far behind.

Moreno, who had struggled for control his entire time on the mound, was facing a bases-loaded scenario when McGuckin took the plate again in the top of the second inning.

McGuckin swung on the first pitch and connected and hit a grand slam home run.

McGuckin did not hide his enjoyment of the feat as he rounded the bases.

Coach Steve Rewis strutted to the mound for a pep talk with his hurler and opted to

ued to win games.

It also calls the behavior of the so-called adults who attend Wildcat sporting events into question. How many of those riled in the baseball transfer bog were some of the loudest voices cheering the varsity football squad to a district



Staik Out

By **Tom Staik**
Sports Editor

leave the struggling Moreno in the game. Moreno's next pitch nailed Tyson.

The Wildcat dugout, to the credit of players and coaches, remained composed. An equal assessment can be made of the Avon Park squad.

Rewis, who rushed to the side of his hurler, pulled Moreno from the game.

The main trouble was in the stands.

Spectators rushed the fence as they hurled curse after curse at Moreno — by name — as the hurler scurried to the dugout. Relatives and friends of players — from both sides — joined the fray.

Hardee High principal Dr. Michele Polk, athletic director Travis Tubbs, and school resource officers from the Hardee County Sheriff's Office deserve credit for attempting to quell the unruly disruptions as harsh words, veiled threats, and physical altercation ensued between a small, but enraged, number of patrons.

As revolting a display as the display by fans in the stands (Red Devils included), it is by no means surprising. The pattern of misbehavior on the field and in the stands first came to light at a Regional Championship game at Lemon Bay High School in 2017.

That incident — that resulted in a bench-clearing scum — ended in fines and suspensions against the Wildcats after an umpire was deliberately nailed in the back with a game ball by a Hardee player.

In the aftermath of the brawl, two distinct camps quickly emerged: those calling for a return to "Wildcat sportsmanship" and those who endorsed not rocking the baseball ship.

Now, almost two years later, the shamefully familiar troubles persist, begging the question of what, if anything, school administration ever did to change the behavior of the baseball program as it contin-

championship under the leadership of a quarterback who transferred from Sebring High School to expand his exposure? The quarterback willingly transferred here, just as McGuckin and Tyson willingly transferred to Avon Park. Those truly bothered by athletic transfers allowed by the state's school choice policies need to contact local leaders in Tallahassee. State Sen. Ben Albritton's office can be reached by calling 863-534-0073. State Rep. Melony Bell's office can be reached by calling 863-606-8683. They are the ones who have influence over what is and what is not allowed with open school choice.

For now, transfers are the law of the land. They are a fact and the reality is they are likely not to go away any time soon.

Hard choices now face school administrators as they chart a course forward. Are changes needed within the baseball program? Do behavioral issues extend to other sports? Dr. Polk and Tubbs have difficult questions to answer.

Still, a major opportunity rests now at the feet of the Wildcat nation.

It is an opportunity to pick that mud-covered ball from the ground and send it sailing over the fence.

It is an opportunity to treat adversity with love.

It is an opportunity to practice humility instead of gloating; to show respect instead of disdain; to support instead of taunt.

It is an opportunity for adults to lead by example instead of engaging in childish frays; to pause before reacting; to demonstrate that fighting and violence is not the answer to solving disagreements.

Those are the steps down the path that will protect the Wildcat legacy.

Never again should a game be played where Hardee players can't be trusted to shake an opponent's hand.

On This Day:

- In 1684 Patent granted for thimble
- In 1719 Daniel Defoe publishes "Robinson Crusoe"
- In 1792 Guillotine first used in France, executes highwayman Nicolas Pelletier
- In 1850 Paul Julius Reuter sets up carrier-pigeon service, using 40 pigeons to carry stock market prices between Aachen and Brussels
- In 1861 The Union Army arrives to reinforce Washington, D.C. (US Civil War)
- In 1901 New York becomes 1st state requiring automobile license plates (\$1 fee)
- In 1928 Buddy, a German Shepherd, becomes 1st guide dog for a US citizen Morris Frank

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As Seen From This Side
By Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips
Wauchula

I was driving through the mountains and stopped at an old style service station. Yes, I said service--the kind that a man comes out to pump your gas and wash your windshield. The pump was an old type that the hose comes out the side of the pump, not overhead as they do today. It reminded me of my friend J.G. from Fort Benning.

J.G. was a master sergeant. He had a 30-day leave coming up and planned to visit his sister in California. He had a motorcycle for the trip.

The day he left he filled the gas tank and put \$15 in his pocket, handing me the rest of his check to keep for him. He had a goofy plan to get to California. He would pick up bottles to get the deposit as he drove during the day.

At night he would go to gas stations that were closed and drain the hose of gas into his tank, making several stops to accomplish this. He left with a full tank and \$15 in his pocket. He came home with a full tank and \$58 in his pocket.

He must have been their teacher. Most stations started putting locks on the pumps, but the gas in the hose would evaporate anyway, thus the hose overhead to prevent gas remaining in the hose.

The days of service has gone, some even for the hand-capped.

A few years ago I spent three years in New York. When I returned to Florida I put a sign in my office: "What do you call someone who spends 3 years in New York before coming home? Answer: A slow learner."

It has taken this long to realize why Punxsutawney Phil came out of his hole. It was not to announce Spring. It was to get above the rising water table. We have had so much rain. The fields are holding water. I told one farmer the reason was they keep putting lime on the field. They grind up limestone rock and put back on the fields. Water added makes concrete, sealing the field's bottom so water can't soak up.

Sycamore and hickory trees are beginning to grow knees like the cypress just to get oxygen. One old ginseng hunter said the plants are growing their own umbrellas. Frogs are getting under the mushrooms instead of on top, trying to stay out of the rain.

I told you I was a slow learner. I was 25 before I tried water skiing. Only thing they didn't tell me when the slack in the rope ended there would be a snap that made my arms look like an orangutan (they must have stretched two feet). No, that's not swimming under water. That's forgetting to turn loose of that stick. Don't open your mouth. Instant water balloons.

Someone suggested I learn to snow ski. I said "no thanks." I don't hug trees. I sure don't want to kiss one at 60 mph.

A young warrior just back from his month of solitude approached his chief and asked a question he had not been able to conquer--temptation.

He asked how was it possible to avoid temptations. The chief poured milk into a largemouth jug, careful to fill it to the very top, turning to the young warrior and replied, "I will have your answer when you return. Pick up the milk, take it to my wife's tent five blocks from here. If you spill one drop, one of these two men will cut your hair." The three men left.

To get to his destination he had to go by dozens of beautiful women on the beach. Upon his return he was asked if any milk was spilled along the way. "No sir", was his reply, confirmed by the two men who accompanied him. "I was very careful not to spill any."

Smiling, the chief asked, "What did you see along the way?" "Nothing sir, I was too busy watching the milk."

"That, my young warrior was an example of controlled temptation. If nearby pretty girls did not command your attention, you passed the test of temptation."



Gas Prices Slide

Florida gas prices declined five cents during the past week, but another price hike could be on the way.

Crude oil and gasoline futures set new 2019 highs overnight Sunday amid reports the U.S. might end waivers for countries buying oil from Iran, noted AAA/The Auto Club Group.

After imposing sanctions on exports of Iranian oil last November, the U.S. granted waivers allowing Iran's eight main oil-buyers to continue making limited purchases. But a column in the Washington Post last week suggested the U.S. would announce this week that those countries — the largest of which are China and India — must stop importing Iranian oil or face sanc-

tions. The price of WTI crude oil rose almost \$2, to nearly \$66 per barrel, in response to the report. Gasoline futures went up more than five cents from the previous daily closing price.

"This is news that could certainly restore upward pressure on prices at the pump, but to what extent remains to be seen," said Mark Jenkins of AAA. "Ending Iran sanction waivers could contribute to what is already considered to be a tightening oil market due to OPEC production cuts, sanctions against Venezuela, and political unrest in Libya."

"How the market digests this news will tell the story of where pump prices go from here," he said.

• **When driving in low visibility, you should signal your turns well in advance and brake early when approaching a stop sign or red light.**

Not Headlined

By Buck Kelly

(1909-1984)

Local Newspaper Owner From 1941-1984

November 4, 1955

Dear Friend: You know your face was just as long as the rest of the family's when the parakeet flew away. I know what it is to lose a bird. We lost one a month ago with leg band No. 22, but we failed to get any trace of it. We were good to our bird and I could not help but feel that our bird would come back. For days every time I would hear a tweet I would stop working and look for the bird. Now won't you admit that you were just about as glad to see the bird back as the rest of the family?

Signed: Leland Russell, Bowling Green, Fla.

Does anyone know a polite way to get rid of a Civet cat? A little stranger has taken up at our house and makes nightly forays through our yard where he has 100 or so tiny holes dug in the lawn. The holes are to trap insects.

Just about bedtime he starts his rounds mixing his perfume with that of the orange blossoms. At various times during the night he puts forth an extra effort, frequently enough to wake me up.

Our noble watch dog takes a walk each time the skunk appears, or else they are on friendly terms. The dog will raise the roof if someone walks down the road but nary a peep out of him when the polecat starts to work. Any assistance will be appreciated.

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Notre Dame, Good Friday, And Easter...

