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DeSoto County High School seniors received awards, scholarships

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Hospital seeks taxpayer help

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

After years of operating in the red, DeSoto Memorial Hospital administration is asking county taxpayers to help the facility turn a profit.

The move comes as DMH's board of directors, acting under a state mandate, voted unanimously Thursday to keep the facility public and not entertain offers of a sale to any potential private entities.

The request comes at a time when county administrators are already grappling with potential adjustments to Municipal Service Benefit Unit and Municipal Service Taxing Unit rates to fund the Public Safety Department, as well as the need to build a new sheriff's office complex, and extend water and wastewater utilities to Nocatee as part of the U.S. 17 highway expansion, among others.



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The hospital, which has been operating at a loss since 2007, is projecting fiscal year 2013 losses of approximately \$2.5 million. To cover that amount, it is

seeking roughly \$2.8 million in revenue through increases in the county and city's millage rate, which would result in a tax hike for DeSoto property owners.

DMH CEO Vincent Sica says that although he is not a fan of raising taxes, the losses incurred by the hospital can no longer be ignored. "When someone walks into our emergency room, insurance or not, we have a legal obligation to provide them with care if it is a medical emergency," he said. "The amount of indigent care we provide, combined with cuts in Medicare reimbursements and other costs, has taken a hard toll on the hospital."

In the past 12 months, DMH has spent roughly \$2.5 million to provide charity care to DeSoto County residents, with nearly half that amount coming from non-emergency services. When other bad debt is included, such as unpaid accounts, the hospital absorbs nearly \$3.7 million yearly in unrecoverable costs.

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18th annual Peace River Cleanup brings home the trash



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The Nav-A-Gator staff gets ready for the 18th annual Peace River Cleanup June 1-2 which began at the Nav-A-Gator Grill & Marina. The Navigator Boat Club organized the Saturday cleanup and the Charlotte Harbor Parrothead Club organized Sunday. In all, 1,620 pounds of trash and debris were removed from the river. • Turn to page 15 for more photos.

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School board to consider recognition funds

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

DeSoto County School Superintendent Karyn Gary confirmed that the School Board will consider at its June 11 meeting the distribution of state recognition money.

Under Florida statute, the Florida School Recognition Program was created to reward schools which maintain a grade of "A," or improve by one letter grade, or improve by more

than one letter grade and maintaining improvement the next year.

Funds are given by the state and can be distributed as a one-time bonus to faculty and staff, or used for nonrecurring expenses for educational equipment or materials, or for temporary personnel to help maintain and improve student performance. In 2012, DeSoto County High School's performance in earning a B grade earned \$102,865 in recognition funds. The funds were distributed by the state in February. To date, the

money the DeSoto district received has not yet been distributed.

According to the statute, if the money has not been distributed by Feb. 1, the awards are to be distributed equally among all classroom teachers currently teaching in the school.

Some of the high school personnel, including former principal Shannon Fusco, are reportedly under investigation, according to Gary. Whether the outcome of the investigation might have a bearing on the school's grade or its eligibility for recognition funds

is not known. The statute does not address what would happen if a school which receives and distributes recognition fund is later found to have been ineligible for the award.

A total of 1,696 Florida schools were recognized in 2012, with a total of \$134,582,877 authorized in financial awards.

The School Board meeting begins at 5:30 on Tuesday at the board chambers, 530 La Solona Avenue in the School District offices. It is open to the public.

Arcadia City Council defers on hospital tax

By **STEVE BAUER**
ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Arcadia City Council elected Tuesday to withhold making a decision on a proposed Municipal Service Taxing Unit rate hike for financial assistance for DeSoto Memorial Hospital.

DMH CEO Vincent Sica said he was seeking a two mill increase rate, which he suggested could be split between the county and the city. One mill equals \$1 of tax on every \$1,000 of taxable value. The city's current millage rate is .0085, leaving it with roughly .0015 left before it hits the state-mandated limit .010 rate. Based on current tax assessments, a 1 mill increase would generate approximately \$1.4 million in revenue.

Sica said the decision to ask for the assistance was based on the fact that the hospital is currently operating at an approximate 4 percent loss per year, and that 68 percent of its \$3.7 million in unpaid services were from mandated

indigent care.

"We cannot rely on the state or federal government for help, and our employees have already made significant sacrifices to help reduce the hospital's costs," he said. "We need to do this together as a community, and I am asking the council's help on this. Trust me, this is the last place I would want to be, asking the city for money."

Councilman Bob Heine told Sica he could not support a rate increase, because an MSTU rate hike would punish property owners. "I don't see why we can't look at a one-half cent sales tax increase," he said. "To me that would be the way to go, because it would be fairest so everyone would be paying into it, not just select individuals."

Sica responded that the hospital had considered a sales tax increase, but it would not generate the income necessary. "Our calculations are that a one-half cent increase would generate around \$1.3 million, which is woefully short of where

DMH needs to be."

Mayor Keith Keene said he agreed with Heine's opinion, stating that although he understands the need for a viable community hospital, the city has other tax considerations it will be reviewing in upcoming budget workshops.

"I know from looking at some things we have coming before us, there are other potential taxes we are going to have to consider as well," Keene said. "It seems like we are constantly going to the taxpayers for more and more, and I'm not sure I can support this."

Councilman Joe Fink disagreed, stating that the hospital should be a top priority for the community. "In this instance I disagree with you and the deputy mayor (Heine)," he said. "This is way too important, and I can't see another option."

Councilwoman Alice Frierson asked Sica why he chose to pursue the MSTU route; Sica said that would expedite the process and avoid a public referendum on the issue.

Frierson suggested alternative plans should be considered. "Maybe if we did a combo between an MSTU and a sales tax, it would be more palatable for everyone."

Councilman Robert Allen suggested that the hospital work with community members to find an agreeable solution to the issue. "I certainly support the hospital and understand your needs, but we should get the community together to find a way without raising taxes," he said. "But I do agree that something has to be done to help the hospital."

City Attorney T.J. Wohl said Sica was asking the city's consent for what would be a county ordinance. He suggested council wait on making a decision until after Sica had presented the hospital's request to the county. Several council members agreed, and the matter was tabled pending the outcome of the hospital's presentation to the county.

In other business, the council voted

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The hospital does employ a diversion program in conjunction with the DeSoto County Health Department, and Sica says they are working with the department to drive more patients away from the emergency room if their medical issue isn't critical. "We are looking to find ways to enhance that partnership with the health department; we work closely with them and although they are a great help, we are still absorbing enormous costs."

Who's No. 1?

While city and county officials agree that keeping DMH viable is crucial for the community, the question is just how high in priority the hospital should be? While Sica says the hospital cannot maintain the status quo much longer, others disagree with that sentiment, including Hospital Board Member Daniel Presilla. "The hospital has been operating at a loss for some time now, and in my opinion it could continue to operate that way for a long time," he said. "The hospital should definitely be a high priority, but I don't have enough information to say whether it's more important than new public safety equipment or a new jail facility. That's a difficult question to answer. I would like to think that it's in the top three, but that's not for me to say."

For the past four months, the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners have been in discussions with staff regarding the building of a new fire station and a new sheriff's office complex. An MSBU rate increase to fund the Public Safety Department, for example, is currently working its way through the BOCC, with a public

hearing on the matter planned for early September. And a much-needed new sheriff's complex is estimated to cost anywhere from \$30-\$50 million. Although the hospital's plans to approach the commission regarding a millage hike isn't new to many county officials, there's no guarantee that its request will become the county's top priority.

County Commissioner Elton Langford said he's been aware the hospital had been floating the idea of a tax increase around for some time, but he believes it's a matter that should be decided by the public. "My position is that if the hospital wants to do this, then it needs to go to a public referendum," he said.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, several members discussed the possibility of a sales tax, which would place the responsibility for paying for the tax on all DeSoto residents, instead of solely property owners. A sales tax would also require a referendum, however, which would not guarantee any potential revenue to the hospital if it is defeated by popular vote.

Sica says he is opposed to a public referendum because of the time it would take for a vote, and he believes it's the county's duty to address the matter directly. "This is why we elected them, to make the tough decisions and decide where the taxpayers' money is best spent," he said. "I believe the well-being of the residents of this county is an absolute priority, and I hope that the commission members recognize that fact."

DMH Board Chairman Janie Watson agrees with Sica, noting that the county should address the needs of each entity separately, and then decide on which is a higher priority. "The hospital has never asked for anything like this before, and we've just about exhausted every other avenue," she said. "We

need to look out for those in need of medical care in this community, and there's no question that it should be our top priority. I don't know if a new fire station should trump the health care needs of people in the county."

From public to private

One option Sica and the hospital board have had to consider recently is whether it would be in the public's best interest if DMH were to become a private entity. In mid-2012, the Florida legislature passed House Bill 711 mandating all public hospitals to "determine whether it is more beneficial to taxpayers and the affected community for the hospital to be operated by a government entity, or whether it can be operated by a not-for-profit or for-profit entity with similar or better cost-efficiencies or measurable outcomes."

DMH hired the consulting firm Carr, Riggs and Ingram to investigate the issue, and at a May 30 meeting of the hospital board, it recommended that it is not in the hospital's best interest to be sold. Among the reasons for their recommendation was that DMH is providing good quality care, similar to privately owned hospitals of comparable size. In addition, the sale of the hospital to a private entity would likely result in a \$1 million profit, half of which would go toward indigent care. It was the firm's opinion that the hospital is unlikely to attract a qualified buyer.

Board members voted unanimously to keep the hospital public; however the hospital is free at any time to consider a private sale if need be. Sica says that certainly is an option if the hospital cannot receive public funding, but he says the end result could be the complete removal of some services the hospital currently offers, such as infant delivery.

"My main concern with selling the

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The DeSoto County Board of Commissioners will discuss DeSoto Memorial Hospital at its next regularly scheduled meeting, at 9 a.m. on June 11. Commissioners will also hold a Special Public Hearing on DMH at 6:30 p.m. on June 17. Both meetings are open to the public and will be held at the County Administration Building, 201 E. Oak St., Room 103. For more information, call 863-993-4800.

hospital would be that if we proceeded in that direction, decisions about the facility and its services would no longer be made by local officials," he said. "You would have people in other cities in their ivory towers, making decisions for DMH from afar. Anything that carries a high liability could be cut, but it would not be our call to make anymore."

Long-term vision

When asked whether the money the hospital is requesting from taxpayers is a short-term fix and not an indefinite tax, Sica says it depends on what state legislators do in the future to help cover increasing costs that hospitals like DMH can't cover. "I would hope this is short-term, but I can't say that for sure," he said. "I would hope that someone in Tallahassee would have some sense and help fix things for hospitals like ours, but there's no guarantee that will happen."

Langford says that if the hospital can't find a viable solution to the problem in the near future, then it might be time for a different viewpoint on the matter.

"I think at some point you would ask the question of whether the hospital administration is doing all it can," he said. "If you're losing money, then you need to stop digging in that same hole."

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Leadership summer camp offered for grades 7, 8

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Links2Success of DeSoto County is offering a Leadership & Career Exploration Conference for middle school students this summer. The conference is for students currently in 7th and 8th grade at DeSoto Middle School. The conference will run from July 8 through July 13.

The Summer Leadership & Career Conference is designed to provide exposure to career, confidence, leadership, and interest-building activities to middle school students in DeSoto County. The primary aim of the camp is to introduce students to careers and education that can be obtained upon graduation from DeSoto County

High School.

The conference will help students develop a love for learning and set a goal to graduate and pursue post-secondary education opportunities. "It's the perfect opportunity for this age group to have a career seed planted, obtain leadership skills, build lasting friendships, and have fun," says Ashley Coone, President of Links2Success.

Each day, participants will meet at DeSoto County High School. Students will then be transported via bus to local organizations, governmental agencies and businesses. Student will get to

experience careers in banking, STEM, judicial, government, law enforcement, nonprofit, agriculture, and so much more. The conference includes a canoe leadership experience, as well.

Throughout the week, students will work with the DeSoto Arts & Humanities Council to create art-work to commemorate their current career goals and dreams. The conference will end on July 13 with an art gallery exhibition and award ceremony at the Martin Art Gallery at Florida Outdoor Properties.

Students are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.5, no behavior referrals, exhibit leadership qualities and complete an application and essay. The conference is provided at no cost and is limited to 30 students. It is being

sponsored by the School District of DeSoto County, Mosaic in DeSoto, Dark Sunset Photography & Design, Florida Power and Light, The DeSoto County Education Foundation, Benny Albritton Grove Services, Drug Free DeSoto, First State Bank of Arcadia, GEO Care, DeSoto County Health Department, Martin Art Gallery at Florida Outdoor Properties, Canoe Outpost, Rotary Club of Arcadia, State Farm Insurance Agent Don Knoche, DeSoto Arts & Humanities Council, MidFlorida, Sorrells Citrus & Grove Care, Craven Enterprises and Eugene E. Waldron Jr., P.A.

For more information, applications or sponsorship opportunities, call Ashley Coone at 863-990-0527 or email links2success@yahoo.com. The application deadline is June 14.

Be prepared for mosquito season

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The Florida Department of Health in DeSoto County reminds residents and visitors to take simple measures to protect against contracting mosquito-borne illnesses.

Throughout the year, the DeSoto County Health Department monitors for the presence of illnesses carried by mosquitoes including West Nile virus infections, eastern equine encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, malaria and dengue. Mosquito population grows in the summer when many residents and visitors are outdoors enjoying DeSoto's natural landscape.

Over the years, St. Louis Encephalitis virus had been the most common cause of arboviral disease in Florida until the arrival of WNV in 2001. West Nile virus infection is now the most common human arboviral disease acquired in the state. Such outbreaks do not occur every year. Usually, no more than five people a year are found with eastern equine encephalitis virus disease in Florida.