When I was 14, our high school band, the Largo Band of Gold, went to Europe to compete in the World Music Festival (we won two gold medals with distinction). After the competition, we toured continental Europe. Our first stop was Paris.

Nothing in my Southern boyhood prepared me for Paris. The first thing that caught my eye were the billboards with nude female models. I knew I was not supposed to lust, but no Sunday School lesson prepared me for that. We went to the Louvre, I saw the Mona Lisa but more amazing to me were whole rooms covered with one work of art. The artist painted the walls and the ceilings. I'd never seen anything like it.

We played a concert underneath the Eiffel Tower and then went up to see the city in all its splendor. I did get lost on the Paris subway, where a kindly stranger speaking Portuguese responded to my ninth grade Spanish enough to get back to the hotel.

But it was Notre Dame I remembered most. At 14, I already knew I was supposed to be a pastor, a "preacher" in our Southern Baptist lingo. I had seen my share of churches, of course, but nothing in Wauchula, Okeechobee, Kissimmee or Largo prepared me for Notre Dame.

Rural Baptists had a distrust of Catholics, probably because there weren't very many of them in our neck of the woods. Then again, we didn't even trust Methodists because they didn't have church on Sunday night (heathens!).

Seeing the Cathedral of Notre Dame on the schedule made me apprehensive. Would I have to become Catholic to enter? Would they kidnap me and force me to be a priest instead of a preacher? Would I have to kiss a statue of the Pope? I had been warned about false prophets in many sermons, but I had no instructions about entering a strange house of worship.

The tour bus rounded the corner, and I saw Notre Dame up close. My eyes drifted up, and my breathing stopped. I had never seen anything so massive. We walked off the bus and made our way to the cathedral. It loomed larger and larger; I felt smaller and smaller. Only much later in life would I learn this was intentional. A cathedral was supposed to make you realize the grandeur of God and make you aware of your own smallness in the world.

Since my offshoot of the Protestant Reformation has a distant kinship to the Puritans, our sanctuaries (this was before we called them "worship centers") are plain. At Notre Dame, there was not one inch of undecorated space. The entrances, the outside walls, and the interior were covered with carvings. The stain glass sparkled colors throughout the interior.

I couldn't read Latin, but I recognized enough to know some of the stories being told. I saw Jesus crucified and resurrected in the stone and in the glass. It began to slowly dawn

on me that the people who built this worshipped the same Jesus I did.

It was not until I was in the middle of the cathedral that someone said, "Look behind you." Then I saw the famous South Rose Window. It was the most amazing thing I had ever seen, more amazing than the billboards. I was held in a spell of awe. In the vast cavern of the cathedral, I had a sense of something holy, someone bigger than myself. In that moment, a 14-year-old Southern Baptist boy felt the beauty of God.

Like you, I saw the picture of the Notre Dame Cathedral burning this week. Memories poured out of the deep corners of my brain. I could feel once more the majesty of the moment from 40 decades earlier. My first thought was "I pray the windows can be saved."

I'm not someone who thinks God caused the fire in the Cathedral. God is much bigger than any building, no matter how beautiful. I do believe, however, that God invites me to look at the news and find where he is at work. There



Directions

By Clay Smith
Hardee County Native

are more signs of the gospel in the world than you or I can see.

I saw the picture the next day, the picture of a beam of light shining into Notre Dame, showing the altar, showing the bright bronze cross still in place. That picture is the story of Good Friday and of Easter.

It is the story of an evil world doing its best to burn down the work of God. It is the story of the fire of my sin, which burns within, causing me to do that which I know I should not do.

It is the story of grace, the grace that rains down upon the fires of sin, grace inexhaustible, extinguishing the penalty and power of my sin. It is the story of resurrection, that nothing — not the power of the darkness, nor the fires of sin, nor the pitiful human efforts to make God small — nothing can take away God's love for me. Grace is a beautiful thing.

This is the story of Good Friday and of Easter — the light has come into the world and nothing can put it out.

I hear they saved the South Window, the window that so long ago gifted me with a holy moment. It is just another sign of the gospel, that God can save anything, anyone. Even you. Even me.

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

- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which U.S. president was a former union leader?
- MUSIC:** In what year was the Beatles' song "Yesterday" released?
- GAMES:** In the game of Monopoly, what happens if you roll doubles three times in a row?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the Dewey Decimal System used for?
- MOVIES:** What is the name of the teapot character in "Beauty and the Beast"?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state is the only one that has a Spanish motto?
- PSYCHOLOGY:** What fear is represented by the condition called chromophobia?

ANSWERS

- Ronald Reagan, who was president of the Screen Actors Guild
- 1965
- You go to jail.
- To classify library books
- Mrs. Potts
- Montana ("Oro y plata" or "gold and silver")
- Fear of colors

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Bible Trivia

By Wilson Casey

- Is the book of Galatians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- From Joshua 6, on the seventh day, how many times did the men of war march around Jericho? 1, 3, 5, 7
- In His first recorded miracle, what did Jesus turn into wine? Goat's milk, Grape juice, Fig cider, Water
- From 1 Chronicles, what king was buried with his sons under an oak tree? Neco, Jehoash, Saul, Rezin
- What "vow" that appears in Numbers 6:1-21 has five features? Roman, Nazirite, Corban, Anathema

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) 7; 3) Water; 4) Saul; 5) Nazirite "Test Your Bible Knowledge," a new book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is now available in stores and online.

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Letter To The Editor

Many Sunscreens Are Toxic To The Environment, Humans

Dear Editor:

While Florida environmental groups have forced the Senate to rescind its proposed ban on plastic straws, another — perhaps even more treacherous — ban was approved by a subcommittee last week.

The amendment would prohibit local governments from banning "over-the-counter proprietary drugs or cosmetics." The preemption follows fast on the heels of a ban on oxybenzone and octinoxate by the city of Key West earlier this year, and with the strong support of the sunscreen industry which uses the chemicals in nearly 70% of sunscreens sold in the U.S.

At the same time, a similar bill that preempts even more local powers, from straws and sunscreen to real estate purchases and tobacco sales, passed in a House subcommittee last week and is heading to the commerce committee as its last step before a full vote.

While industry groups say that their sunscreen ingredients are harmless, researchers have shown that oxybenzone kills coral larva in concentrations as low as 62 part per trillion, or about a drop in 6.5 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Tests taken at Bahia Honda — one of the most popular beaches in the Keys — showed oxybenzone levels of 4,474 parts per trillion in 2015, far more than enough to damage vulnerable ecosystems.

The ban in Key West passed by a 6-1 vote, following a proposal by Commissioner Jimmy Weekley, whose family grocery stores will be directly impacted by the ban. "There are thousands and thousands of various alternative sunscreens that can be used. But we only have one reef," he said.

Both the National Ocean & Atmospheric Agency and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection have noted the correlation between

sunscreens and coral bleaching events and are asking consumers — particularly divers — to avoid ingredients that have shown to be harmful.

There are also potential human issues with 16 of the 18 sunscreen ingredients currently used in this country. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration has requested that manufacturers prove that the decades-old compounds are actually safe and effective in humans. Lancet — the world's leading independent medical journal — has also called on dermatologists to reconsider the use of specific sunscreen ingredients, specifically oxybenzone.

Noting the ongoing rise in skin cancer even as coral reefs are threatened by pollution, the writers call for dermatologists around the world to recommend actions besides the most commonly used ingredients in sunscreen. "We believe that last step before a full vote. Based on the precautionary principle that encourages policies that protect human health and the environment in the face of uncertain risks and the fact that there are many safe alternatives that people can use until this uncertainty is resolved, this is not the wrong decision," their report concluded.

To follow the legislation as it moves through the process visit the Senate's website at fsenate.gov, 2019 Session/Bill 00588. The House bill, HB 1299, found at fsenate.gov 2019 Session/Bill 01299, is pending approval by the commerce committee before a vote before the full House.

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ESCUELAS DE CONDADO DE HARDEE REGISTRO DE KINDER

Registro para estudiantes de Kinder comenzará con la fecha que aparece a continuación.

Bowling Green Elementary
2 de Mayo del 2019
5:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Hilltop Elementary
9 de Mayo del 2019
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

North Wauchula Elementary
2 de Mayo del 2019
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wauchula Elementary
9 de Mayo del 2019
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Zolfo Springs Elementary
6 de Mayo del 2019
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Los estudiantes de Kinder deben tener cinco años de edad en o antes del 1 de septiembre del 2019.

Los padres deben llevar los documentos siguientes:

- * un certificado de nacimiento original
- * fisico corriente
- * registro de vacunas

No se permitirá a los estudiantes que no han cumplido los requisitos anteriores a entrar a la escuela en el otoño. Según en acuerdo con la ley de Florida, no se permitirá ningún estudiante para entrar en primer grado a menos que ha completado un programa aprobado de Kinder públicos o privados.

4:18-5:2c

HARDEE COUNTY SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten students will begin according to the schedule below.

Bowling Green Elementary School
May 2, 2019 • 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Hilltop Elementary School
May 9, 2019 • 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

North Wauchula Elementary School
May 2, 2019 • 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wauchula Elementary School
May 9, 2019 • 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Zolfo Springs Elementary School
May 6, 2019 • 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before September 1, 2019.

Parents are required to bring the following documents:

- * An original birth certificate
- * Current physical
- * Shot record

Students who have not met the above requirements will not be permitted to enter school in the fall. According to Florida Law, no student will be permitted to enter first grade unless he/she has completed an approved public or private kindergarten program.

4:18-5:2c

8 Seniors Recognized At Game-A-Thon

The senior boys and girls varsity tennis players were honored last week with a senior night celebration.

There are five Wildcats and three Lady Wildcats graduating this year and they were all honored with a senior walk as their parents escorted them off the court for the final time.

Each parent received an orange and blue corsage and a bio was read by Coach Donna Parks on the loudspeaker that was written by the senior.

The senior night was conducted during the annual tennis game-a-thon night which is the fundraiser put on by the girls and boys team to raise money for the tennis program. After the celebration, the families and teammates enjoyed a barbecue in the park.

Cass Wilson

Cass Wilson, daughter of Amy Wilson, was escorted by her mom. This is Wilson's fourth year playing varsity tennis and at school she is in the Honor Society, Alpha Zeta Pi and Leo Club. She plans to attain a business degree from SFSC and then transfer to UCF. Her favorite tennis memory was falling down during a doubles match and meeting Alexa Scheipsmeier. Her advice for future teammates and

tennis players would be to keep your head high even when you fall to your knees during a match.

Patricia DeLoera

Patricia DeLoera is the daughter of Francisco and Gabriela DeLoera. She was accompanied by her mom. DeLoera played tennis the past two years. At school she is involved in Alpha Zeta Pi, Honor Society and Leo Club. She plans to attend UCF for a four year degree in civil engineering. Her favorite tennis memory is playing with her teammates, listening to coach's stories and going to eat after the matches. Her advice for future players is to stay in good condition, follow through and always go for the ball.

Jansen Walker

Jansen Walker is the daughter of John and Jeri Kay Walker and was accompanied by her mom. She played tennis for all four years of high school. She participated in FFA, livestock judging, National Honor Society, Alpha Zeta Pi, and Wendy's Dance Company Senior Team. She plans to attend Purdue University to obtain an aviation management degree. Her advice for future players and team-

mates is to take it seriously, drink lots of water and enjoy it while you can.

Joshua Albritton

Joshua Albritton is the son of Ben and Missy Albritton. He was accompanied by his mom. He played tennis for the past three years and he has played in his worship band for four years. He plans to attend SFSC for his AA, then UF for pre-med, majoring in biology. Then he would like to go on to Duke University medical school to become a pediatrician.

JC Thomas

JC Thomas is the son of Ryan and Ketus Thomas. He has played tennis for the past four years. He participated in football and swim as well. He is a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church and the Grove Youth Group, 4H and FFA all through high school, Leo Club, Honor Society and Key Club where he was the treasurer for two years. He plans to attend Nova Southeastern University to study Marine Science.

Roman Almaguer

Roman Almaguer is the son of Erika Tello and Guadalupe Almaguer. He was escorted by his parents. He played tennis

his 11th and 12 grade year. He was a member of Student Council, FFA, Key Club, Alpha Zeta Pi, Honor Society, and he was the Sunshine State Scholar of his class. He plans to study at UCF for an undergraduate degree in biomedical science and attend medical school to become a diagnostic radiologist.

Rawson Aubry

Rawson Aubry is the son of Dennis and Niki Aubry. He was accompanied by his parents and he has played tennis the past four years. He played soccer for four years, one year of swim, two years in the National Honor Society, two years in FFA and two years in 4H. Aubry plans to attend Florida Southern to obtain a Bachelor's degree.

Isaiah Torres

Isaiah Torres is the son of Olga Torres and Chris Torres. He was accompanied by his mom. He played tennis all four years of high school and he participated in cross country his sophomore year. He plans to obtain his BA in psychology at Florida State University and from there he plans to transfer to veterinary school and pursue a career in veterinary medicine.



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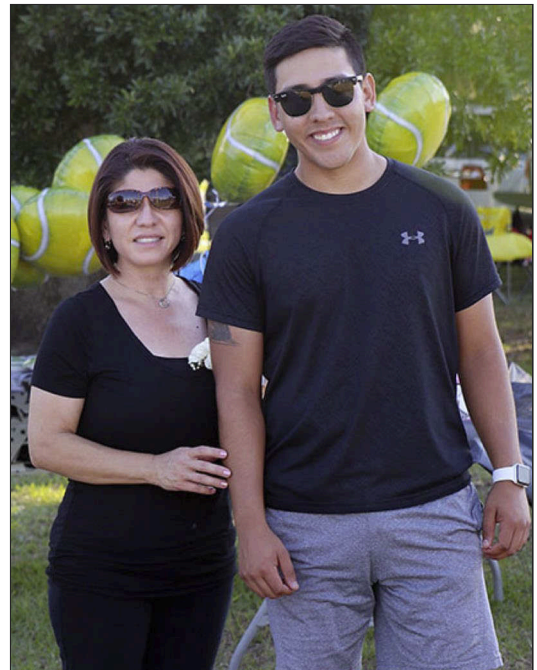
JC Thomas was escorted by his mother Ketus Thomas.



Patricia DeLoera was escorted by her mother Gabriela DeLoera.



Cass Wilson was escorted by her mother Amy Wilson.



Isaiah Torres was escorted by his mother Olga Torres.



Rawson Aubry (center) was escorted by his parents Dennis Aubry and Niki Aubry.



Roman Almaguer was escorted by his father Guadalupe Almaguer.



Joshua Albritton was escorted by his mother Missy Albritton.



Jansen Walker was escorted by her mother Jeri Kay Walker.

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City Embarks On Housing Program

By TOM STAIK
Of The Herald-Advocate

Wauchula city leaders are hoping to bring new vitality to the city center one lot at a time.

The Wauchula City Commission took the first step earlier this month toward launching an in-fill housing program that will hopefully see empty lots developed into new housing.

City Commission members, sitting as the board of the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency, voted 5-0 on April 8 to allow CRA director Jessica Newman to begin soliciting proposals from builders for the development of a city-owned lot.

The project has been more than a year in the making. City leaders were first briefed on the concept during budget workshops last July.

Tentative plans call for the city to convert vacant lots acquired by the city — usually through foreclosure from liens — into sites for residential homes. The lots and homes would then be sold to private individuals, returning the improved property back onto the tax roll.

“The city has ended up with

a lot or two and we would like to develop a program to use those properties for in-fill housing,” City Manager Terry Atchley said. “In-fill housing” is a term used to describe efforts to add residential homes to residential areas that still contain sporadic vacant lots.

The pilot program will begin on a single lot in the 200 block of West Bay Street.

The property, according to Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew, was acquired by the city through foreclosure following unpaid code enforcement liens.

Newman will be heading the initiative and hopes the program will increase home ownership within the city by providing “needed single-family housing.”

Officials have tentatively budgeted \$180,000 in the CRA budget to support the project.

City officials are also in the process of working with the Hardee County Community Development Office to develop potential partnership opportunities, such as the agreement that gave life to the city-led “Paint the Town” program.

County Discusses Resthaven Repairs, Possible Relocation

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

Hardee County commissioners received an update on the condition of the nearly 100-year-old Resthaven building after employees and an independent consultant crawled under the structure to assess the extent of the damage.

County engineer Ken Wheeler said the building was in good shape for a structure that old but also added it would need a minimum of \$270,000 in repairs to shore up the foundation, which is showing signs of dry rot and deterioration that is causing the floor to sag in areas.

The estimated repair costs could potentially double if commissioners elected to use a contractor and include electrical, plumbing and finished flooring upgrades while repairing and replacing some of the foundational structure.

Wheeler said temporary fixes have been put in place to get the county into the next budget year, which begins Oct. 1, before any permanent fixes could take place.

Even in the upcoming budget year, finding the money to repair the building could be a struggle as the county is anticipating a lean budget year while waiting on reimbursement payments related to Hurricane Irma in 2017 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Wheeler said one room is currently not able to be occupied due to a one-inch drop in the floor caused by decaying floor joists.

He said most of the worst deterioration is under the east side of the building, due to less ventilation and a narrower distance between the wood structure and the ground.

Wheeler also noted some damage caused by drywood and subterranean termites.

The contractor has retreated the affected areas at no cost since it was under a maintenance contract and the county claims the reports were only being sent to Resthaven and not the county, which owns the building.

Commissioner Colon Lambert said he would like to look into any possible recourse against the termite company since the county was paying for annual treat-

ments to prevent the damage caused by the termites.

He said the damaged joists could all be replaced but it will inhibit Resthaven’s operations. He proposed following the consultant’s recommendation and doing the repairs in several stages that would result in an additional room being temporarily shut down while the repairs take place.

Wheeler also added that the septic tank in front of the building is constantly needing to be pumped and is located too close to the drinking well to meet today’s building codes.

Commission Chairman Mike Thompson said he would object to spending that amount of money on a 100-year old building and said he would like to see Resthaven moved into the former Florida Hospital location that is owned by the Industrial Development Authority and has been sitting vacant for more than a year.

He said he would like to locate Resthaven, a hospice care center and Nu-Hope Elder Care Services all in the former hospital building to offset the high cost of overhead at the facility.

Thompson also said he was concerned about tearing up the flooring with dry rot and mold present while the building is occupied with elderly people.