To protect your horses from mosquitoes, you should consult with your veterinarian on getting your horses vaccinated for eastern equine encephalitis and West Nile virus.

Tips to control mosquitoes

- Avoiding mosquito bites is the best way to prevent disease. You can protect yourself against mosquito-borne diseases by remembering to Drain and Cover.
- Drain standing water to stop mosquitoes from living and multiplying around home or business.

- Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where sprinkler or rain water has collected.

- Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

- Empty and clean birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least once or twice a week.

- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.

- Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

- Cover doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out of your house.

- Repair broken screening on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

- Cover the skin to protect from mosquito bites and from the diseases mosquitoes carry.

- Wear shoes, socks, and long pants and long sleeves. This type of protection may be necessary for people who must work in areas where mosquitoes are present.

- Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing.

- Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET (up to 30 percent), picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective. Apply insect repellent to exposed skin, or onto clothing, but not under clothing.

- Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months old. According to the CDC, mosquito repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under the age of 3 years. DEET is not

recommended on children younger than 2 months old.

If additional protection is necessary, apply a permethrin repellent directly to your clothing.

"We want our residents to have the opportunity and be aware of how to protect themselves against any mosquito born diseases while they able to enjoy the various outdoor activities our county has to offer" said Mary Kay Burns, administrator of the DeSoto County Health Department.



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Now is the time to prepare for what will probably be a busy mosquito season. Prevent the annoyance of mosquito bites and avoid mosquito-borne diseases with these basic tips.

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GRITS & PIECES

A heart full of sweet sounds of yesterday

Have you ever taken a minute to be thankful for those two fleshy things hanging on the side of your head that we call ears? And don't mean simply being glad they give you somewhere to hang your glasses or shades, either! What a sad, quiet world it would be without them. Plus, just think of all the memories you never would've made.

Some of my fondest memories involve sounds — sounds from my past that I can still hear, echoing all the way from my heart from yesterday, and I'm betting that we all share many of the same ones. Take a minute and reflect back.

The beginning of summer makes me think of an old rope tied to a tree limb, creaking as we'd swing out and splash into tea-colored water at the swimming hole. Another summer sound was the screen door slamming as we ran outside to play, shirtless and barefoot, laughing and yelling. And who could forget that tiresome grinding of the ice cream churn, taking turns on the hand crank for what seemed like forever?

I miss the sound of a playing card, clothes-pinned to my bike frame and chattering in the spokes as I rode to the old three-story brick Nocatee schoolhouse, where we'd recite The Lord's Prayer in school and learn "The Three Rs" to the tune of a squeaky chalkboard. Anytime I pass a school playground today and hear the carefree laughter of the children, it takes me right back there.

There's no shortage of sounds from home in my mind and heart. So clearly I can still hear the turning of glass doorknobs, the creaking of rockers and the old swing out on the front porch. Then there was the scraping rattle of the old windows being raised, and the window weights bumping inside the walls. Winter time brought the whooshing noise of an old gas heater coming to life, followed by the patter of bare feet across wooden floors, hurrying there for warmth. Sounds from the kitchen are some of my very favorites, such as the chatter of the regulator atop the pressure cooker during canning season, or the coffee percolating on the stove each morning. And how I miss the sound of our granny, humming or whistling while frying up a sizzling cast iron skillet of chicken or rabbit.

I enjoy hearing birds these days, but miss many of their songs from my childhood. Among those were quail calling "bob white" from across the pasture, killdeer making their piercing cries as they took flight, and the proud, warbling song of the field lark (meadowlark to some) as they strutted in the fields with their bright yellow chests puffed out. Mourning doves seemed sad with their plaintive cries, though they were actually doing mating calls, and who could forget the whooshing sounds of bullbats (nighthawks) as they swooped by, darting after insects at dusk? Loved to hear their

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City not enforcing events permit policy

Editor:

On Saturday the Antique Association of Arcadia held another successful antique fair, bringing hundreds of people to town to shop, eat, fill gas tanks and some to spend the night. All the money generated from the fair is put back into advertising.

The countless hours of work managing this event brings its members no compensation other than the business it brings the downtown. All the shops benefit, not just association members.

Unfortunately that's not enough for some. They feel that they own the city sidewalk in front of their stores and have the right to take advantage of the crowds we generate so they rent spaces to people without going through the association.

The Antique Association of Arcadia is required to carry a large liability policy and we pay the recently implemented event fee for use of the city streets and park. The shops that are bypassing the Antique Association are not only taking revenue from our advertising fund, but are also operating outside our liability coverage.

We have brought this up at two council meetings to no avail. The council offered to sell the outsider shops temporary vendor permits to make them legal. Apparently the city council will let anyone who so desires circumvent our rules, fees and system as long as they pay the city \$35 for an outside vendor permit. At least that was what was decided at

the March 19 council meeting.

Since that time the offending shop has set up outside vendors at each fair without benefit of any permit whatsoever. This last Saturday they expanded and are now renting space both in front of and down the side of their shop.

Our calls to code enforcement have been futile. A police officer did appear last Saturday to make our food vendors, Assembly of Praise Church, vacate the spot they have occupied for approximately a year. When asked to do something about the illegally set up vendors directly across the street, he said that was code enforcement's job; he was there under orders from the new marshal, the administrator and the city council.

It is obvious that the city council or some members of it are not at all supportive of what we do and the reasons are unclear to us. Until we discern what the cause is and the solution, all events and hurdles are being well documented for future reference.

The council accused the Fourth Saturday of being non-ADA compliant based on an alleged complaint received at some point by the administrator. We produced photos proving that it was the First Saturday flea market that was noncompliant. The council refused to look at them.

This fair is very important to downtown Arcadia. I doubt the antiques shops would survive without it. A previous council approved it and, when revisited with this council in 2011, it was approved again.

We are beginning to feel that the scales of justice are not balanced as

fairly as they should be. We respect the right of any store owner who doesn't want a vendor in front of them. Now we need a city council that respects our rights and a code enforcer/marshal who protects them.

Flo Rife

President, Antique Association of Arcadia

Golf course is a great resource

Editor:

As reported in the exceptional Arcadian, I applaud your town's outstanding interest in making your attractive public golf course even more appealing and profitable. A raise in greens fees is long overdue because your (and our Myakka City) home course is the bargain of the 21st century. Post-recession, people indeed have more money for healthy activities. Adding more to the store is a growing priority.

We Myakka City Players always find the golf shop staff to be cheerful and cooperative. And that is every time from dawn to dusk.

Thanks to the accommodating Superintendent, there have been more special events and the course remains open despite cold winters and stormy summers. Adding more to the store is a growing priority.

Knowing of your community's admirable intent to maximize the impact of this excellent recreational facility, I would be happy to approach local organizations about arranging enjoyable outings at Arcadia Golf.

Onward!

Mack Goode

Myakka City Golf Committee

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Jenna and Chris Sullivan are the new owners of Terra-Fried Chicken. The restaurant is located in the Oak Plaza, and is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Terra-Fried Chicken under new ownership

By **KELLEY BAKER**
ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

Last month Jenna Sullivan, along with her husband Chris, made her dream of being a restaurant owner come true by purchasing Terra-Fried Chicken. The restaurant, which is located in the Oak Plaza, specializes in fried chicken, fresh vegetables and fruits and homemade desserts.

Jenna has worked in the restaurant business for many years in Arcadia, and believes in serving the best quality product while still supporting the local community. For example, all produce and hamburger meat served at the restaurant is purchased locally from K and J Produce. In addition, the restaurant's chicken is purchased whole and

cut up on-site.

Jenna is also health conscious and understands people want to know what is in their food. Because of this, the restaurant only uses fresh ingredients, avoiding heavily preserved frozen items.

The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, has a variety of daily specials and also features fresh, made-from-scratch desserts for customers to choose from.

Terra-Fried Chicken is open Monday-Saturday from 6 a.m.-8 p.m., and on Sundays from 6 a.m.-4 p.m. The restaurant offers dine-in or carry-out options, and also is available for catering functions large or small. For more information or to place an order, call 863-993-0055.

THIS WEEK IN DESOTO COUNTY

1973:

• Three youths and their driver are the proud winners of the Memorial Day 100 championship race for six-cylinder cars at Winter Haven Motor Speedway. They are Darrell Suggs, 15; Alex Baber, 15; Joey Suggs, 16, and driver Junior Walker of Lakeland. The three lads, all from Nocatee, modified the '56 Ford, and prepared it for the race. Walker led 26 other cars from start to finish and on Saturday, "Bomber 98" lapped every car in the field except two.

• Behind a strong forehand and brilliant net work, Janie Sorrells defeated Kathy Wells in straight sets for the Rotary Club's annual tennis tournament crown. We've heard both young ladies played outstanding games, as the 7-5 score more than indicates.

• Mr. and Mrs. Don Lefebvre, daughters Pam, Karen, and Patti spent the past weekend in Key West. The girls were very interested to see where their father was stationed at one time.

• Friends of young Steve Boggess of Fort Ogden were sorry to hear of his accident recently when he was hit in the face with a baseball and had to have surgery in Sarasota Memorial Hospital to repair the damage to his nose.

• Class Wills of 1973 — I, Cheryl Collins, will my long hair to Kathy Keene and Sybil Stroble; I, Capri Huff, will each and every Junior a freckle smack dab on the end of their noses; I, Luke Wilson, will my drawing ability to Robert Cross and my



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jokes to Jerry Gaskins; I, Bobby Carlton, will my intelligence to Ginny McCormick in hopes she may find out from Mr. York who's buried in Grant's Tomb; I will my goatee to Max Hackney, Tim Heine, and Marty Wickey in hopes that may have a better source of protein than I.

1983:

• Major General James Dozier, who endured 42 days of captivity by Red Brigade terrorist before he was freed by Italian police January 28, 1982, will spend a day at his alma mater Friday. Jimmy Dozier, DeSoto High School Class of '49, will speak to the Class of '83's commencement exercises for DeSoto's 162 seniors. His address will follow the invocation and welcome from Lenora Parker, who is both President and valedictorian of the Class of '83. Julie Boggess, vice-president of the senior class, will conduct the class ring ceremony and Roy Gibson will deliver the benediction.

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Arcadia's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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TODAY

- Staff from Sen. Bill Galvano's Legislative office will be at the DeSoto County Administration Building today from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to hold constituent hours. Staff will be available to assist constituents with state agencies issues.
- Thursday, June 6, the DMH Auxiliary is hosting "Books Are Fun" in the McSwain Room at the Hospital. It's never too early to shop for a gift or two. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cash, checks or credit cards accepted.
- The DeSoto County Special Olympics committee meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday every month at Beef O'Brady's. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in coaching or working with adults or youth in sports. For more information, call Joyce at 873-8219 or 494-3440.
- Chamber of Commerce Early Bird Breakfast is at 8 a.m. the first Thursday monthly. Each month's location will be announced.
- The 4-H Stitch in Time sewing club meets every first Thursday at 5 p.m.
- Drop-in Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m.-5:15 p.m., registration and yoga tea; 5:15-6:15 p.m., yoga class. Come enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
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FRIDAY

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- DeSoto County High School graduation is at 7 p.m. June 7 at the Turner Center.
- Friday Night Live — the City Takers for Christ presents "Friday Night Live" with Rev. Troy Rowe, every Friday. Come and experience what God is doing in this season through His word and praise and worship. 37 W. Magnolia St. (across from SunTrust drive-through). For information call 244-4341.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.

SATURDAY

- DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. The first Saturday of every month is Book Buddies, when children read to dogs. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.

SUNDAY

- Telephone Reassurance and Friendly Visitors available to those over 55 and homebound. Phone Senior Friendship Centers at 863-494-5965 to sign up for these free services, staffed by trained volunteers who have had background screenings. Phone also if interested in becoming a volunteer for either program.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.

MONDAY

- Modern Woodmen of America Chapter 16497 will meet at 5 p.m. June 10 at Bullz Eye. Call Jane at 595-1679 if you plan to attend.
- DeSoto County Veterans Honor Guard practices at 6 p.m. second Mondays monthly at the American Legion Post, 2124 N.W. American Legion Drive. For more information, call Roger Bumgarner at 993-0129.
- The GFWC Arcadia Woman's Club meets on the second Monday of every month Sept. through May at the clubhouse in DeSoto Park, 2288 N.W. American Legion Way, with a pot luck lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a meeting. Members are encouraged to bring guests. For more information call 494-2966.
- The Amvets Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday each month..
- The AA Second Tradition Business Meeting is held every second Monday at 7:15 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.
- Arcadia/DeSoto County Beautification Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. today at the DeSoto County extension office, 2150 N.E. Roan St., Arcadia.
- The American Merchant Marines Veterans, Robert J. MacAlvanah Chapter (Suncoast Chapter), meets at noon every second Monday at The Family Table Restaurant, 14132 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port. All Merchant Marines and their spouses are welcome. For information, call 941-625-3234.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- Artist Group of DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council meets every Monday 9 a.m. to noon at Arcadia Village Cantina Clubhouse, 2692 SR 70 East. Free and open to the public. For information, call Linda at 494-7734.
- Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.
- Activities and lunch available weekdays at Senior Friendship Centers, in the Way Bldg., 23 N. Polk Ave., 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those 60+. Call 494-5965 for information on joining. Limited transportation may be available.
- A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St.

Edmund's Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. on Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.

- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Al-anon, offering help for families of alcoholics, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit www.district13soflal-anon.org.
- The DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1425 Martin Luther King St. The center provides referrals for mainstream resources, elderly food stamps (by appointment) and computer service. Salvation Army has office space on Wed. by appointment. For more information, call 491-5683.
- A faith-based addiction recovery ministry meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the Nocatee Baptist Church (red brick church) on U.S. Highway 17 in Nocatee.
- Prescription Assistance holds walk-in office hours at the DeSoto Center for Health and Disease Management from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday at 519 W. Hickory St., Arcadia. For more information, call 491-7580.