Commissioner Rick Knight floated the idea of having citizens vote on a referendum to determine if they want the county to continue to subsidize and support Resthaven with county tax dollars.

Thompson said Resthaven exists to care for elderly and indigent residents of Hardee County that cannot provide for themselves. He feels people’s loyalty should be to the people at Resthaven and not the building.

He said when reviewing the financials of Resthaven it showed a lack of donations from the public and he felt citizens assumed it was up to the county to keep up and running.

Thompson said several people staying at the facility are not paying the full rate that others are paying.

Lambert said he doesn’t think the hospital is a bad idea but it would require a lot more conversation before ultimately deciding what would be the best decision.

Commissioner Noey Flores was

against moving Resthaven and said the atmosphere is very important to the people that live there.

“Resthaven feels like a home to them,” he said. “I feel the repairs now are a consequence for doing Band-Aid fixes over the years. I think we need to figure out how to save the building.”

Lambert said his wife, who works in the field, said it is very disruptive to move around elderly people but added he felt budgetary and monetary issues are very important to keeping the tax rates low.

Thompson wrapped up the nearly two-hour discussion with directing staff to gather quotes to do the needed repairs on the various quadrants of the building while continuing discussions on the possibilities of moving into the former hospital.

He said ultimately the Resthaven board would have to go along with any potential plans to move locations.

If an agreement couldn’t be reached, the county could always donate the building to the Resthaven board and let them borrow the money needed to complete the repairs.

Jacki Johnson, a Resthaven board member, thanked Flores, Thompson and Russell Melendy for recently touring the facility.

She agreed that the assisted living facility was in need of more community support to keep it going. She also said the facility needed to be fixed to be able to better market the place and fill empty beds, which would increase revenue.

“There is not a county-owned building in Hardee County that is in as bad of shape as Resthaven is,” she said.

Johnson said if the county would make all the needed repairs and provide \$150,000 for the next five years, then Resthaven could become self-sufficient.

Melendy said after talking to people at Resthaven and the members of the board, it is clear they do not want to move into the old hospital building. He said the best solution in the end would be for the county to give the building to the Resthaven board.

Once the quotes for repairs are obtained, commissioners will continue discussions as to how to proceed.

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205 Hanchey Rd, Wauchula, FL 33873
Bid documents may be obtained from the Hardee Co. Purchasing Office, 205 Hanchey Rd, Wauchula, FL 33873, or by emailing request to lorie.ayers@hardeecounty.net. Bidders shall confine their bids to the project in its entirety. Partial BIDS will not be considered. Bids submitted by FAX or other electronic media will NOT be accepted under any circumstances. Late bids will NOT be accepted and will be returned to the bidder.
Hardee Co. reserves the right to: waive informalities and/or irregularities in any BID, delete any portion of the project; extend the project within the limits of the work involved which in its judgment is in the best interest of the County. Bids may be withdrawn prior to the date and time of bid opening. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bid(s) and may postpone the award of the Agreement for a period of time which shall not extend beyond sixty (60) calendar days from the bid date.
Mike Thompson, Chairman

Crop Update

April 22, 2019
General: According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 21, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in multiple locations to 3.53 inches in Quincy (Gadsden County). The average mean temperature ranged from 61.8°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 79.2°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).
Citrus: Temperatures were moderately warm in the citrus region. Highs on most days were in the high 70s to low 80s. One or two warmer days raised temperatures to the low 90s in some areas. Rain showers passed over the state toward the end of the week bringing significant rainfall to all citrus producing counties. Accumulated rainfall was between 0.5 inches to almost 2 inches in some localities. According to the April 18, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, recent rainfall is keeping drought conditions at bay. Only Indian River and Brevard Counties are showing abnormally dry conditions. The remaining citrus growing region is drought free.
The Valencia crop harvest has been very solid. Weekly har-

vest of the later variety oranges has been over three and a half million boxes for three weeks in a row. Tangerine and grapefruit harvest are nearly over for the season.
Next season’s crop is doing well in cared for groves. Normal fruit drop is continuing as the trees are setting the new crop. Grove activities included spraying nutritionals, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was running regularly in all areas.
Fruits and Vegetables: A storm passed over the state late in the week and producers reported differing degrees of damage to fruit and vegetable crops. Some pest and disease pressures were reported for green beans, cantaloupe, tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, and watermelon. Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, green beans, okra, tomatoes, and watermelon. Crops harvested included carrots, cucumber, green beans, okra, radish, sweet corn, tomatoes, yellow squash, and zucchini.
Livestock and Pastures: Pasture conditions continued to improve thanks to warmer weather and improved soil moisture. Cattle condition was mostly good throughout the state.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a joint meeting of the
**HARDEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
and the
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
for the purpose of receiving Mosaic Fertilizer LLC
2017-2018 Annual Reports
for
Fort Green Southern Reserves,
Fort Green/Payne Creek Extension
Fort Meade Mine North Hardee
North Pasture
South Pasture
and
South Fort Meade Mine, Hardee County

**Thursday, May 16, 2019
at 6:00 P.M.**

or as soon thereafter at the Hardee County Board of County Commission Chambers, Room 102, Courthouse Annex, 412 West Orange Street, Wauchula, Florida
Copies of the documents relating to this report are available for public inspection during regular office hours at the office of the Hardee County Mining Coordinator, 220 South Ninth Avenue, Wauchula, Florida, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. All interested persons shall have the right to be heard. In rendering recommendations from the Planning/Zoning Board and decision of the Board of County Commissioners, the Boards 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 hearings will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made by a court reporter.

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

Mike Thompson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

2019
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR HARDEE COUNTY COMMISSION AND APPOINTED BOARDS
Meetings to be held in County Commission Chambers, Room 102 Courthouse Annex, 412 W. Orange Street, Wauchula, Florida unless otherwise noted

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular meetings first Thursday & third Thursday at 8:30 a.m.
MONTH OF May-02nd & 16th
Hardee County National Day of Prayer – May 02nd 6:00 p.m. Heritage Park
May 27th – Memorial Day – County Offices Closed

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY “INDEPENDENT BOARD”
MONTH OF May– No meeting scheduled.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTH.
Meets on second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.
MONTH OF May–14th

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD – meets first Thursday night of each month at 6:00 p.m.
MONTH OF May– 09th

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD
Meets on the second Monday night of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Building Department Conference Room, 401 West Main Street
MONTH OF May– 13th

COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Meets first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
MONTH OF May– 06th

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
Friends of Library meets on first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at Library in Annex II
MONTH OF May– 07th

HOUSING AUTHORITY
at 701 LaPlaya Drive, Wauchula
MONTH OF May– To be announced.

HARDEE COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE BOARD
Usually meets third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
MONTH OF May– 21st

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

25 Youth Takes Top Honors At Arcadia Rodeo

By KATHY ANN GREGG
For The Herald-Advocate

The 91st annual Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo took place last month, and a Hardee Countian walked away with the All-Around Cowboy title!

Dawson Cantu, an 18-year-old from Zolfo Springs who has been a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association only since early September, beat out hundreds of seasoned pros to take the title of All-Around Cowboy.

He competed in both the tie-down calf roping and the team roping events, where he was partnered with his high school rodeo buddy, Sam Morgan of Southwest Ranches.

In fact, Cantu, as the header, and Morgan, as the heeler, roped their steer in perfect form in a scant 5.9 seconds during the Friday performance, taking the lead in that event. But they were edged out of first place by an out-of-state pair the next day by a mere 9/10ths of a second — their time of 4.8 seconds set a new arena record — and nudged down to a third-place finish by another pair with a time of 5.7 seconds. This still gave them a win of \$2,240.

Cantu also competed in the tie-down calf roping, ending in a tie for eighth place with a time of 13.2 seconds, and a payout of \$106. The All-Around position added an additional \$2,346 to his winnings at this prestigious event.

Also landing in the money were Trae Adams III of Ona, who tied for third place in the tie-down roping event with a time of 11.2 seconds, and winnings of \$1,646, and Parker Carlton of Wauchula, who, with partner Dudley Kirton of Okeechobee, took 10th place in the team roping with a time of 9.9 seconds, and winnings of \$149.

Carlton also competed in the double-shootout steer wrestling, but had a steer that stopped in its tracks just outside of the chute box in one run, and he flew over the head of the steer in the second run.

Other Hardee Countians who competed were Jobe Johns and Tony Webb, both in the tie-down calf roping event, and Pat Carlton in both tie-down and team roping, Parker Kempfer in the saddlebronc-riding event, and Ty Harris and Ernie Courson in the bullriding.

Kempfer had a nice ride going, but lost his rhythm, which requires points to be deducted, resulting in a score of 66 for his efforts. Saddlebronc-riding is one of the toughest events in rodeo, due to all of the technical requirements, including marking out the bronc as it exits the chute, which Kempfer did, and then maintaining a continuous spurring action from the points of the horse's shoulders to the back of the saddle, which is where he received the points deductions.

Javi Vina is a member of the Rodeo Association, and along with that title comes the privilege of working real hard in the arena all four days! In fact, the entire Vina family worked, with Cody helping untie calves side-by-side with the Miss Rodeo Florida gals. And Jimmy Fussell ran another flawless event, with son Corey helping out, too. Mom Tamme Miller Fussell had the honor of carrying one of the flags in the Sunday performance. (See accompanying story.)

The Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo is the longest-running rodeo in the state.

It expanded to a four-day event several years ago and, with a total payout this year of \$118,266, attracts the best of the best.

Repeat National Finals Rodeo competitors are regulars, with several members of the Utah Wright family entered in the saddlebronc-riding event, which was won by previous World Champion Cody DeMoss. DeMoss also has competed at the Peace River ProRodeo several years.

Bullriding phenom Clayton Sellars of Fruitland Park, who was the Resistol Rookie of the Year last year, upped his standing in the ranks when he tied for first place with Daylon Swearingen, who also competed in the Peace River ProRodeo, with a score of 87.5 points. These lads are 20 and 19, respectively.



PHOTOS BY KATHY ANN GREGG

Dawson Cantu of Zolfo Springs in the classic dismount position in the tie-down roping event. Note the piggin' string carried in his mouth, which is used to tie three legs of the calf together. His time of 13.2 seconds gave him a tie for eighth place in this event, but, with times in both this and the team-roping event, it gave him the coveted All-Around Cowboy title!



Dawson Cantu, as header (on the right), and Sam Morgan, as heeler (on the left), during their fantastic run of 5.9 seconds in the team-roping event. Both of these boys are 18 years old, and in their rookie year with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. They were in the lead after Friday's performance, but ended up in a tie for third place.



Amy Stevens-Waters rounds the second barrel during her run in the slack performance. The barrel-racing event is by the Women's Professional Rodeo Association.



Parker Kempfer in his saddlebronc ride during the Saturday performance. After a perfect exit from the bucking chute, and properly marking out his bronc, he lost his spurring rhythm, which requires mandatory deduction of points, ending with a score of 66. He is the grandson of Sue Altman of Wauchula.



Crystal McIntyre, wife of former PBR bullrider Jake McIntyre and daughter-in-law of Gordy McIntyre, rounds the first barrel during the slack performance on Thursday evening. Purina Feeds is a sponsor of the Arcadia Rodeo, and Hardee Ranch Supply gets its name on one side of the barrel.



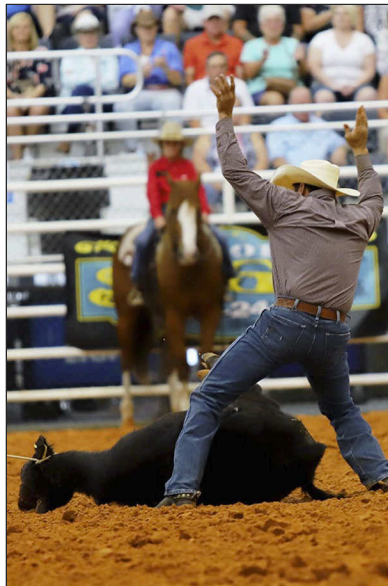
Tony Webb of Wauchula throws his rope to catch his assigned calf. He completed the tie-down roping event, but his time did not qualify him for a payout. Webb, like Cantu and Morgan, is in his rookie year with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.



Jobe Johns of Zolfo Springs ropes his calf in the tie-down roping event.



Parker Carlton leans down to rope the back legs of the steer in the team-roping event. His roping partner, Dudley Kirton of Okeechobee, has roped the head of the animal and pulled him to the left, setting up the "heel trap" for Carlton, and a time of 9.9 seconds. Their efforts landed them in 10th place, and in the money.



Tie-down roper Trae Adams III of Ona signals the judges that he has completed the event by throwing his arms up into the air. The calf must stay tied for six seconds after this signal in order for him to receive a time, and his was 11.2 seconds. Adams' run landed him in third place, and in the money.



The Vina family of Ona, Heather and Javi, and daughter Shawnee during a break in their duties helping in the arena.



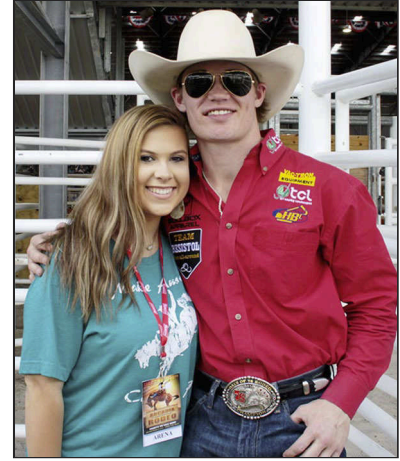
Miss Rodeo Florida Cara Spirazza and Cody Vina of Ona take a breather from untying calves during the tie-down calf-roping event.



Pat Carlton swings his rope as he exits the roping box in the tie-down calf-roping event in Sunday's performance. Carlton had a tough weekend, missing this calf, and making an illegal head catch in the team-roping event on Thursday.



Kim Welch Strickland (center), who was Miss Rodeo Florida 1982, gets her annual photo with the current Miss Rodeo Florida Court: Teen Cassidy Cabot and Miss Rodeo Florida Cara Spirazza.



Kaydan Strickland poses with Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association bull-rider Clayton Sellars from Fruitland Park. Sellars was the 2018 Resistol Rookie of the Year, and was sitting in first place in the RAM World Standings when this photo was taken.

Special Flags Highlight Rodeo Opening

By KATHY ANN GREGG

For The Herald-Advocate

The Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo is well-known for its opening procession honoring the various branches of the military.

Since moving to its new home at the Mosaic Arena, this includes an individual rider carrying flags for the Marines, the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Coast Guard, and the black flag with white writing remembering the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

With three riders on each side of the arena, Old Glory is brought into the center of the arena. This year, that honor was given to Molly McKetrick, who was dressed all in red, white and blue and wore chaps in the flag motif.

McKetrick is the daughter of Carl and Lacy McKetrick, co-owners of Arcadia Stockyards. Not only are they buyers of varied Hardee County Fair livestock, but they are regular sponsors of the Peace River ProRodeo.

As McKetrick proudly walked into the arena, each of the military flags turned to form a circle around her, where they stayed for the singing of the National An-

them and the daily invocation.

And this year, the flags were very special – they were flags that had been flown aboard an AH-64D Apache Longbow Attack Helicopter during a combat mission over Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Operation Resolute Support by 1-130th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, Task Force Panther, on Feb. 9. The pilot in command was CW2 Brent Snow, and pilot and gunner was 1LT Mathew Wolboldt.

Then they were donated to the Arcadia Rodeo through the efforts of Board Member Buddy Mansfield, and arrived by military escort.

Other locals who had the honor of carrying these special flags were:

Sami Jo Morgan Windsor, whose mother, Joy, still resides in Zolfo Springs, who carried the Coast Guard flag all four days.

Tamme Miller Fussell, whose mother, Janet, still resides in Wauchula, carried the Air Force flag during Sunday's performance.

And Rebecca McGrath, who is Corey Fussell's significant other, carried the POW-MIA flag during all four performances.



The entire group of military flags rounds the southern end of the arena, led by Old Glory. The military flags consisted of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marines, the Coast Guard and Prisoners of War & Missing in Action.



Molly McKetrick, carrying the American flag, leads the flag procession around the arena. Immediately behind her (to the left) is Sami Jo Morgan Windsor and (right) is Rebecca McGrath.



Sami Jo Morgan Windsor with the Coast Guard flag. Note the brand on this horse, which is of the JTF Performance Horses, owned by Jimmy and Tamme Miller Fussell.



Tamme Miller Fussell, a 1980 graduate of Hardee High School, carried the Air Force flag during Sunday's performance.



At the end of the final performance on Sunday afternoon, the flag girls ran a goodbye lap around the arena. Shown here is Rebecca McGrath, waving to the exiting crowd.

Dairy Owner Norm Nickerson Was The "Ho, Ho, Ho" Man

By ANNETA STANTON KRAUS
For The Herald-Advocate

In 1954 a very tired family of a father, mother, three sons and a daughter made the very long journey from Clymer, N.Y., to settle in the Lemon Grove section of Hardee County. Their worn dusty pickup truck carried five dairy cows in the hauling bed.

It is doubtful that many residents of the county took much notice. However, destiny was already in play. Fast forward to 70-plus years later. Hardee County residents are very much aware of the Nickerson family with their four dairies setting records in the dairy industry of central Florida.

The Nickerson patriarch, Earle, his wife Clara, and sons Norm, Roger and Howard made three more trips to Maple Springs, N.Y., hauling their remaining dairy herd down to Florida.

The Nickerson family and their cows thrived in the snowless warm sunshine of their new home.

This is not to be said that the family had it easy — no way! Dairy farming is a 24/7 endeavor. While their peers were snoozing in the pre-dawn hours, the Nickersons were hard at work herding, feeding and milking their cows.

The men even bailed hay in the Avon Park Bombing Range to earn more income for the struggling family.

Norman, the oldest Nickerson son, was a very tall lanky blond teen remembered by his friends and classmates as a rather shy Yankee kid (rare species in Hardee at that time) who was adept at fitting into the lives of his peers and community.

After school at Hardee County High School Norm, unlike most of his fellow classmates, had to skip after-school activities and "chasing girls" to go back to his dairy chores. He would clean equipment, mend fences, restore pasture, and resume the never-ending milking.