TUESDAY

- DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 9 a.m. at the County Administration building, Room 103, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- DeSoto County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board meeting room of the DeSoto County School District, 530 La Solona Ave., Arcadia.
- Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- The Graduation Express Bus offers tutoring for all DeSoto County students with on-board, Internet-connected computers from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Nocatee Dollar General Store at Highway 17 and Country Road 760A.
- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday (except the third Tuesday) of the month, on the 147.075, W4MIN repeater with a pl of 100. All amateurs are invited to participate.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- DeSoto County Library holds story time at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Peace River Woodcarvers meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Speer Center, U.S. Highway 17 North, Arcadia. For information, contact Bill Morse at 207-418-4687 or mamorse1953@gmail.com.
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- Suncoast Community Blood Bank is open from noon to 6 p.m. today at 710 N. Brevard Ave. (U.S. 17 North), Arcadia. For more information, call 993-9366.

WEDNESDAY

- Free Food Distribution the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Arcadia Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2865 S.E. Ami Drive (off State Road 31 near Walmart), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. By the All Faiths Food bank. Call 494-3262 for more information.
- Been There Rancher's and Farmers' Club meets every second and fourth Wed. through April at 1 p.m., first clubhouse inside South Entrance Arcadia Village Country Club. North of Walmart, State Road 70. Call Max R. Fitzpatrick at 863-494-6257. Free. Tours, speakers, conversation, friends, fun — all welcome.
- The DeSoto County Ministerial Association will meet at 8:30 a.m. for prayer and 9 a.m. for a meeting at the Housing Authority on Booker T. Washington St. Pastors or representatives of all denominations and churches are invited to attend as we address community challenges and coordinate worship services to serve county residents.
- Narcotics Anonymous meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Arcadia Oaks Multipurpose Room at 1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia. Open to the public.
- The Graduation Express Bus is at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- The Arcadia Eagles, 150 S. Polk Ave., now offers Bingo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings.
- The Graduation Express Bus offers tutoring for all DeSoto County students with on-board, Internet-connected computers from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church on Highway 17 East in Arcadia from 5 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

- KidzKamp takes place from June 26-July 26, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration for children will take place June 10-12. For details call 494-0320 or stop in at Pleasant Hill UMC, 319 S. Lee Ave.
- A Ranch Rodeo is scheduled for July 4 at the Turner Center to benefit Tidewell Hospice.
- DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council will hold the second Rio de la Paz Festival and Art Show Feb. 7-8, 2014.

SERVICE CLUBS

- Rotary Club of Arcadia meets at noon every Tuesday in the McSwain Room at DeSoto Memorial Hospital. For information call Bebe Bradbury at 813-765-5909.
- Kiwanis meets at 6 p.m. Thursday at Beef O'Brady's.
- DeSoto Toastmasters meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at noon to 1 p.m. at First State Bank of Arcadia, 400 N. Brevard Ave. For information, call Victoria Provau, 494-2220 or email vprovau@fsbarcacia.com.

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- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak Street.
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THURSDAY

- TEAM Arcadia meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Avenue. The purpose of TEAM Arcadia is to unite community organizations and coordinate community improvement efforts.
- Free blood pressure and glucose screenings are available from 10:30-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays monthly at Senior Friendship Center, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia.
- DeSoto County Historical Society meets at noon every second Thursday monthly at the Family Service Center annex, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia. Lunch is available for \$5 at 11:30 a.m.
- Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity meets at 6 p.m. second Thursdays monthly at the Habitat ReStore, 111 N. Polk Ave. Call 494-4118 or desotohabitat@embarqmail.com for more information.
- American Red Cross Youth Corps of DeSoto County meets second Thursdays monthly from 3:30-5 p.m. at DeSoto County High School. For more information, call at 494-2348.
- Gastric bypass support group meets at 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays monthly at Mardis Citrus on U.S. 17 S. For more information, call 990-0082 or 494-5700.
- Drop-in Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m.-5:15 p.m., registration and yoga tea; 5:15-6:15 p.m., yoga class. Come enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
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FGCU LISTS ARCADIA GRADS

Congratulations to the following area students who recently graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University:

- Michelle Lawrence of Arcadia received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Education.
- Joshua Vitali of Arcadia received a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Patricia Amesquita of Nocatee received a Bachelor of Social Work degree from the College of Health Professions.
- Brittany Hogue of Ona received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Arts and Sciences.



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Although I don't have many emergency situations in my life anymore when a hastily prepared meal is essential, sometimes it is relaxing just to be a bit lazy. And this Quick n' Easy Casserole fills that category.

Use one cup cubed, cooked chicken (and have you discovered those pre-cooked chicken breasts in your supermarket's freezer section? ... a perfect solution).

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From a Senior Viewpoint

Lois Hendricks

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Congratulations



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Yoshy Anya Martinez

We're so proud of you but we still can't believe you're going to start kindergarten! Congrats!

Love, your family

THIS WEEK

FROM PAGE 5

Christian Center's sixth graduating class heard from their pastor in commencement exercises at their school. Reverend Dwight Powell spoke in ceremonies that also included graduation for a dozen kindergarten students. Valedictorian of the Class of '83 was William Conerly. Kimberly Mollemar was salutatorian.

• Back in town recently for a short engagement at the Corral was the J.R. Ritch Band. Originally comprised of four DeSoto County residents, the musical unit has undergone two personnel changes, revitalizing its bid for national recognition. The band has been playing together for several years. In October of '82 they rededicated themselves to their music, deciding to pursue it as a full-time career. Up until then they had maintained part-time jobs to support themselves and their families. This hampered their practicing time considerably. Now they are ready, willing and able to become superstars. The band is currently

comprised of Dwayne Hammock, who plays rhythm guitar and is a lead vocalist with the group; Murray Brannon, also a lead vocalist, plays bass guitar; Steve Coker plays keyboards; Brian Meek is the drummer; and Allen Purthlebaugh plays lead guitar and sings back-up. Their energy and musical rapport shows up most on stage. They look comfortable with each other and look like they are having fun. It is hoped that that feeling can be captured on vinyl.

• Frankie Cline stroked a homer and a double, driving in three runs, as Arcadia Jewelry doubled the score on Attardi's. Wayne Berryhill starred for Attardi's with a home run, double and single in four trips to the plate. Robin Guidry contributed two RBIs. Hooker Browning had a perfect evening (2 for 2) for Sunkist.

• Pvt. Ronald Brantley, son of Donald L. and Ollie Ann Brantley of Arcadia, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions. He is a 1982 graduate of DeSoto High School.

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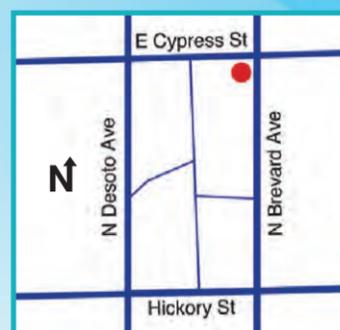


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Man found dead at Charlotte County Jail

By **MERAB-MICHAL FAVORITE**
STAFF WRITER

PUNTA GORDA — Authorities are investigating the May 29 afternoon death of an inmate at the Charlotte County Jail, according to the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office.



AKERS

Victor Hope Akers, 56, of the 23100 block of Ajax Avenue, Port Charlotte, was found dead of self-inflicted injuries in a housing pod at the jail around 3:30 p.m., according to a sheriff's report. Akers was the owner of Little Willie's RV Resort in Arcadia.

Debbie Bowe, CCSO spokeswoman, said jail medical personnel hurried to the pod when they heard a jail inmate had suffered self-inflicted injuries, but found Akers already was deceased.

Dee Hawkins-Garland, Charlotte County Fire/EMS spokeswoman, said rescue units were dispatched to the jail momentarily before being sent away.

"The determination was made pretty quick and we were released from the scene," Hawkins-Garland said. "It was evident that he suffered trauma consistent with death."

The pod was locked down around 4 p.m. while the sheriff's Major Crimes Unit investigated. The investigation is ongoing, according to Bowe.

Akers was arrested last week on charges of misdemeanor battery and two counts of violation of probation (on the original charges of DUI and resisting arrest) after he allegedly pushed down his adult daughter and kicked her in the neck and head. The daughter told

authorities she had become concerned because Akers had skipped an appointment at a detox facility in Sarasota.

While she was scolding him, an apparently intoxicated Akers got up to walk away, but his daughter stood in front of him, according to a Sheriff's Office report. Akers then shoved her to the ground, the report states.

The victim said she initially thought he was playing with her and reminded him that her husband was a Marine and would come up to Port Charlotte if Akers hurt her. At that time, Akers allegedly became agitated and kicked her in the neck and the back of the head, then fled into the woods.

CCSO deputies found Akers in the woods behind the residence. He had dirt on his face and his clothing and shorts were wet, the report said.

Akers was taken to Charlotte County Jail, where he was being held without bond.

Akers' next of kin were notified of his death, Bowe said, and no further information was available.

Attempts to reach the family were unsuccessful Thursday.

Email: mfavorite@sun-herald.com

Arcadia man snagged in Charlotte drug bust

Five people were arrested on May 29 in Port Charlotte, including a DeSoto County man, in two separate incidents on multiple drug charges following a search warrant at a house near the Parkside Community area.



BUTTS

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office reported deputies stopped a couple walking down a street, and on searching their bags, found one was carrying drugs. As she was being arrested, they heard a gunshot from a nearby house. On checking the area, they found a man standing in the dark behind his house, holding a bag which DCSO said included drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Deputies followed the man to the house to retrieve his ID, and asked the people inside — including James Elmer Butts, 30, of the 3000 block of S.W. McSwain Ave., Arcadia — to step outside. Deputies saw what appeared to be drugs and a syringe inside, and on executing a search warrant confirmed the presence of drugs and drug-related equipment, as well as some ammunition.

All the people who had been in the house were charged with drug-related offenses. Butts was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug equipment, and was held on \$7,500 bond.

Zolfo Springs man killed in Hardee wreck

Junior Lee Woods, 57, of Zolfo Springs was killed Thursday morning in a two-car wreck on State Route 64 in Hardee County. According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Woods, heading westbound, failed to see a vehicle in front of him which had stopped to wait for traffic in order to turn left into a driveway. The front of Woods' vehicle struck the stopped vehicle. Woods was air-lifted to Lakeland Regional Hospital and died around 3:55 p.m. FHP said an investigation continues.

FCCC resident charged with holding pot

An employee at the Florida Civil Commitment Center on State Road 70-East in DeSoto County saw a resident place a laundry bag in the laundry room of his residential wing and leave it there.

The employee then examined the bag and found inside a zip-lock baggie with folded pieces of paper, in which was a green, leafy substance. Suspecting it was marijuana, she reported it to an inspector.

DeSoto County Sheriff's deputies collected and tested the material and confirmed it was around 43 grams of marijuana. They reviewed video of the laundry room and identified Colson Douglas Ford, 43, as the man who had left the laundry bag.

Ford admitted putting the laundry bag in the room, and said he had been holding the marijuana under his bunk. Concerned that staff was going to conduct a search, he moved it to



FORD

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:

- Shannon Marie Albanese, 37, 2300 block of S.W. Lois Ave., Arcadia. Charges: petty theft between \$100-\$300 and violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Joshua Shane Crider, 32, 2700 block of Bay Ave., Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure and grand theft between \$5,000-\$10,000. Bond: \$9,500.
- Linda Jean Hall, 50, 1100 block of S.E. Third Ave., Arcadia. Charges: nine counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and one count of possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$9,120.
- Reginald Jerome Henderson, 39, St. Petersburg. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: \$1,975.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY STEVE BAUER

The driver of this Jeep Liberty, Lucinda Whitaker of Punta Gorda, struck another vehicle and then veered into this building located on U.S. 17. Whitaker sustained minor injuries and was transported to DeSoto Memorial Hospital for treatment.

SUV collides with building on U.S. 17

STAFF REPORT

A two-vehicle crash Friday afternoon near the corner of Pino Cresto Road in Arcadia resulted in one vehicle colliding with the Green Thumb Farm Trust building.

According to a report by the Florida Highway Patrol, the driver of the SUV, Lucinda Whitaker of Punta Gorda, struck the left side of a vehicle driven by Amelia Esqueda of Arcadia. Esqueda was attempting to turn left onto U.S. 17 south when she was struck by the right front of Whitaker's Jeep Liberty. Whitaker told authorities that after the collision, her steering column locked up and the vehicle veered off the road into the building.

Whitaker was transported to DeSoto Memorial with minor injuries, and was later charged with one count of reckless driving. Esqueda and a passenger in her vehicle were uninjured, and were treated and released at the scene.



This vehicle, driven by Amelia Esqueda, was struck by another driver as she attempted to turn south onto U.S. 17. Neither Esqueda or her passenger were injured.

the laundry room. He said he would sometimes receive marijuana from other residents as payment for holding their marijuana for them, and agreed to cooperate with law enforcement to help them learn how the drugs were getting into the facility.

Ford is being held on no bond on a charge of possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.

POLICE BEAT

The information for Police Beat is gathered from police, sheriff's office, Florida Highway Patrol, jail and fire records. Not every arrest leads to a conviction and guilt or innocence is determined by the court system.

- Letroi James, 20, 100 block of Goodman Ave., Arcadia. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.
- Shellie Levine, 37, 300 block of N. 10th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: unarmed robbery. Bond: \$20,000.
- Reginald Michelle White II, 26, Tampa. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and salve of marijuana within 1,000 ft. of church, school or business. Bond: \$10,120.

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NEWSPAPERS

OBITUARIES

Lawrence E. Ford Jr.

Lawrence E. Ford Jr., 87, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Tuesday, May 21, 2013, in Sebring. Arrangements are by Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring.