There was another reason why he did not "chase girls." He had already caught his intended back in Maple Springs. There will be more said about that later in this story.

Being so tall and strong, Norm did get time off the farm to play basketball for HHS and to join the Future Farmers of America Club.

Russell Henderson was one of the boys of Lemon Grove. He recalled

"teaching" Norm about life in Florida. On one occasion they went fishing in a boat at night. Russell told Norm that if you had a light in the boat fish would just jump into the boat, no poles and hooks required. Lo and behold, it actually happened that a bass jumped right into the boat! Norm became an instant believer!

The boys would borrow a parent's car occasionally to cruise around See's and Knight's restaurants in Wauchula. This was about all the recreation and socialization opportunities for teens in the 50s in Hardee!

Sometimes they even got all the way to Avon Park where there was a bowling alley.

Upon graduation Norm and friend Carl Weis joined the U.S. Army to do their duty for their country.

Norm attained his basic training in Ft. Jackson, S.C. He became a military policeman, a natural fit for this big 6-3 fit country boy! Who is going to argue with him?

Upon completion of basics in 1958, he went back to Maple Springs to claim his bride, Phyllis Weber. They began a long happy marriage in Albuquerque, N.M.

Norm was assigned to be a secret courier guarding men and items of great importance after he attained his high level secret clearance. He was very proud of his service to country.

Rodney, the first of three sons, was born in Albuquerque.

In 1964, after Norm completed his tour of duty the family happily returned to Hardee County. Norm and Phyllis purchased land southwest of Wauchula, bought 30 dairy cows and produced two more sons, Joe and Chris.

They became neighbors with the Weis family. Norm and Carl Weis instantly picked up their close friendship, sharing knowledge and trying to solve the issues of their days.

Carl was into beef cattle, and Norm was into dairy cattle. Many a friendship in Hardee started over cows.

Norm was a very innovative man, unafraid to take reasonable risks to improve his dairy. His father Earle and all three sons (Norm, Roger and Howard) started a milk plant whereby they processed their own milk. Carl recalls that folks loved his chocolate milk. When it comes to good quality fresh chocolate milk, what is not to love?

Around 1968 Norm instituted the "merry-go-round" method, replacing the one-on-one method of milking cows, making for

better efficiency. Phyllis would sit next to the merry-go-round on a stool reading a book. When a reluctant cow would not go along with the program she would give the cow a pop with the switch in her hand.

Always the innovator, Norm replaced the merry-go-round with a system of five stalls on each side of a walkway. The cows would walk up to the nearest stall, get hooked up and munch away on special grain while being milked. After milking, every 12 hours, the cows would walk between electric fences to be rotated to a different pasture with fresher grass. This method is used today.

Norm loved the dairy industry. He was always eager to share knowledge of the industry with others, bringing them to his dairy to learn on site.

His brother Roger Nickerson of Zolfo Springs operates a dairy 11 miles east of Bowling Green. Brother Howard of Mayo was in the dairy business. Sister Alberta Clark lives at the old home place east of Wauchula near Seven Mile Point.

Hardee County third grade children would be bused to his farm where Norm would personally conduct a tour, including his extensive collection of restored old tractors and John Deere toys. After the tour was over Phyllis would give the children a bowl of ice cream.

Many a "snow-bird" enjoyed Norm's willingness to share his knowledge and generosity. After tours he would often take them to his favorite restaurant, the Acapulco, in Zolfo Springs.

Norm gave back to his community. Norm's credits include being chairman of Hardee County Fair Committee, vice president of Tampa Dairy Farmers Corporation, and an active member of the Hardee Cattleman's Association and Pioneer Park Days. The Nickersons were active members of the Wauchula First Methodist Church.

As they came of age, Norm and Phyllis's children Rodney, Joe and Chris worked on the farm.

Along with their father Norm, sons Joe and Chris and today the four grandchildren (Logan, Holden, Courtney and Brittany) all work full time in the four dairies carrying on the legacy of their parents and grandparents.

Currently Joe and Brittany are on the Southeast Milk Inc. Co-Op Board. Courtney was just named "Outstanding Young Dairy Leader" by the Co-Op. Like Norm, they are innovators already at work on ideas that will revolutionize their dairies.

This gave time for Norm and Phyllis to follow other passions, primarily travel. They and a group of traveling friends toured Alaska, New Orleans, California and New England.

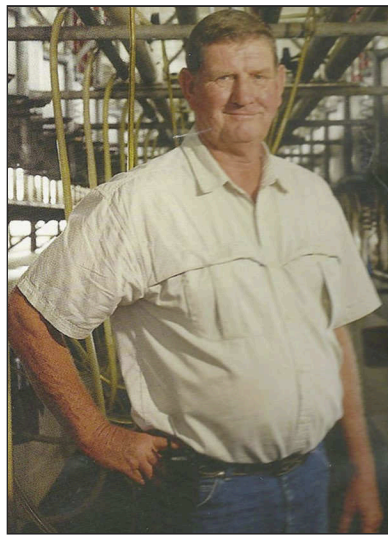
This dynamic couple loved having fun so they created memorable themed



Dairy founder Earle Nickerson with his son Norm holding granddaughter Courtney.



Norm Nickerson and his wife Phyllis.



Norm stands in milking barn.



A younger Norm Nickerson is shown milking a Holstein cow.



Norm Nickerson and his best friend Zee Smith posed for this photo in Alaska.



The Norm Nickerson extended family.



Norm (center) with grandchildren Logan, Courtney, Brittany and Holden.

HHS Chorus Presents Its Spring Concert Tuesday

The Hardee Senior High School Chorus will present its annual Spring Concert next week.

The concert will be held on Tuesday in the Hardee Senior High School Auditorium. The performance will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Musical selections include favorites such as "The Greatest Show" from the movie "The Greatest Showman," "Need You Now" by Lady Antebellum, the Adele hit "Someone Like You," Candace Glover's

"I Am Beautiful" and "Reckless Love" by Cory Asbury.

Also included are contest songs "Amani (Peace)" and "Inscription of Hope," the spiritual "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel," "Bring Me Little Water Sylvie," "By the Rivers of Babylon" and "Ukuthula," a song in Zulu about peace.

The evening will conclude with a medley from the popular Broadway musical "Wicked" along with the choir's traditional song to honor its graduating seniors on

their last concert, "Friends."

The songfest will feature the Hardee Senior High School Chorus, Girls' Choir, Varsity Chorus, Combined Choirs, soloists, and small groups.

All are under the direction of teacher David Radford.

The cost for the concert will be \$2 per person, which will be collected at the door. The money will help cover the cost of the concert.

Radford encourages the public to attend this entertaining session.



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First period chorus class.



Second period chorus class.



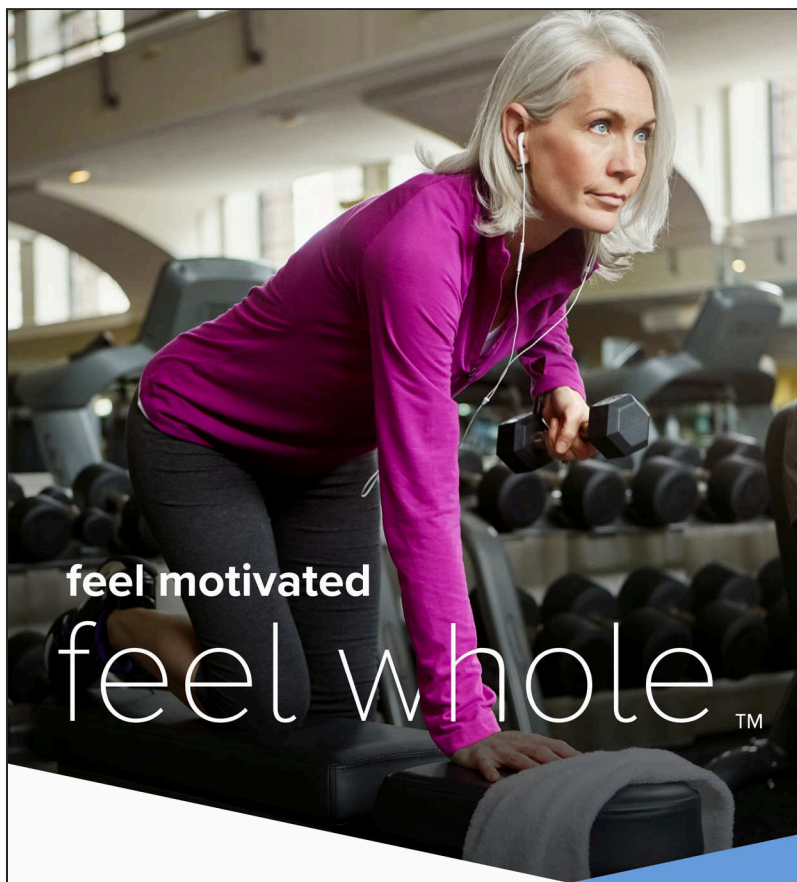
Fifth period chorus class.



Sixth period chorus class.



Seventh period chorus class.



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By Angela Shelf Medearis

Easter Egg Aftermath

After the Easter baskets have been put away and the chocolate bunnies are a sticky, melted memory, the colored hard-cooked eggs linger on. Remember, that although your colored eggs were attractive as the centerpiece for Easter, they are a perishable food and should have been treated that way.

If the eggs were left at room temperature for more than two hours, you should not eat them. Cracked or dirty eggs should be discarded. A wise tip to remember: use plastic eggs for decorating and hunting so you can keep the real eggs safe to eat. You might be able to find plastic eggs on clearance in stores after Easter, so stock up for next year.

Here some tips for storing and using hard-cooked eggs:

How long can hard-cooked eggs in the shell be safely stored in the refrigerator?

The eggs should be used within one week. Refrigerated fresh eggs can be kept for four to five weeks. Hard-cooked eggs don't last as long because the cooking process removes the protective coating.

Why are some hard-cooked eggs easier to peel than others?

Eggs that are only a few days old are more difficult to peel because of the carbon dioxide in fresh eggs. As it ages, an egg takes in air, which helps separate the membranes from the shell, making it easier to peel. Check the sell-by date on the carton of eggs. If more than 23 days remain before the sell-by date, the eggs may not peel well.

What's the best way to peel a hard-cooked egg?

To peel a hard-cooked egg, gently tap the egg on the countertop until the shell is finely cracked all over. Start at the large end (where an air bubble often is) and lightly pull the shell off. Once peeled, eggs should be eaten that day.

How many eggs are the equivalent of a lean meat pro-

tein?

One egg equals 1 ounce of lean meat, poultry or fish. This means you can use two eggs as a main dish at a meal or use eggs to help a more expensive protein food go further. For instance, you might add one chopped hard-cooked egg per serving and reduce the amount of expensive seafood in a casserole.

Many of us look at the leftover hard-cooked eggs and see egg salad or deviled eggs. Add some interest to these standard recipes with some diced bacon or ham, chopped green or red bell pepper, or chopped pickles.

For those who might have health concerns about consuming eggs, look for ways to decrease the use of the yolks. Make an egg salad using three whites to each yolk, add plenty of diced celery or green pepper, and use low-fat or fat-free mayonnaise or salad dressings.

If you're looking for a way to use up your hard-cooked eggs quickly, this recipe for Easter Egg Croquettes is "egg"-xactly the help you need!

EASTER EGG AND VEGETABLE CROQUETTES

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup 2% milk
- 6 large, hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh or cooked green vegetable of your choice
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions, white and green parts
- 1/3 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons poultry seasoning
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, plus more for sprinkling
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground black pepper
- 1 3/4 cups panko (Japanese) breadcrumbs
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups oil for frying

1. In a large skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Stir in the flour until smooth; cook and stir 1-2 minutes or until lightly browned. Gradually whisk in the milk; cook and stir about 1-2 minutes (mixture will be thick). Scrape the flour mixture into a bowl.

2. Stir in the eggs, green vegetable, green onions, cheese and 1 tablespoon of the poultry seasoning and 1/2 tablespoon of the garlic powder, and 1/2 teaspoon of the salt and black pepper. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight.

3. After the croquettes have chilled, shape 1/4 cup of the egg mixture into twelve oval croquettes, 3-inches long, place the breadcrumbs and beaten eggs in separate shallow bowls. Season the breadcrumbs and the eggs equally with the remaining poultry seasoning and 1/2 teaspoon each of garlic powder, salt and pepper. Mix well.

4. Roll croquette logs in the crumbs to coat, then dip them in the beaten eggs, and roll again in the crumbs, patting to help coating adhere. Chill croquettes for 30 minutes to ensure that they won't fall apart when fried.

5. In a large, deep, heavy skillet or pot, heat oil to 375 F. Fry the croquettes in batches of 3 or 4, turning occasionally until golden brown, about 3-5 minutes. Drain the croquettes on paper towels. Sprinkle with salt. Serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6.

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Thursday 5 p.m.

BOWLING GREEN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOUSE OF PRAISE JOHN 3:16
3920 Murray Road • 863-582-6716
Sunday10:30 a.m.
Wednesday6:30 p.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

NEW BEGINNINGS
4810 Sally Blvd. • 781-5887
Sense Sunday11:00 a.m.
"Making Sense of the Non-Sense"
Sunday Bread of Life3:15 p.m.
2nd Sunday Communion11:00 a.m.

BOWLING GREEN

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

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

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

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

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

ONA

IGLESIA PENTECOSTES VISION POR LAS ALMAS
149 Badger Loop • 448-2831
Martes: Oracion7:00 p.m.
Jueves: Enseñaza Biblica7:00 p.m.
Domingo: Servicio10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WAUCHULA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
207 N. Seventh Avenue • 773-4267
Coffe and Fellowship9:15 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Blended Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Wednesday Night Dinner5:30 p.m.
Youth (0-18) & Adult Programming .
.....6:30 p.m.

FLORIDA'S FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
1397 South Florida Avenue
773-9386
www.flfirstag.org
Sun. Community Groups9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
Family Night Wednesday7:00 p.m.
Ministry for all ages!

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

THE GOSPEL TABERNACLE
810 Tennessee St. • 781-2708
Sunday Morning Service10:00 a.m.
Sunday Night Service6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

WAUCHULA

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

IGLESIA MINISTERIOS CRISTIANO DIOS ES AMOR
807 S. 8th Ave. • 773-4576
Domingos Escuela
Domingo10:00 a.m.
Servicio11:00 a.m.
Lunes Oracion6:00 p.m.
Miercoles Servicio7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH
204 North 9th Ave. • 832-7829
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening1:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible & Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.

MINISTERIO INTERNACIONAL Cambiadores de Mundo
714 W. Main Street
Wednesday Service7:30 p.m.

MY NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CHURCH
117 West Palmetto St. • 773-2929
Sunday Service10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.
Children Ministries for all services

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

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
1999 State Rd. 64 East • 773-2101
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship Service6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Activities
(All Ages)7:00 p.m.

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

NEW MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH
1615 Martin Luther King Jr Ave.
767-0023
Morn. Worship
(1st & 3r Sun.)8:00 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday Youth Service 4:00 p.m.
Allen Christian Endeavor4:00 p.m.
Wed. & Fri. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA WORSHIP CENTER
1652 Old Bradenton Road
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship10:30 a.m.

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

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
4350 W. Main Street • 735-0321
www.ogbwauchula.org
Sunday Schedule:
Bible Study for All Ages9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Schedule:
M&M Kid's Klub6:00 p.m.
Youth Group6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
.....6:30 p.m.

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

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

WAUCHULA

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

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
408 Heard Bridge Road • 773-4089
Mass Monday through Saturday
.....7:00 a.m.

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

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

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

WAUCHULA CHURCH OF GOD
1543 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
773-0199
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:15 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Fam. Training7:30 p.m.
Thurs. Youth Bible Study7:00 p.m.
Friday Night Worship7:30 p.m.

WAUCHULA HILLS SPANISH CHURCH OF GOD
1000 Stansfield Rd.
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
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WAUCHULA HILLS SPANISH

WES TOUTS ITS 'TOP CATS' FOR THE THIRD QUARTER



COURTESY PHOTOS
 Wauchula Elementary School recently announced the students who earned the Top Cat award for the third quarter of the academic year. Kindergarten recipients were (front, from left) Rosaelia Hernandez-Santiago, Jeremy Alexander, Avian Ramirez, Kadie Rickett, Abriella Rodriguez, Lillian Carroll and Alijah Patton; (middle) Aaron Perada, Alexander Velasquez-Gonzalez, Is'Real Moore, Miguel Gonzalez, Yug Patel, Rebeckah Hays and Anglica Hernandez; (back) Isabella Mier, Riley Medrano, Braydan Rhymes, Ulijah Virgile, Maci Richardson and Hailey Mabe.



First graders who cooperated well with others were (front, from left) Harper Grimsley, Anika Pfeiffer, Mason Hill, Yarezi Hernandez-Gomez, Victoria Frederick and Andrew Justiss; (middle) Elizabeth Macedo, Jade Poblano, Aleigh Montoya, Brian Perez-Roblero, Sydnee Yandow, Amelia Roberts and Carlos Palacios; (back) Jah'zara Williams, Marisol Salas-Uscanga, Aubry Campos, Brody Murphy, Paris Lewis, Daisylu Monroy-Mendoza, Jesus Antonio-Hernandez and Tatiana Vargas-Molina. Not pictured: Yoqsan Araujo-Arcos and Rolland Rivas.



Second-grade Top Cats who showed good behavior were (front, from left) Morgan Peterson, Kyaji Harris, Jaela Williams, Gleybis Garcia, Ian Nuccio and Miguel Lemus; (middle) Maleek Nieve, Jacqueline Santiago, Alexander Harrak, Daniel Rubio-Perez, Uriel Gonzalez and Freddy Marcos-Perez; (back) Addilyn Hilton, Ashleigh Watkins, Elizandro Lopez, Jenessa Deloera, Zaylen Valdez and Brandon Gillispie.



Considerate third-grade Top Cats were (front, from left) Jonathan Flores-Flores, Alayna Leal, Jennifer Torres, Natalie Hines, Makayla Mullins, Quinton Bludell, Jordan Froelich and Evelyn Ramirez-Perez; (middle) Malachi Jose, Merlina Ramirez, Mazie Pelham, Maverick Plegler, Reid Miller, Griffin Carlton and Bryan Canary; (back) Landon Cisneros, Aylin Velasquez, Ayden Ibarra, Kevin Serrano, Victor Rodriguez, Adrian Daniel and Luis Palacios. Not pictured: Marcus James and Reese Rivas.