Linda L. Norman

Linda L. Norman, 52, of Fort Ogden, Fla., passed away Sunday, May 26, 2013, at home.

She was the daughter of Harvey and Elizabeth (nee Dow) Norman, born March 28, 1961, in Quincy, Mass.

Linda moved to Fort Ogden at an early age with her parents.

She will be greatly missed by her daughters, Stephanie (Quisto) Quezada and Jill Mitchell; brothers, Richard (Treva) Norman, Donnie (Susan) Norman and Kenny Norman; granddaughters, who were the apples of her eyes, Sanora and Laura; dad, Harvey; many nieces and nephews; and her beloved four-legged companion, "Sweet Pea." Linda was preceded in death by her mom, Elizabeth.

A memorial service to celebrate Linda's life was held Saturday, June 1, 2013, at Fort Ogden United Methodist Church, with Pastor Neil officiating. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.Ltaylorfuneral.com and sign the online guestbook.

Arrangements are by Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services.

Earl Clayton Remen

Earl Clayton Remen, 92, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Sunday, May 26, 2013.



He was born Sept. 18, 1920, in LaCrosse, Wis., the son of Clemons and Delia Remen, and brother to siblings Delores, Ken, Dick and Marilyn.

Earl graduated from Logan High School in LaCrosse in the Class of 1939, and joined the U.S. Navy as a Chief Petty Officer on the USS Melville. The Navy promoted him to battalion commander and sent him to study at Lawrence College in Appleton, Wis., where he was also president of his Phi Delta Theta fraternity. While at Lawrence College he met the love of his life, Bernice VanOfferen, on a blind date. The Navy sent him for further study at Columbia University.

He was in New York City, N.Y., and prior to shipping off to Okinawa, Japan, he and Bernice married and began their 63 years together. After the war, Earl worked as an Industrial Production Manager, designing feed plants for the Pillsbury Company in Clinton, Iowa, and the Landmark/Farm Bureau of Ohio in Columbus, Ohio. Earl and Bernice raised three daughters together. They enjoyed many active hobbies, including horses, gardening, sailing, ballroom dancing and many rounds of golf with friends at Sunnybreeze Palms. Earl left this world a better place because of his love, friendship, kindness and integrity, and like the song he so adored, "He did it his way."

He is survived by his three loving daughters, Carol Remen, Pamela Bestic and Holly (Keith) Housman; sisters, Marilyn Brockman and Delores Dacey; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many friends, including loyal neighbors, Brenda and Larry Newman. Earl was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ken and Dick; and his beloved Bernice Remen, whom he cared for with such devotion.

There will be no local services. The family has requested that donations

in memory of Earl be made to Tidewell Hospice at www.tidewell.org. Please visit www.kays-ponger.com to leave the family condolences and to sign the online guestbook.

Arrangements are by Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Punta Gorda, Fla.

Milton D. Aldridge

Milton D. Aldridge, 76, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Thursday, May 30, 2013. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

Frances Irene Manroe

Frances Irene Manroe, 91, passed away Thursday, May 30, 2013, in Arcadia, Fla. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Arcadia.

Dale Herman Yeaster

Dale Herman Yeaster, 92, passed away peacefully Saturday, May 18, 2013, at Forest View Manor Assisted Living in McCormick, S.C.

He was born in Flint, Mich., Aug. 16, 1920, the son of Herman and Mattie Yeaster.

Dale served his country in World War II, stationed in the Philippines with the United States Army. He worked for Chevrolet Truck Assembly, General Motors Corporation in Flint for 34 years, before retiring to Florida. Dale and his wife Jean resided in Arcadia, Fla., for over 20 years. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Arcadia.

Dale is survived by a son, Larry (Lynn) Yeaster; daughter, Carol (Phil) Bailey, all of McCormick; two grandsons, Eric Yeaster of Holly, Mich., and Michael (Anne) Yeaster of Frisco, Texas; great-grandson, Carter Yeaster of Frisco; stepdaughter, Shirley (Anthony) McQueen of Pasadena, Texas; stepson, Allen (Nila) Pippens of Russellville, Mo.; and several step-grandchildren, who also loved him very much. Along with his parents, Dale was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 30 years, Jean L. Yeaster; and a dear sister, Gladys Underhill.

A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Arcadia, with the Rev. Jim Wade officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be sent to Trinity United Methodist Church, 364 W. Oak St., Arcadia, FL 34266; or to Hospice Care of SC, 946-A Millbrook Ave., Aiken, SC 29803.

Words of Comfort

I am richer
for having known you.
The world called memory
is brighter by your
presence, oh some will say
you are gone but I know -
know that you, my friend,
are as close as ever.
-Thomas Gunn

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National FFA News Release

\$1,000 Built Ford Tough FFA Scholarship Awarded to Local Youth

May 28, 2013

To: Ms. Christy Prior
DeSoto H.S. FFA

Re: 2013 Ford FFA Scholarship

Dear Christy,

Please find enclosed the 2013 \$1,000.00 Built Ford Tough FFA scholarships for the three senior graduates who applied. We at DeSoto DCFJ extend our congratulations and best wishes to McKayla, Wallace, and Grayson as they continue to further their education after graduation from DeSoto High.

The management and staff of DeSoto DCFJ are proud to announce that 2013 marks our 12th year as a Built Ford Tough scholarship supporter, providing over \$26,000.00 in FFA student assistance in our local community since the program began.

Again, good luck to all and thank you for allowing us to participate in this fine program.

Mark Schlundt, GM
DeSoto DCFJ

INDIANAPOLIS – McKayla Jeter, 2013 graduate of DeSoto HS-FFA (her parents are Michael Jeter and Andrea Jeter of Arcadia) Grayson Davis, graduate of DeSoto HS-FFA (his parents are Todd Davis and Ashley Davis of Arcadia) and Wallace Martin, graduate of DeSoto HS-FFA (parents are Gordon Martin and Mary Pete Martin of Arcadia) have been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by DeSoto Auto Mall and Ford Motor Company.

Jeter plans to study Agricultural Communications at Ave Maria University. Davis plans to study Agricultural Communications at Santa Fe Community College (FL) and Martin plans to study Agricultural Economics at Santa Fe Community College (FL).

The scholarships are three of 530 scholarships awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and Ford Dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2013, or current college students. This program is a part of Ford's overall commitment to the National FFA Foundation.

Additionally, five National \$1,000 DFT – FFA Scholarships are being awarded on behalf of Ford Trucks as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Ford has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. To date, the program has awarded \$7,645,000 in scholarships to 7,645 FFA members throughout the country. Ford knows the value of hard work, and believes that hard work should be rewarded. Educating aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 557,318 student members as part of 7,498 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st United States Congress and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online (www.FFA.org), on Facebook (www.facebook.com/nationalFFA), on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/nationalFFA>) and FFA Nation (<http://FFAnation.FFA.org>).

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God is enough

A minister called the advertising editor of his local paper to announce the title of his upcoming sermon.

"My sermon this week will be titled "The Lord Is My Shepherd," he said.

"Is that all?" asked the editor.

"That's enough," the minister replied.

When the newspaper arrived that week the pastor opened it and was surprised to read that the title of his sermon would be "The Lord is my shepherd; that's enough!"

Two women were standing and conversing in a convenience store and gas station where I went to buy gas for my generator during a recent electric power outage.

Wanting to leave them with some kind of faith builder before departing, I said "Have a good day and remember God loves you!"

"Sometimes I wonder," replied one, revealing how she really felt in spite of her former but now fading smile.

"Try reading the 23rd Psalm," I advised, adding that I do so every morning.

Why would I give this kind of advice to a troubled woman upon learning I had encountered her on one of her down days? Because so many in her frame of mind have rediscovered the love of God and the power of faith through this moving text on God's care for us in tough times.

One widely known writer said when David, who had been a shepherd, wrote the 23rd Psalm, he placed the key to its understanding on the front door. He saw the word "my" in the first line as the requirement for receiving the peace, power and protection promised here. His point was that it is one thing to know the 23rd Psalm and another to know the Shepherd.

We live in a troubled world and trouble



Roger Campbell

comes to all. If our concept of God's care is dependent on the circumstances at hand we may find ourselves doubting His love.

Few people find it difficult to believe God loves and cares for them when things are going well, but things do not always go well.

How do you react when trouble comes? Do you become pessimistic? Depressed? Angry at God? In his article "Pulling Through Depression," Craig Massey says sometimes we deepen our depression by isolating ourselves from the Lord, saying, in essence, "I don't believe You are with me. I don't believe You care. I don't believe You hear me."

These human responses to trouble are not just products of these tense times.

They are characteristics of lapses in faith that have surfaced in times of trouble through the centuries. But they crumble in the face of the positive faith demonstrated in the 23rd Psalm.

This Psalm of peace reveals one who expects God to lead him to green pastures and still waters; who expects a feast when surrounded by foes; who sees goodness and mercy following him all through life and when facing death anticipates heaven. The editor's sermon title was no mistake: When the Lord is our Shepherd: that's enough!

Buying medicines online? It may not be the best idea

The subject of today's article is one I have not written about before, but is one I have been hearing more and more about. I think it's important to enough people that I share what I have learned.

The subject is the purchasing of medicines online. As with most items purchased online, there are advantages and disadvantages. Because many of the medications being purchased are for life-sustaining or life-saving reasons, it is especially important to be aware of the negatives and alert to the cautions that should be taken.

The FDA has issued warnings to thousands of operators of website pharmacies who are selling unapproved or misbranded prescriptions. The products may be outdated, contaminated, or just plain fake, yet are being sold as authentic.

The same problems exist in the over-the-counter products these phony pharmacies sell, such as those that guarantee weight loss, improve sexual performance or cure arthritis, to name a few.

While the convenience of shopping from home as well as paying less for them are two good reasons for medicine shopping online, no one should endanger their health by doing so.

Indicators that an online pharmacy is safe are that it requires a valid doctor's prescription, it is licensed and located in the United States, it has a licensed pharmacist available to consumers and it has a



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relationship with an established pharmacy or is an option of your drug or health plan.

Indicators that you should be cautious before purchasing medicines from them are pharmacies that do not require physicians' prescriptions, offer unusually cheap prices, send unsolicited e-mails offering products, are located outside the United States or one that ships worldwide.

Any purchase online has a certain amount of risk because the purchase is being made sight unseen. However, since the result of a bad medication purchase can be dangerous, even possibly fatal, all precautions should be taken.

The Communities Against Senior Exploitation program is a partnership between the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office and the community to protect the financial resources of all our residents from scams and frauds. For more information, to report suspicious activity or to schedule a CASE presentation for your group, just call Sheriff Will Wise or Lt. Curt Mays at 863-993-4700; they will be happy to help.

GOOD

FROM PAGE 7

Stir chopped chicken with ½ can low-fat cream of mushroom soup, ½ cup milk, and 1 cup pre-cooked frozen mixed vegetables. Then add 1 cup noodles, cooked and drained with 2

tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese and ¼ teaspoon black pepper.

Bake in 400 degree oven for 25 minutes or until bubbly.

And, if you're a real cheese lover, top with ¼ cup shredded cheddar cheese, or use the more basic ¼ cup crushed French-fried onions. What's your pleasure?

Most importantly, enjoy.

Three generations of heroes serving our country



Grandfather Frederick Sauer, 91, enlisted in the Navy in 1942. He earned his AEMI at Purdue University and was put in charge of the Aviation Electricians aboard the carrier *Intrepid*. His two years aboard ended in 1945 when he was injured during a Japanese attack and the damaged *Intrepid* returned stateside. He mustered out when the war ended soon after. He is 20 years old in this photo.

Father Roland C. Sauer, son of Fred Sauer, was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma for boot camp from August to October 1976. He then went to Fort McClelland, Alabama for MP training and graduated in January, 1977. From there he went to Fort Eustis, Virginia for Transportation School and graduated in April, 1977. Following that, he served at Fort Campbell, Kentucky from April, 1977 until his discharge in May, 1979.



Spec. Bradley Hutchison, grandson of Fred Sauer and son of Rollie Sauer, is currently serving in Saudi Arabia. We're all very proud of you. We love and miss you. Be safe, come home soon. Our prayers are with you.

With love, Grandpa, Grandma, Rollie, Mom, Billy, Nathan, Rachele and Isaiah



Lord, watch over and protect our troops.

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We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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Environmental, Health & Safety Management System Lead, Florida



Bulldogs tie Boca Ciega in spring football game

I don't know why it is hard to feel good about good things but it is a lot easier to feel bad about bad things." Those were the words of DeSoto County Head Football Coach Matt Egloff as we sat in his office after his team came back to tie Boca Ciega 14-14 in their annual spring game.

There were plenty of bad things that happened in their game. A couple of blown assignments put the Bulldogs down 14-0 at the half. There were poor snaps from center in the shotgun, penalties and the Bulldogs lost three fumbles.

On the positive side, however, Egloff said, "I thought physically we were in great shape. I didn't see any of our kids 'dog it' or get cramps. A lot of kids went both ways tonight; our kids can do a lot of good things. I really think there are some guys who played at the end (when both teams had their JV players on the field) who can play for us (on the varsity)."

The Bulldogs got their first touchdown in the third quarter after a couple of big runs. Terrell Gordon went 34 yards (of his team-high 62 yards) followed by Reggie Jones' 44-yard scamper. Jones then plunged it in from the one-yard-line to get the Bulldogs on the board.

The tying score came on an eight-yard run by Tony Lee midway in the fourth



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period. That score was set up by several nice runs by quarterback Aaron Wertz and running back Oscar Alfonso.

Lee was on the receiving end of several passes thrown by the quarterback tandem of Jones and Kari Williams. They teamed up for an impressive 161 yards on 10 of 16 passing attempts.

The Bulldogs will open their season in Port Charlotte August 23 in their Kickoff Classic. The regular season begins the following Friday at Lake Region and after another road game at Lehigh, they have their first home game of the season Sept. 13 against East Lee County.