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Top Cats with good time-management skills in the fifth grade were (front, from left) Malachi Roberson, Liliana Acuna, Jocelyn Garcia-Torres and Alexandra Jackson; (middle) Lyric Blandin, Leon Marrero, Juan Rodriguez, Nathaniel Prentice and Wyatt Beattie; (back) Jerald Southwell, Christopher Grosu, Austin Hilliard and Gaige Cartwright.

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VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

LADY CATS EARN DISTRICT TITLE

Boys Take Second At District Tourney

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Hardee Senior High School has added a new district title to the record books.

The Lady Wildcat varsity track and field team cruised to a first place finish at the Florida High School Athletic Association's (FHSA) Class 2A District 9 championship on April 12 at Cypress Creek (Wesley Chapel) High School.

The squad earned 145 total points to claim the first place slot. Frostproof Middle/Senior High School was the district runner-up with 121 total points.

The Lady Wildcats earned an impressive six individual district titles at the meet.

Miracle Thompson earned titles in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.43 and the 200 meter dash with a time of 25.92.

Eboni Lamy earned the title in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.82.

The relay team of Kaitlynn Brandeberry, Adriana Mier, Tyler Moseley, and Jessica Pascual clinched the title in the 4x800 meter relay with a time of 10:35.06.

Miracle Thompson won the title in the triple jump with a distance of 10.43 meters.

Also winning an individual district title was Azaria Rivers with a distance of 9.27 meters in the shot put competition.

The boys in orange and blue also

had an impressive outing as they earned 137 total points to earn the district runner-up title. Lake Wales High School won the day with 216 points.

In addition to Hardee, Frostproof, and Lake Wales, the competition included squads from Mulberry High School, Cypress Creek High School, Avon Park High School, McKeel Academy, Lake Placid High School, and DeSoto County High School.

Individual Results:

Girls 100M Finals: 1st, Miracle Thompson, 12.43.

Girls 100M Prelims: 1st, Miracle Thompson, 12.61; 17th, Ariyana Leger, 14.58; and 21st, Daniella Marrero, 15.21.

Girls 200M Finals: 1st, Miracle Thompson, 25.92.

Girls 200M Prelims: 1st, Miracle Thompson, 25.74; 11th, Acheline Delhomme, 28.80; and 19th, Daniella Marrero, 31.70.

Girls 400M Finals: 2nd, Adriana Mier, 1:01.96; 6th, Jessica Pascual, 1:09.22; and 7th, Faith Thompson, 1:17.99.

Girls 400M Prelims: 2nd, Adriana Mier, 1:03.31; 7th, Jessica Pascual, 1:09.06; and 8th, Faith Thompson, 1:09.14.

Girls 800M Finals: 3rd, Adriana Mier, 2:26.25; and 8th, Tatiana Miera, 2:43.27.

Girls 1600M Finals: 7th, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 6:16.64; 12th, Kareli Plata, 7:11.91; and 13th, Amy Gutierrez, 7:13.19.

Girls 3200M Finals: 8th, Kareli Plata, 16:00.19; and 9th, Amy Gutierrez, 16:15.79.

Girls 100M Hurdles: 1st, Eboni Lamy, 17.82; and 6th, Majalynn Thompson, 19.57.

Girls 100M Hurdles Prelims: 3rd, Eboni Lamy, 18.30; and 5th, Majalynn Thompson, 19.02.

Girls 300M Hurdles: 5th, Eboni Lamy, 52.23.

Girls 300M Hurdles Prelims: 3rd, Eboni Lamy, 53.25; 6th, Majalynn Thompson, 56.30; and 18th, Evelize Quintana, 1:14.06.

Girls 4x100M Relay Finals: 3rd, Hardee (Acheline Delhomme, Majalynn Thompson, Majavia Thompson, and Ariyana Leger, 53.96).

Girls 4x400M Relay Finals: 3rd, Hardee (Majalynn Thompson, Jessica Pascual, Eboni Lamy, and Tatiana Mier), 4:33.90.

Girls 4x800M Relay Finals: 1st, Hardee (Kaitlynn Brandeberry, Adriana Mier, Tyler Moseley, and Jessica Pascual), 10:35.06.

Girls High Jump Finals: 8th, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 1.35m; and 9th, Majavia Thompson, 1.35m.

Girls Pole Vault Finals: 2nd, Mariela Badillo, 2.25m; and 3rd, Daisy Badillo, 2.25m.

Girls Long Jump Finals: 2nd, Miracle Thompson, 4.59m; 3rd, Majalynn Thompson, 4.52m; 10th, Eboni Lamy, 4.08m; and 18th, Christian Montanez, 3.21m.

Girls Triple Jump Finals: 1st, Miracle Thompson, 10.43m; 7th, Ariyana

Leger, 8.45m.

Girls Shot Put Finals: 1st, Azaria Rivers, 9.27m; 5th, Taleia Moreno, 8.61m; 10th, Alexis Deleon, 6.70m; and 13th, Arle Juarez, 6.07m.

Girls Discus Finals: 4th, Taleia Moreno, 22.53m; 6th, Alexis Deleon, 21.53m; and 15th, Mari Carreno, 16.24m.

Boys 100M Prelims: 9th, Eli Bertrand, 11.68; 15th, Ellis Hodges, 12.11; and 20th, Eric Fleix, 12.50.

Boys 200M Finals: 6th, Dalton Kiella, 24.25.

Boys 200M Prelims: 4th, Dalton Kiella, 22.75; 15th, Randy Mccloud, 24.88; and 22nd, Eric Felix, 26.31.

Boys 400M Prelims: 14th, Dalton Kiella, 57.86; 17th, Misael Arana, 58.45; 18th, Zack Durastanti, 58.82; and 20th, Randy Mccloud, 1:00.24.

Boys 800M Finals: 5th, Zack Durastanti, 2:04.99; 7th, Jacob Davidson, 2:10.53; 10th, Kodie Myers, 2:14.29; and 18th, Misael Arana, 2:23.23.

Boys 1600M Finals: 10th, Ivan Rodriguez, 5:06.18; and 21st, Angel Aviles, 5:40.76.

Boys 3200M Finals: 7th, Ivan Rodriguez, 11:39.17; and 13th, Angel Aviles, 12:31.80.

Boys 110M Hurdles Finals: 2nd, Samuel Louis, 17.23; 3rd, Aaron Cook, 17.29; and 6th, Mekhi Brown, 19.40.

Boys 300M Hurdles Finals: 4th, Nerlensky Sanon, 43.25; and 5th, Aaron Cook, 45.34.

Boys 300M Hurdles Prelims: 3rd,

Nerlensky Sanon, 44.04; 6th, Aaron Cook, 45.67; 11th, Marc Pierre, 51.57; and 12th, Mekhi Brown, 52.51.

Boys 4x100M Relay: 4th, Hardee (Ellis Hodges, Randy Mccloud, Eli Bertrand, and Nerlensky Sanon), 45.31.

Boys 4x400M Relay: 2nd, Hardee (Aaron Cook, Noah Torres, Eli Bertrand, and Randy Mccloud), 3:36.15.

Boys 4x800M Relay: 2nd, Hardee (Kodie Myers, Misael Arana, Jacob Davidson, and Angel Aviles), 8:59.28.

Boys High Jump: 3rd, Myron Reffoure, 1.80m; 4th, Samuel Louis, 1.75m; 7th, Levenson Danger, 1.75m; 11th, Andrew Donaldson, 1.60m.

Boys Pole Vault: 4th, Zack Durastanti, 3.00m; 5th, Noah Torres, 3.00m; 7th, Gage Camacho, 2.70m; and 8th, Jeremy Myers, 2.25m.

Boys Long Jump: 4th, Myron Reffoure, 6.30m; 10th, Hezekiah Austin, 5.39m; 13th, Marc Pierre, 4.89m; and 14th, Caden Dunlap, 4.75m.

Boys Triple Jump: 2nd, Myron Reffoure, 12.48m; 4th, Hezekiah Austin, 12.06m; 7th, Terrence White, 11.42m; 8th, Aaron Cook, 11.28m.

Boys Shot Put: 2nd, Tom Pace, 12.79m; 3rd, Ariel Whitters, 12.60m; 4th, Tyler Steedley, 12.48m; and 6th, Tyson Wyatt, 12.24m.

Boys Discus: 2nd, Tyler Steedley, 40.53m; 6th, Ariel Whitters, 34.98m; 9th, Marcus Sambrano, 31.00m; and 10th, Mike Trevino, 28.63m.



The Wildcats had a strong showing in the 110 meter hurdle event with both Samuel Louis and Aaron Cook advancing to regional competition.



Miracle Thompson won individual district titles in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. She also earned a third title in the triple jump.



A Wildcat runner prepares to take off from the starting block.



The boys in orange and blue will be sending three relay teams to compete at regionals after a strong showing at the district tournament.



Cody Myers cools down after running his leg of the 4x400 meter relay.



Eboni Lamy led the pack as she cruised to an individual district title in the 100 meter hurdles as she earned a chance to compete at regionals.