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Sophomore running back Oscar "The Cuban Assassin" Alfonso picks up valuable yardage as the Bulldogs tied the game in the fourth quarter.



At halftime, DeSoto County Head football coach Matt Egloff tells the team about some adjustments they needed to make in the second half. They must have worked since the Bulldogs shut out Boca Ciega the remainder of the game.



DeSoto County Coach Bumper Hay talks to his team during a timeout. From the left are Tony Lee (11), Dequan Richardson (3), Ernest Robinson (50), Tajahs Jackson (32), Deionte Turner (51) and Reggie Jones (7).

Tyvon Rembert was the captain for the Bulldogs in their game. He was chosen because he was the only player to make it to every pre-season practice.

DeSoto linebacker Martin Luther had the fire in his eyes for the spring game. He couldn't wait to get in the game and hit somebody. I backed up a step when he told me he wanted to hit somebody right now!



"Sluggo" Thomas gets in a bone-jarring tackle against Boca Ciega. Ernest Robinson (50) and Terrell Gordon (34) close in to help.



Deionte Turner (51) and Machale Harville (45) watch as the JV team ties up the game in the fourth quarter. The game ended in a 14-14 tie with Boca Ciega.



Tajahs Jackson (32) and Dequan Richardson (3) let the receiver get behind them, which resulted in a touchdown for Boca Ciega.

SIDELINE CHATTER

"Yes I'm proud of him, very proud."

- Former Bulldog standout Dalton Wertz after watching his brother Aaron move the team down field to tie the game in the fourth quarter.

"We got to tighten up, we can't let them come here and beat us."

- Lineman Deionte Turner as the teams left the field for halftime.

"I'm just so excited, I've got goose bumps watching these kids play."

- Former DCYAA football coach and league president Kirk Simic who had coached more than half of the players who were on the field in the fourth quarter.

"That's a man there, not a high school kid."

- Quarterback Kari Williams pointing to running back Oscar Alfonso after a long run.

"Give us the ball one more time and we'll pull this thing out. That's the plan."

- Quarterback Aaron Wertz after a fourth quarter drive tied the game. They did get the ball back, but a tipped pass led to an interception and the tie game.

"We had a lot of freshman who filled in for the seniors who left us last year and they did a pretty good job."

- Running back Tajahs Jackson as he was walking into the locker room after the game.

"I'm liking this! I need to hit somebody, it's feeling good to be back. I hope they got a good running back because I want to hit him over and over all night."

- Martin Luther standing on the sidelines before the game. He was breathing quick, short breaths and was ready to play. After the first series, Luther came off the field and said, "I need more."



Junior quarterback Reggie Jones takes off for a short gain in first quarter action. Jones scored the first touchdown for the Bulldogs.



Wide receiver Dewayne Hearn jukes a defensive back after catching a pass in the 14-14 tie with Boca Ciega.

Christian Friend signs with Bluefield College

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

Christian Friend is ready for the next step in his life. "I'll always be a Bulldog at heart, that's something that will never go away," he said. "Now it is time to take that next step and move on to college. I can't wait to get there and get some work in."

Friend signed his scholarship letter to Bluefield College last Friday, the same day the school hired a new head football coach. Ordell Walker is a former line coach so that will be helpful for Friend, who has been told that he has a very good chance to start this fall. The school is located in Bluefield, Virginia.

The team, known as the Rams, is a Christian Liberal Arts college that just started their football program back up two years ago after a 70-year hiatus. The program was dropped when Pearl Harbor was bombed and never got restarted until 2011 as a club sport. It is a great opportunity for Friend to play right away in a young program.

DeSoto County Head Football coach Matt Egloff said, "They got a steal with him (Friend). He's a hardworking kid, a really good player. He was committed to our program and is committed to Bluefield. He's going to be playing pretty quick there."

Friend is a fine young man who peppers his conversation with "Yes, sir" and "No, sir." He knows the game and is anxious to get started with his new team. He will be going to Bluefield this month for orientation and wants to get started with workouts which begin in August. His plans include a future in



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Christian Friend's family was at his college signing last Friday when he officially became a member of the Bluefield Rams football team. Along with his father and mother (Brian and Heidi) is his niece Layla Randolph. Behind him are his sister Alexandra Friend and stepfather John D'Agostino.

sports, as he intends to earn a degree in sports management. He'd like to become a high school football coach or something similar that can keep him near the game.

"Financially they (Bluefield) made sense to me. They are paying for just about everything for me," he said. "They came to me and were the most serious

about having me. I'm going to work out with Coach Bumper (Hay) this summer so I can be in shape when I get there."

Friend talked about his best high school memory. "That would have to be this year in the Frostproof game (DeSoto won 21-20). I played both ways that game. I was out there non-stop, grinding it out and I felt that was probably my best game of the year," he said. "That was the game when they were on the goal line for numerous plays and we kept holding them. It was a war on that line."

Always a gentleman, Friend wanted to make sure he thanked his coaches. "I want to thank Coach Bumper (Hay), Coach Billy Green, Coach (Darryl) Nicklow and Coach (Matt) Egloff," he said. "They spent a lot of time with me and showed me how to be a better football player. I was pretty raw when I came to high school and they shaped me to what I am now."

They did a great job with Friend and helped him earn a college scholarship. He is a special young man, a real class act who will become successful in



Christian Friend holds his Offensive MVP award along with his team MVP award after appearing on a local radio station this past fall. He was also named to the Charlotte Sun All-Area football team.

whatever he does.

Someday Friend might be back coaching on the sidelines at DeSoto County High School. He did say that he'll "always be a Bulldog at heart."



The powerful Christian Friend anchored a senior-laden line in 2012. He will be taking his talents to Bluefield College in Virginia this fall.

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All of the trash collected over two days nearly filled a large dumpster. A total of 1,620 pounds of junk were collected. Thanks go to Womack Sanitation for donating an open-top Dumpster for the cleanup.



Participants found everything from flip-flops to furniture during the clean-up.



A participant returns in his kayak with a bag full of trash he collected along the river.



People who attended the 18th Annual Peace River Clean-Up at the Nav-A-Gator took to the water by boat, canoe and even kayaks to help with the efforts.



DeSoto County

Tourism Development Marketing Grant Program

DeSoto County and the Tourist Development Council is accepting applications for the 2013 Tourism Development Marketing Grant Program, which is a marketing/advertising grant program for eligible organizations that will sponsor and promote tourism activities within DeSoto County, bring substantial numbers of tourists/visitors to the County and promote overnight bed stays within DeSoto County. The overall purpose of the program is to promote DeSoto County as a tourist destination by assisting new tourism events in launching effective marketing campaigns. This is a matching funds grant program.

Eligible Organizations:

- The Organization must be a not-for-profit organization qualified to do business in Florida.
- Applications are restricted to new events, defined as being in existence for three (3) or less years and cannot receive funding for more than two consecutive years.
- All events, performances, or programs must be open to the public.
- Events cannot be unreasonably restrictive through admittance fees, public access or crowd capacity, which limits participation by visitors.
- Events, performances or programs must take place in DeSoto County. If these events, performances, or programs are to be used for fund raising purposes, profits must go exclusively to programs that benefit DeSoto County residents and/or charities.
- Tourism Development Marketing Grant funds requires a 50% match.

Eligible Use of Funds:

The following are examples of how tourist development funds may be used to promote tourism in the County:

- Promotional or advertising expenses in conjunction with an event to increase the awareness of DeSoto County outside this area.
- Out-of-county advertising and publicity of an event to increase participation, attendance and awareness including, but not limited to, internet, print, television, audio advertising, and use of billboard advertising.

Maximum Award: \$1,500.00, dollar for dollar matching grant. \$4500 will be available in this grant cycle, for events to be held by December 31, 2013.

For program overview and application instructions please visit: www.desotofl.com/grant2013. Applications may be downloaded at this website address or in person at our offices at:

DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners
Economic and Tourism Development Office
Attn: Michael Taber or Mandy Hines
201 E Oak St, Suite 201
Arcadia, FL 34266
863-491-7574
edo@desotobocc.com

All applications must be received by mail or in person at our offices, date and time stamped no later than 5 pm, July 1, 2013. Awards and disbursement of funds are subject to budget availability and collections of the Tourist Development Tax.

DCEF awards \$52K in scholarships to DeSoto grads

By **MARTHA JO MARKEY**
DeSoto Co. Ed. Found.

Local business and private donors to the DeSoto County Education Foundation earmarked more than \$52,000 in scholarships to local high school seniors. Thirty-four seniors received awards ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 at the annual Awards Assembly on May 21 at the Turner Agri-Civic Center.

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DeSoto County Education Foundation Encouragement Scholarships: A private donor generously gave 19 scholarships to seniors as an encouragement to continue their hard work and reach their goals. Receiving scholarships were: C. Barron, K. Carr, V. Avila, L. Hightower, B. Evans, M. Reed, D. Segura, T. Wiley, Y. Sanchez, T. Williamson, J. Stafford, T. Olive, T. McIntyre, D. Harris, K. Court, G. Davis, C. Villafuerte and B. Sands.



James Westberry Scholarship: James Westberry presents a scholarship honoring leadership and Christian ideals to Bryan Sands.

The Victoris Blandin Memorial Scholarship: Ernestine Simons presented four scholarships in memory of her daughter, Victoris Blandin. Receiving the scholarships are Austin Baucom, Jacob Dewey, Leticia Gilchrist and Nykemis Pelham.



CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2013

Once again, it is time for us to honor our DeSoto County High School graduates. We at The Arcadian are preparing for our annual graduation keepsake edition.

It will be filled with all the senior pictures, congratulations from local businesses and loved ones, as well as many other pages filled with memories for the seniors and their families to have as their own keepsake.

This section will appear in the Arcadian on June 13th.

If you would like to have a picture or pictures of your senior and a personal message to them in our special edition, call today at 863-494-2434 for pricing and to reserve your spot.

Deadline to turn in pictures and messages is Wednesday, May 29th, 4:00PM.

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PhosChem Scholarship: Jama Abbott, of PhosChem, presents five scholarships to deserving seniors who will be continuing their education. Receiving the scholarships are Andrew Price, Krysta Court, Aubrey Womack, Keith Schaper and Joshua Stafford.



Cay Mann Memorial Scholarship: Cathy Nott and Ashley Nott give a scholarship to Katelyn Johnson in memory of their mother and grandmother.

L & E Club ends the year with a party

By **MARTHA JO MARKEY**

The Literary and Embroidery Club of Arcadia ended its yearly meetings with a social gathering at the Kingsway Country Club on May 2. The evening began with conversations of the summer plans and upcoming events. The delicious buffet quickly had members enjoying and indulging in the scrumptious meal. Music and merriment were the happenings of the evening and everyone joined in to share laughs and a great time.

The club members thanked the hostesses of the evening, Muriel Hall, Linda Hollingsworth, Susan Head, Marlou Zolkos and Genie Martin for

planning the event. Those attending included Jane Adams, Nancy Ambler, Betty Brown, Shirley Cullom, Adie Daly, Muriel Hall, Margaret Hays, Susan Head, Martha Jo Markey, Genie Martin, Sue Overcash, Ann Ryals, Mary Ann Treadwell, Nancy Jo Vaughn, Angela Waters, Edith Wildt, Marlou Zolkos and new members Kathryn Standard and Lindsay Knoche.

As is the custom, the club will not meet during the summer months but will resume meeting on Oct. 1. The program of studies for the 2013-14 year is titled Investigating ALT (Area Literary Talent). The October program will feature a talk by local author Virginia Czaja (who also writes as Virginia Crane).



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Nancy Jo Vaughn shares conversation with new member Kathryn Standard.



Members Margaret Hayes, Sue Overcash and Shirley Cullom catch up on plans for the summer months.

New member Lindsay Knoche joins the table with Angela Waters and Marlou Zolkos.

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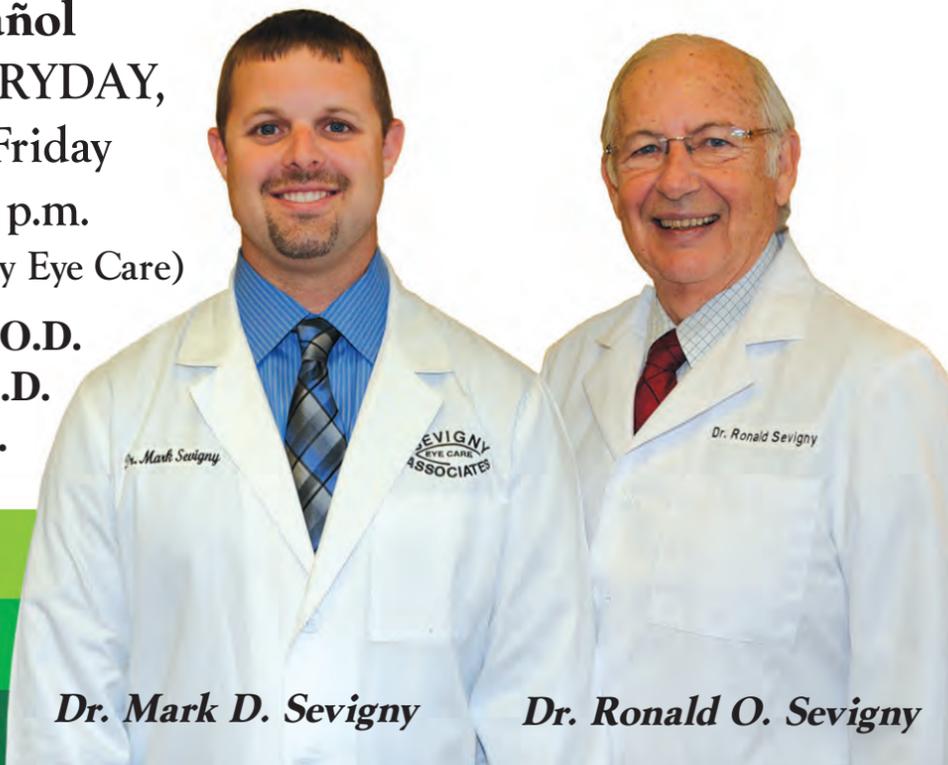
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Al & Karen Smoke

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Birds of prey not always respected

Today, few people fail to recognize the importance of birds of prey such as eagles, hawks and owls. All of these birds are protected by conservation laws today, but it was not always the case.

We came across a 1936 publication of the Emergency Conservation Commission (New York) titled "Framing" The Birds of Prey, by Davis Quinn. This fifth edition was a revision of the original 1929 publication. At the time, birds of prey were routinely hunted because it was believed they were responsible for a



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The bald eagle, our national bird, was once hunted along with other birds of prey, because it was believed they reduced the numbers of game birds. Today all birds of prey are protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Protection Act and the endangered species act.

reduction in game birds and they preyed on domestic fowl. The author noted that "... especially since the war [WWI], these birds have been the victims of the propaganda of sportsmen's associations and magazines...."

The little booklet is filled with platitudes — "The time to save a species is while it is still common" and "The way to prevent the extinction of a species is never let it become rare." The second stanza of a poem inside the front cover reads: "O homo sapiens, who must / At any cost your trigger pull, / I sometimes think your species just / A little bit too plentiful." (Attributed to W. H. K. with notation reprinted by kind permission of the proprietors of "Punch".)

The pamphlet points out birds of prey are of "great economic usefulness, only a few of them preying to any great

extent on birds, and to a still less extent on game birds." Even though scientific investigations at that time had proved hawks, eagles and owls eat primarily rodents, reptiles and amphibians, they were still subject to "vindictive persecution." A somewhat "fanatical and economically harmful campaign of extermination" was being waged against birds of prey. Water birds were frequently targeted also, including pelicans, herons, mergansers, grebes and kingfishers. The writer goes on to say that for every fish eaten by a bird, tens of thousands are destroyed by pollution and illegal harvesting, including the use of explosives.

In 1885 Pennsylvania enacted the "Scalp Act" that paid bounties for hawks, owls, weasels and mink, ostensibly for the benefit of agriculture. A bounty of 50 cents was paid to the hunter, along with a fee of 20 cents paid to the notary or justice taking the affidavit. Within 18 months about \$90,000 was paid in bounties. It was estimated of the animals killed at least 128,500 were hawks and owls. The pamphlet goes on to mention that in the same time period it was estimated 7,500 chickens were killed by hawks and owls. If valued at 25 cents each (1936 prices) the loss would be \$1,875. The writer points out that if the value of the birds of prey's reduction of harmful rodents is factored in; the total loss to the state approaches \$4 million.

According to the author the real cause of a reduction in the number of game birds was too many hunters. "Man is the great destroyer of game Encouraged by the ease with which hunting may be carried on ... millions of people have become hunters who would never undergo the exertion and exposure that hunting involved in the past."

The author quoted an excerpt from one 'sportsman' — "Hawk shooting is a real sport ... the writer defies anyone not to get a real thrill out of it." Another article cited advocated the use of pole



The barn owl dines mostly on rodents, but was once shot indiscriminately because it was believed they ate game birds and domestic fowl. While they occasionally kill birds—it is usually sick or weak ones that they target.

traps — which was no more than a steel leg trap mounted on a tall pole, set in an open area with deadly consequences for the unsuspecting bird that should land on it. It was not unusual for game clubs, often with the encouragement of state game officials, to conduct contests in which points were awarded for each 'vermin' killed.

The pamphlet encouraged a closed season on hunting: "One of the first principles of effective game protection is that guns and dogs should be kept out of the woods during the breeding season." It went on to say of the extermination campaign: "Motives (are) not to conserve game but to sell ammunition and to stave off reduction in bag limits and shortening of open seasons by diverting attention from the real cause of the decrease of game."

The booklet includes detailed summaries by species of the true benefit of birds of prey based on scientific examination of the stomach contents of deceased birds.

The USDA urged the repeal of all bounties on carnivorous mammals and birds of prey and afforded protection to the majority of them as early as 1917. Further, it noted, "Probably the greatest factor in the increase of rats, mice and other destructive rodents ... has been the persistent killing off of the birds and mammals that prey upon them."

Animals that are decidedly beneficial should not be destroyed because they occasionally kill a chicken or game bird or poach fish ponds. Predation is an interaction between species to establish a balance in populations. Even though all birds of prey and water birds are protected by state and federal laws, occasionally irate aquaculture farmers or others who perceive loss resort to vindictive persecution. Still others take up arms and shoot at these helpful birds just for the sport of it. It is a crime and should be reported as such.

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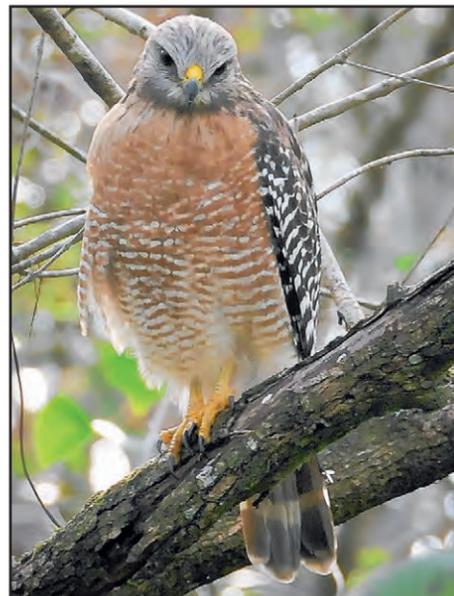
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2013CP000042
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF **NELLIE M. CASH**, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **NELLIE M. CASH**, Deceased, File No. 2013CP000042, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the Will, the qualifications of the Personal Representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against the Decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. **ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.** The date of the first publication of this Notice is June, 6th, 2013.

PAUL BENNETT SEUSY, P.A.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION**

File No. 13-CP-034
Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF **MARY NOLAN SUTPHIN**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

The summary administration of the estate of **Mary Nolan Sutphin**, deceased, whose date of death was March 21, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is May 30, 2013.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION**

File No.: 2013-CP-36
Division: 1
IN RE: ESTATE OF **STEPHEN C. ELLIOTT**, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **STEPHEN C. ELLIOTT**, deceased, whose date of death was January 20, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS

AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is May 30, 2013.

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2008CA001213
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
KATHRYN PERRY, ET AL.
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 20, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2008CA001213, of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and KATHRYN PERRY, are defendant. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the SOUTH DOOR OF the Courthouse; 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, at 11:00 a.m., on the 27th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **THE NORTHEASTERLY 25 FEET OF LOT 13, IN BLOCK G, OF RIDGEWOOD SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, AT PAGE 85, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.** 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 DeSoto County Clerk's

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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. Published 6/6/13 & 6/13/13 232598 2900785

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.:
14-2009-CA-000807
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,
vs.
KRISTIN L. LARAMAN
1113 Big Creek Drive
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 21st day of May, 2013, and entered in Case No. 14-2009-CA-000807, of the Circuit Court of the 12TH Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP is the Plaintiff and GERTRUDE RINCON; ALFONSO RINCON; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, SOUTH DOOR OF THE DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, 11:00 AM on the 27th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **SEE EXHIBIT "A"**

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.
Exhibit "A"
LOTS 10 AND 10B OF VIRGIL KELLAN ESTATES, an unrecorded plat of DeSoto County, Florida, also described as follows: LOT 10: COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 12, Township 38 S, Range 24 E; thence S 0 degrees 12' E along W line of said forty, 808.64 feet; thence S 73 degrees 04'15" E, 211.32 feet to Point of Beginning; thence continue same line 144. 32 feet to W Right-of-Way of US Highway 17; thence South 18 degrees 30' W along said Right-of-Way, 70.97 feet;

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thence N 75 degrees 56'39" W, 138.20 feet; thence N 13 degrees 43'52" E, 77.98 feet to Point of Beginning, AND
LOT 10B: COMMENCE at the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 12, Township 38 S, Range 24 E, thence S 0 degrees 12' E along the W line of said forty, 900.02 feet; thence S 75 degrees 56'39" E, 188.99 feet to Point of Beginning; thence continue same line, 138.20 feet to the W Right-of-Way of US Highway 17; thence S 18 degrees 30' W along said Right-of-Way, 16.33 feet; thence N 69 degrees 09'50" W, 137.90 feet to Point of Beginning.
 Dated this 31st day of May, 2013.
 By: Carri L. Pereyra
 Submitted by:
 Choice Legal Group, P.A.
 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309
 Telephone:(954) 453-0365
 Facsimile:(954) 771-6052
 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438
 DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516
 eservice@clegalgroup.com Published 6/6/13 & 6/13/13 107507 2900768

NOTICE OF PERMIT 3128

Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Florida Water Management District has received an application for a water use permit to withdraw water from wells and/or surface waters from James C. and Margaret A. Bickett, 10391 State Route 175 North, Central City, KY 42330. Application number: 20012391.002. Application received: February 7, 2013. Predominant use type: agricultural. Total requested withdrawal average daily gallons per day: 803,000. Peak month average gallons per day: 5,819,700. Maximum daily gallons per day: 13,890,400 from 15 wells. Location: Sections 33, 34, Township 38 East, Range 24 South and Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 11 Township 39 East, Range 24 South in DeSoto County. The application is available for public inspection Monday through Friday at District Tampa Service office at 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637-6759. Interested persons may inspect a copy of the application and submit written comments concerning the application. Comments must include the permit application number and be received within 14 days from the date of this notice. If you wish to be notified of agency action or an opportunity to request an administrative hearing regarding the application, you must send a written request referencing the permit application number to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Regulation Performance Management Department, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 or submit your request through the District's website at www.watmatters.org. The District does not discriminate based on disability. Any person requiring accommodation under the ADA should contact the Regulation Performance Management Department at (352) 796-7211 or 1-800-423-1476. TDD only 1-800-231-6103. Published 6/6/13 315473 2900790

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& 6/6/13 101348 2897692
 IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 Case No. 14-2009-CA-000121
 Division
 US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2006-AM2, Plaintiff
 vs.
 JOSE L. NOYOLA, SUDETH S. NOYOLA, 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 AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on May 20, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, The Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in Desoto County, Florida described as: PARCEL H, LOT 10 LESS THE NORTH 5 FEET AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 11 LESS THE NORTH 5 FEET OF BLOCK "E". ALL OF THE ABOVE PARCEL LYING AND BEING IN BLOCK "E" OF ARCADIA HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 56, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. and commonly known as: 1501 NE LEE DR ARCADIA, FL 34266; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on front steps of the DeSoto County Courthouse, on July 2, 2013 at 11:00a.m. Any persons 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 this 21st day of May, 2013
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Mitzie W. McGavic
 By: /s/B.Wynn
 Deputy Clerk Published 5/30/13 & 6/6/13 101348 2897705

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

Case No. 14-2012-CA-000454
 Division 1
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOSHUA ALLEN AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on December 4, 2012, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, The Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in Desoto County, Florida described as: LOT 4, PEACEFUL PINE ACRES, AN UNRECORDED PLAT OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO BEING DESCRIBED AS: THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, LESS 33 FT. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ON SOUTH SIDE AND ALSO LESS A TRACT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47'02" EAST ALONG NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 7.0 FEET TO A POINT ON FENCE LINE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 40'40" EAST ALONG SAID FENCE, 332.90 FEET TO SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47'43" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 10.0 FEET TO SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 09'40" WEST ALONG WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 332.87 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1994 GREEN BOAT TRAILER MOBILE HOME, VIN(S) FLFLP70A21644GH & FLFLP70B21644GH. and commonly known as: 4980 NW LOCUST ST, ARCADIA, FL 34266; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on front steps of the DeSoto County Courthouse, on June 27, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Any persons 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 this 27th day of June, 2013.
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Mitzie W. McGavic
 By: /s/ B. Wynn
 Deputy Clerk
 Invoice to:
 Edward B. Pritchard
 (813) 229-0900 x1309
 Kass Shuler, P.A.
 P.O. Box 800
 Tampa, FL 33601-0800
 Published 6/6/13 & 6/13/13 101348 2900871

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be applied as for as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described Execution. Dated this 8th day of May, 2013
 WILLIAM P WISE, SHERIFF
 DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
 By: /s/Lt Rhonda Walker, Deputy Sheriff Published 5/23/13, 5/30/13, 6/6/13 & 6/13/13 105373 2895413

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that we will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following self storage units in order to satisfy the delinquent storage lien placed in accordance with the State of Florida Statute 83.806.
 UNIT# NAME CONTENTS
 70W097 James M. Acree Household Goods
 70W101 - Richele I. Terstegge Household Goods
 70W102 - Peggy A. Barden Household Goods
 70W105 - Gracey R. Ijames Household Goods
 70W110 - John W. Gant Household Goods
 70W122 Sonja R. Davis Household Goods
 The above 6 unit(s) are located @ 4599 NW Hwy 70, Arcadia, FL 34266
 NS010 - Anthony Holmes Household Goods
 NS122 - Shirley L/Howard Household Goods
 The above 2 unit(s) is located @ 4981 SW Hwy 17, Arcadia, FL 34266
 17N046 - Denise Boyette Household Goods
 The above (1) unit(s) are located @ 3153 NE Hwy 70, Arcadia, FL 34266
 The public sale will be conducted at Easy Mini Storage, 4599 N.W. Hwy. 70, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 2013. Units will be sold to the highest bidder. Open door sale, cash only. A cleaning deposit will be taken. (863) 993-2220.
 Published 6/6/13 & 6/13/13 222020 2900542

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NING; THENCE CONTINUE ON THE SAME LINE, 137.51 FEET; THENCE NORTH 127.91 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 42'40" E, 49.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Names in which assessed:
 DANIEL FRAZIER
 49 PONTIAC AVE
 NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882
 All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on JULY 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 4th day of June, 2013.
 MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
 CLERK OF COURT
 DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
 By: CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
 Deputy Clerk
 Publication Dates: 6/6/13, 6/13/13, 6/20/13 & 6/27/13 112132 2900695

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **TC 10L, LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
 Certificate Number: 936
 Issuance Date: MAY 28, 2010
 Tax Deed File #: 13-21-TD
 Description of Property:
 BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 03'30" E, 954.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 155.40 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 33' W, 50 FEET; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 03'30" E, 200 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 33' W, 54.84 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 03'20" W, 210 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 33' W, 105 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 03'20" W, 105 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 33' W, 34.58 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 03'20" W, 40.42 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 33' E, 244.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Names in which assessed:
 GOERGE R KABRICH
 C/O ROBERT R NORRIS JR.
 522 N BAILEY RD
 WAUCHULA, FL 33873

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on JULY 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 4th day of June, 2013.
 MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
 CLERK OF COURT
 DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
 By: CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
 Deputy Clerk
 Publication Dates: 6/6/13, 6/13/13, 6/20/13 & 6/27/13 112132 2900701

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **STANTON S SCOTT JR.** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
 Certificate Number: 1780
 Issuance Date: MAY 30, 2008
 Tax Deed File #: 13-22-TD
 Description of Property:
 LOTS 5-7 BLOCK 58, STROUD PARK, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 92 AND PLAT BOOK C-5 PAGE 26. INCLUDING ANY REVERSIONARY INTEREST IN VACATED STROUD STREET ADJOINING THERETO BY DESOTO COUNTY RESOLUTION TO CLOSE AND ABANDON ROAD (1984-36) AS SHOWN IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 207, PAGE 1265, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID INTEREST IN VACATED STREET ABOVE DESCRIBED BEING: TO CENTER;

NEED CASH? NOTICE OF HEARING 3124

DESOTO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 155.40(5)(e)1., FLORIDA STATUTES
 On Thursday, May 30, 2013 the DeSoto County Hospital District Board of Directors held a public hearing to determine, in accordance with Section 155.40, Florida Statutes, whether the DeSoto County Hospital District should continue to own and operate its hospital, or whether it should be operated by a for-profit or a not-for-profit entity. Based upon the totality of the information considered by the Board, including the valuation report by Carr, Riggs and Ingram, the comparisons of the operating costs and measurable quality outcomes between the hospital operated by the DeSoto County Hospital District and other similarly situated not-for-profit hospitals with similar service mixes, comments from the community, comments by the Board, the DeSoto County Hospital District Board of Directors made the following findings: There is not a meaningful difference in the cost of operations between the District's hospital and other similarly situated not-for-profit or for-profit hospitals with similar service mixes, using publically available data provided by the Centers for Health Care Administration and the quality metrics identified by the Centers for Medical and Medicaid Services Core Measures; It is more beneficial to the taxpayers and the District's affected community for the District's hospital to be operated by a governmental entity, rather than be operated by a not-for-profit or a for-profit entity with similar or better cost efficiencies and measurable outcomes as identified by the Centers for Medical and Medicaid Services Core Measures; and There would not be a net benefit to the community to operate the District's hospital as a not-for-profit or for-profit entity and use the proceeds of the sale or lease for the purposes described in Florida Statute 155.40(16). The report prepared by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, pursuant to Section 155.40, Florida Statutes, was formally accepted by the Board and made a part of the public records of the DeSoto County Hospital District. For the above reasons, the DeSoto County Hospital District Board of Directors determined that it is in the best interest of the District's affected community for the District to continue to own and operate the District's hospital as a public not-for-profit entity, rather than consider a sale or lease to a third party. Published 6/6/13 248477 2900607

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 Case No. 14-2008-CA-001138
 Division
 US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSFB HEAT 2006-6, Plaintiff
 vs.
 JOSUE RAMIREZ, LAURA RAMIREZ, 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 AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on May 20, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, The Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in Desoto County, Florida described as: LOT 2, BLOCK "a", DESOTO MOBILE ESTATES, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 37. and commonly known as: 1465 Turner Ave NE ARCADIA, FL 34266; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on front steps of the DeSoto County Courthouse, on July 2, 2013 at 11:00a.m. Any persons 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 this 21st day of May, 2013
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Mitzie W. McGavic
 By: /s/B.Wynn
 Deputy Clerk Published 5/30/13

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 Case No. 14-2012-CA-000451
 Division
 SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff
 vs.
 KELLY FREDERICK A/K/A KELLY J. FREDERICK, MARCIA C. FREDERICK, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on May 20, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, The Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in Desoto County, Florida described as: LOT 141, ELLER AND TURNER ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE(S) 78, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. and commonly known as: 1300 SE CARNAHANE AVE ARCADIA, FL 34266; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on front steps of the DeSoto County Courthouse, on July 2, 2013 at 11:00a.m. Any persons 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 this 21st day of May, 2013
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Mitzie W. McGavic
 By: /s/B.Wynn
 Deputy Clerk Published 5/30/13 & 6/6/13 101348 2897678
 IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

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LINE OF STREET ADJACENT TO THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID LOTS 5-7.

Names in which assessed:
HARVEY JERALD TRUMP
124 A NEAR CT. #714
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596
All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on JULY 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 4th day of June, 2013.
MITZIE W. McGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 6/6/13, 5/13/13, 6/20/13 & 6/27/13 112132 2900723

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **STANTON S SCOTT JR.** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 498 Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2006 Tax Deed File #: 13-23-TD Description of Property: LOT 69, HARLEM HEIGHTS, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 82.

Names in which assessed:
JESSIE LEE
CHRISTMAS ESTATE
107 SINGLETON AVE
ARCADIA, FL 34266
All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on JULY 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 4th day of June, 2013.
MITZIE W. McGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 6/6/13, 5/13/13, 6/20/13 & 6/27/13 112132 2900727

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **TIGER BAY RANCH LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 1876 Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2010 Tax Deed File #: 13-25-TD Description of Property:

LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 43, FIRST ADDITION TO ARCADIA VILLA BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 1,800 FEET OF THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 5 AND THE SOUTH 1,800 FEET OF THE E 1/2 OF THE W 1/2 OF SAID SECTION 5, ALL BEING IN TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Names in which assessed:
MARY JANE RATHJE TRUSTEE
714 SLEEPY CREEK DR
DURHAM NC 27713

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on JULY 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 3rd day of June, 2013.

MITZIE W. McGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 6/6/13, 5/13/13, 6/20/13 & 6/27/13 112132 2900653

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **TIGER BAY RANCH LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to

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be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 1874 Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2010 Tax Deed File #: 13-24-TD Description of Property: LOT 19, BLOCK 422, FOURTH ADDITION TO ARCADIA GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, EXCEPT THE SOUTH 1800 FEET THEREOF, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 52, SUBJECT TO EASTMENTS TO FLORIDA GAS AND TRANSMISSIONS COMPANY AS RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT #200914010383, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Names in which assessed:
MILDRED J MORGAN
PO BOX 11156
ST THOMAS,
US VIRGIN ISLANDS 00801

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on JULY 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 3rd day of June, 2013.

MITZIE W. McGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 6/6/13, 6/13/13, 6/20/13 & 6/27/13 112132 2900638

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **RED-LAND CHRISTIAN MIGRANT ASSOC INC.** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 697 Issuance Date: MAY 30, 2008 Tax Deed File #: 13-26-TD Description of Property: THE W 1/2 OF LOT 4, MORQUS MANOR, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 30.

Names in which assessed:
JUANITA WESTFIELD ET AL
1159 SW DEER RUN AVE
ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on JULY 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 4th day of June, 2013.

MITZIE W. McGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 6/6/13, 6/13/13, 6/20/13 & 6/27/13 112132 2900737

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **BETTY ANN SHEETS EMPLOYEE PROFIT SHARING PLAN; BETTY ANN & DOYLE SHEETS** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 1213 Issuance Date: MAY 28, 2010 Tax Deed File #: 13-27-TD Description of Property:

LOT 8, BLOCK 57, FLORACADIA SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 2.

Names in which assessed:
130 ARCADIA LLC
555 E ELKACIA CIR
MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law,

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the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on JULY 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 29th day of May, 2013.
MITZIE W. McGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 6/6/13, 6/13/13, 6/20/13 & 6/27/13 112132 2900618

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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION
Case No. 201300498
TO: Stephen E. Rucki
A Notice of Suspension to suspend your license and eligibility for licensure has been filed against you. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 3168, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3168. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication, the right to hearing in this matter will be waived and the Department will dispose of this cause in accordance with law. Published 5/30/13, 6/6/13, 6/13/13 & 6/20/13 283634 2897662

Notice to the Public:
Desoto County Sheriff Office will be applying for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Program FY 2013 Local Solicitation Grant in the amount of \$10,941.00 dollars for the purpose of purchasing firearms for our Detectives and Deputies. As per Grant requirements, it states: 1. No fewer than 30 days prior to application submission, the applicant agency (fiscal agent in disparate situations) must make the grant application available for review by the governing body (or to the organization designed by the governing body). 2. At the time of application submission, the applicant agency (fiscal agent in disparate situations) must provide an assurance that the application was made public and an opportunity to comment was provided to citizens and neighborhood or community organizations to the extent the application law or established procedure makes such an opportunity available. The Grant application will be made available as soon as the application has been completed and submitted to the governing body. For public comment please attend the County Commissions Meeting to be held in June of 2013.

For more information about the time and location please call 863-993-4800
Sincerely,
William P. Wise
Sheriff of Desoto County
Published 6/6/13 105373 2900581

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the District has determined that a permit is not required pursuant to Rule 40D04.041 and 4.051, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Sub-section 373.406(2) Florida Statutes (F.S.) for activities known as Gene Pella -Agricultural Access Road and Wetland Crossing. The project is located in DeSoto County, Section s28; Township 36S; Range 27E. The permitting inquiry was received from Philip A. Nathan, Professional Engineer. Whose address is 4111 14th Ave West, Bradenton FL 34205. The exemption File Number is: 679536.

The file(s) pertaining to the project referred to above is available for inspection Monday through Friday except for legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Tampa Service Office, 7601 highway 301 North, Tampa Florida 33637-6759.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's action regarding this permit may request an administrative hearing in accordance with Sec-

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tions 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 final 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 (or within 14 days for an Environmental Resource Permit application with Proprietary Authorization for the use of Sovereign submerged Lands; 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 final agency action. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District on the application 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 final action in this matter is not available prior to the filing of a request for hearing. Published 5/23/13, 5/30/13 & 6/6/13 361583 2893665

DeSoto County Public Notice of Availability of FY 2012-2013 SHIP Funds
DeSoto County has been allocated its calculated distribution of State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program funds from the State of Florida for the state FY 2012-2013 in the amount of \$25,000. The SHIP Program was created for the purpose of providing funds to local governments as an incentive for the creation of local housing partnerships, to expand production of and preserve affordable housing, and to increase housing-related employment.

PROGRAM STRATEGY: The following strategy has been approved for this fiscal year SHIP funds: **Down Payment / Closing Cost Assistance with up to \$10,000 allowance per eligible unit.**

DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION PROCESS OF DOWN PAYMENT/CLOSING COST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: The assistance is provided to very low, low, and moderate income families. The assistance provided is in the form of a second mortgage, due at the termination of the first mortgage, with no interest and no schedule of payment. The County does not make the final decision to extend credit nor does it make the actual first mortgage loan. Final approval is made by one of the several participating lenders based on a complete review of the applicant's income, employment history, payment to income ratios, credit history, savings and source of funds to close, and the value and condition of the property. The maximum housing value may not exceed \$150,000. **INCOME LIMITS:** Eligible households must qualify under specifically mandated income limits adjusted to family size as distributed by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for DeSoto County and in accordance with the specific guidelines created for each strategy. **APPLICATION AVAILABILITY:** Applications for the Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance Program can be picked up at the Social Services Department. Application period will begin July 8, 2013 and continue until the funds for this particular strategy are exhausted. Funds will be awarded on a first come first ready basis.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: To obtain additional information concerning any SHIP Program strategies, please contact the **DeSoto County Social Services Department**, 201 East

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Oak Street Suite 202, Arcadia, Florida or call (863) 993-4858. All SHIP assistance recipients must agree to comply with all SHIP program criteria and requirements as set forth in Rule 67-37, Florida Administrative Code and subsequently modified or amended. The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to close any program application period by Board resolution. SHIP funds may not be used to purchase, rehabilitate, or repair mobile homes older than June 1994. SHIP Programs do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or age (provided the applicant has the capacity to enter into a binding contract). Published 6/6/13 101305 2897576

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Summer Food Service Program comes to DeSoto

The Summer Food Service Program is coming to DeSoto County and will be providing free meals to children age 18 and under at two locations in DeSoto County. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It provides funds to organizations sponsoring summer programs to serve nutritious meals to low-income children when school is out.

In DeSoto, two sites will be operating this program: DeSoto County High School and West Elementary School. The high school offers the program from June 17 through July 18, while West Elementary will operate from June 11 through July 18.

Both will offer breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.; the high school is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., while West is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both DeSoto sites are "open," meaning they are located in a low-income area where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. The site is open to all children in the community ages 18 and under.

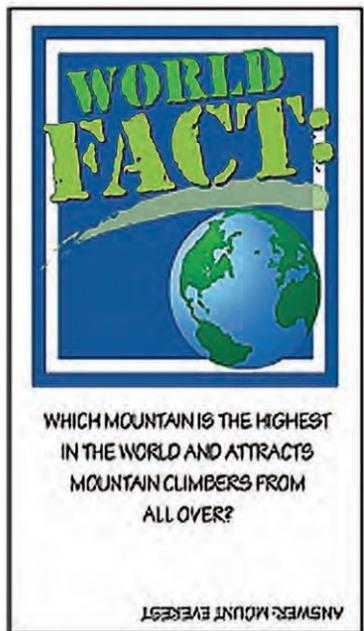
All summer meals served through the Summer Food Service Program must meet United States Department of Agriculture nutritional guidelines and include all of the following:

- 1 serving of milk
- 2 servings of fruits and/or vegetables
- 1 serving of grains
- 1 serving of protein

A summer lunch can be as simple as vegetable pasta, a low-fat yogurt cup, watermelon and a carton of low-fat milk and a breakfast can be as simple as a fruit muffin, cheese stick, watermelon slice and a carton of low-fat milk.

For more information, visit <http://summerfood-florida.org>. You can also call the high school at 863-494-3434 ext. 301, or West Elementary at 863-494-3155.





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Flag dedication at Veterans Memorial Park



On May 25, members of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Amvets, Sons of Amvets, Disabled American Veterans and Vietnam Brotherhood assembled for a work party to set the main flag pole in Veterans Memorial Park (formerly DeSoto Park). The veterans thank everyone who participated. Thanks also go out to Johnny Georges of GSI Supply and Junior Bird of Habitat for Humanity. You can help by buying an engraved brick for \$60 or a memorial bench for \$600 in honor of a veteran, individual or organization. For details email c.heflin@desotobocc.com. Donations can be made through MidFlorida Credit Union, 128 S. Brevard Ave.; call 863-494-8171 or 866-913-3733.

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TAX

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4-1 to approve a six-month trial contract with Wohl. Under the agreement, he would no longer work for the city via a

flat fee, but instead will charge the city \$150 per hour for services rendered. Wohl said his usual rate is \$200 per hour, but after discussion with his law firm and Mayor Keene, he felt the \$150 rate was a fair alternative. "I clocked close to 500 hours in 2012, and based on what I see coming before the city this year, I think

this is a reasonable number," he said. Fink disagreed with the hourly rate, stating that he'd prefer a \$1,000 increase to Wohl's flat rate. "I don't see how this is going to be a good deal for us," Fink noted. "I cannot see at this time voting in favor of this in light of these tight economic times."

Keene said he had discussed a six-month trial contract with Wohl, giving the council the right to reconsider if the costs are excessive. Wohl also agreed to keep City Administrator Judi Jankosky informed of his billed hours. The council then voted 4-1 to approve the contract, with Fink casting the lone dissenting vote.

ROADWATCH

U.S. Highway 17 from the Charlotte/DeSoto County line to S.W. Collins Street — Work is nearing completion to widen this four-mile segment of U.S. 17 from two to four lanes. Motorists on U.S. 17 in both directions should expect intermittent daytime lane closures as crews adjust signs, lay sod, perform roadside maintenance and work on

retention ponds. Two lanes on U.S. 17 in both directions are open throughout the work zone.

U.S. Highway 17 from south of S.W. Collins Street in Fort Ogden to County Road 760A south of Nocatee — Work is under way to expand U.S. 17 to four lanes. Work will include clearing land for two new travel lanes to the east of

the existing U.S. 17 travel lanes, starting drainage activities and relocating overhead power transmission and distribution lines. No lane closures will be required for this work. Motorists are advised to be aware of work vehicles entering and exiting the roadway. Project completion is expected at the end of 2015. r The contractois Ajax Paving Inc.

State Road 70 from Turner Avenue West to Rogers Avenue — Crews will continue cutting and replacing sod on the utility strip from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, weather permitting. Lane closures are expected. Motorists are advised to be aware of work vehicles entering and exiting the roadway and to use caution driving in this area.

POLICE BEAT

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- Maurice Tyrelle Brown, 22, 1000 block of S.W. Golden Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$240.
- Marilyn Darlene Gilreath, 46, 3800 block of Pineapple St., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$120.
- Christopher Wayne Ferrell, 23, first block of W. Magnolia St., Arcadia. Charge: arrest on out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
- Geronimo Fiallo, 36, first block of Crystal Ace., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Jaime Hernandez, Martinez, 28, 1st Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$2,000.
- Karl J. McClellan Sr., 54, Bradenton. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$500.
- Steven Morales Jr., 23, Park Place, Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell or deliver, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$3,490.
- Michael Eric Rodriguez, 23, 1100 block of E. Maple St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Miguel Hernandez Torres, 48, Winter Haven. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.
- Christian Ross Wood, 25, Fletcher

- St., Arcadia. Charges: criminal mischief with property damage and disorderly conduct. Bond: \$360.
- Amy Denise Barnes, 39, 2100 block of N.W. Richards Ave., Arcadia. Charges: trafficking in amphetamine or methamphetamine, possession or use of drug equipment and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$10,240.
- Ruth Aparicio Calderon, 34, 2600 block of N.W. Charlotte St., Nocatee. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Cirilo Ragoytia Flores, 51, Palomas Ave., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.
- Shellie Levine, 37, 300 block of N. 10th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: unarmed robbery. Bond: \$20,000.
- Sergio Ramirez, 28, 2100 block of N.W. Richards Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$1,240.
- Bobby Van Gilbert, 40, habitually driving while license is suspended and selling or giving alcohol to a minor. Bond: \$2,500.
- Jennifer Shannon Hens, 30, Bradenton. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Mojammel Haque Chowdhury, 27, 300 block of S. Brevard Ave., Arcadia. Charge: selling or giving alcohol to a minor under 21. Bond: \$500.
- Faroque Kabir, 53, 1900 block of S.W. Heron Cove, Arcadia. Charge:

- selling or giving alcohol to a minor under 21. Bond: \$500.
- Marina Guadalupe Marin, 35, 1000 block of 7th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: selling or giving alcohol to a minor under 21. Bond: \$500.
- Syed R. Mostafa, 34, 1600 block of S.E. Hargrave St., Arcadia. Charge: selling or giving alcohol to a minor under 21. Bond: \$500.
- Michael James Anderson, 34, Spring Hill, Fla. Charges: two counts of failure to appear. Bond: none.
- Tiffany Grace Beasley, 26, 1000 block of Riverwood Road, Arcadia. Charges: two counts of petty theft, third or subsequent offence, and failure to support spouse or child. Bond: \$2,075.
- Veronica Darlene Dugresne, 60, 200 block of S. Luther Ave., Arcadia. Charges: two counts of violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Shadi Helmi Ismail, 26, 1400 block of S.W. Price Child Ave., Arcadia. Charges: violation of probation and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: none.
- Candis Diane Sprinkles, 23, 2600 block of S.E. Rice Road, Arcadia. Charges: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, and felony battery. Bond: none.
- Daniella Ayanna Bond, 22, 400 block of W. Harris Road, Arcadia. Charge: selling or giving alcohol to a minor under 21. Bond: \$500.
- Roberto Silva, 21, 1500 block of S.E. Carnahan Ave., Arcadia. Charge: criminal mischief with property

- damage between \$200-\$1,000. Bond: \$500.
 - The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:**
 - Gabriel Guevara Jr., 26, 2800 block of S.E. Rowena Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$2,000.
 - Willie Johnson, 32, 4400 block of Tulip Ave., Arcadia. Charges: violation of probation, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: none.
 - Andre Thomas Little, 23, 2700 block of S.E. Durrance Road, Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$2,000.
 - Autwain Whitney Worthy, 28, no address, Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and two counts of possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$3,000.
 - Larry Anthony Polk, 27, 4300 block of S.W. Jasmine Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
 - Rusticus Vaughn Jones, 42, 12700 block of S.W. Kingsway Circle, Lake Suzy. Charges: two counts each of possession of cocaine, sale of cocaine, and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$25,000.
- Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

LETTER

FROM PAGE 4

Golf course must be competitive

Editor:

It appears to me that the City Council is getting the cart before the horse regarding the city golf course. I will try to be kind and describe the condition of the course (especially the greens) as "not good." Play is way down as a result.

A couple of years ago, in season, Park Day (Thursdays) was a busy day.

More and more of the local parks have either gotten their own courses back in shape, or are moving their league play up Route 17. Last year bag storage fees were raised \$5. As a result, there are far fewer bags stored at the clubhouse.

Currently, I believe I am about the only one storing my bag there as I play during the off season. It seems to me that everything possible should be done to increase bag storage because if you have to go over to the course to pick up your bag to play somewhere else, it is just easier to stay there. The rate increase of a couple years ago not only didn't go over well, many of the golfers just

haven't returned. Currently, we have quite a few golfers driving up from Charlotte County because of our rate advantage. They could disappear quickly if the course loses that advantage.

It seems to me that the golf course is the only potential recreational money maker the city has. To increase fees to be more in line with other courses when they are better managed and in better physical shape is just going to drive more golfers up the road to other courses. Where is the gain in that?

Perhaps this is the time to hire a knowledgeable course and clubhouse manager, or lease out the course and

allow the lessor to make money on clubhouse equipment and beverage sales and lessons.

Decisions made by non-golfing city council members with just the immediate financial bottom line as a priority is just going to send more golfers up the road and ultimately leave the city with vacant land.

Finally, do we need all the carts we lease?

Also, why not conduct a survey as golfers register and find out how many we are drawing in from other areas?

Bob Harrington
Arcadia

GRITS & PIECES

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cousins, too, the whipporwill, calling from the darkness.

Our granny had an old wringer-washer that straddled a small ditch behind the old homeplace that seemed to groan as it churned back and forth.

Nearby, a load of bed sheets would be snapping and fluttering in the breeze. Not far from there would be heard the sound of hens clucking and flapping, and sometimes the peeping of a brood of fuzzy biddies. We were surrounded by pasture on all four sides, so any noise from cattle hardly registered. In the field across from ours there was a rusty old windmill, and I enjoyed hearing it turn in the breeze, and the

squeaking of the shaft below it as it pumped water for the cows.

Train horns that sounded their familiar pattern of long-long-short-long blasts as they approached crossings are something I still love hearing. One sound that is gone forever is the blasting of the old Nocatee stump plant whistle that could be heard for a mile or two in any direction.

Many Australian pines stood in the

yard of our granny's house, and their long green needles made the most incredible soft whooshing sounds as the wind pushed through them. It reminded me then of something whispering, and in retrospect, I suppose it could've been nature telling me its secret — to open my ears and gather precious sounds in my heart, so I might enjoy their memory for all my days. And I'm so glad I listened.

MOSQUITO

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Mosquito-borne diseases

Most people infected with an arbovirus do not even get sick. For the small number who do become ill, it can take two to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito before they

become sick. Symptoms may include fever, headache, tiredness, dizziness, and confusion. West Nile virus may also cause a rash or muscle weakness. People 50 years old and older are more likely to have brain swelling from eastern equine encephalitis virus or St. Louis Encephalitis virus infections but this can occur in younger people too. Anyone infected with EEEV may also develop brain swelling, but children develop illness

most commonly. Severe infections with any of the arboviruses can be fatal. A person who thinks they may have an arbovirus infection should see a doctor as soon as possible. The doctor may order laboratory testing to see if an arbovirus caused the illness. Although there is no cure for arboviruses, there is treatment for some of the symptoms. Anyone suspecting they are sick should contact their physician immediately.

Floridians who are traveling internationally need to remember to use mosquito repellent to avoid mosquito bites, as communicable diseases often return to the United States after traveling abroad. DOH continues to conduct statewide surveillance for mosquito-borne illnesses, including West Nile virus, Eastern equine encephalitis virus, St. Louis encephalitis virus, malaria and dengue.




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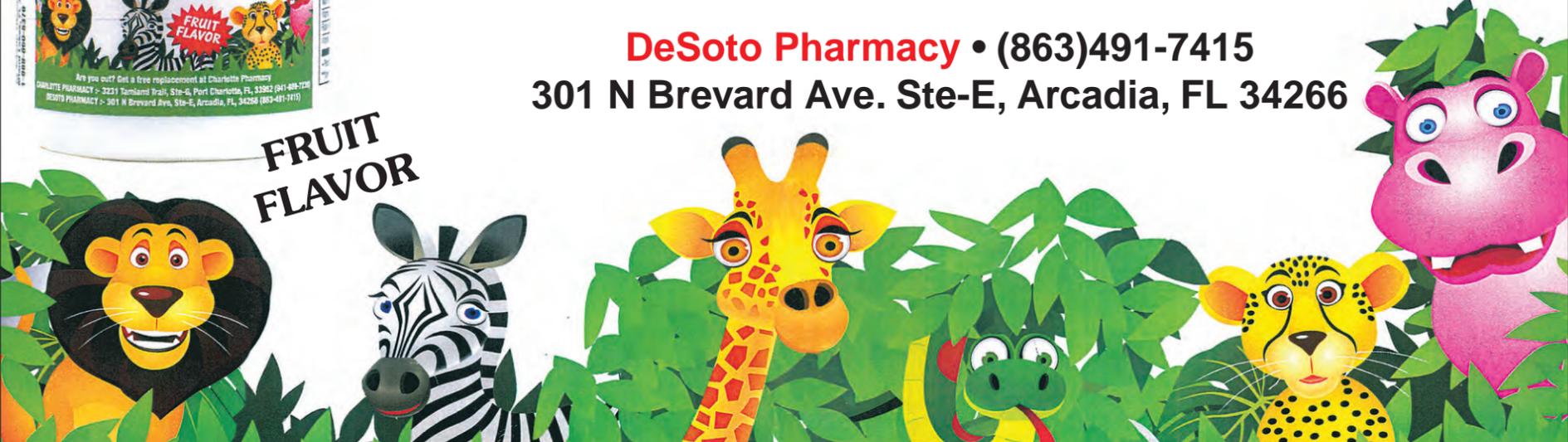
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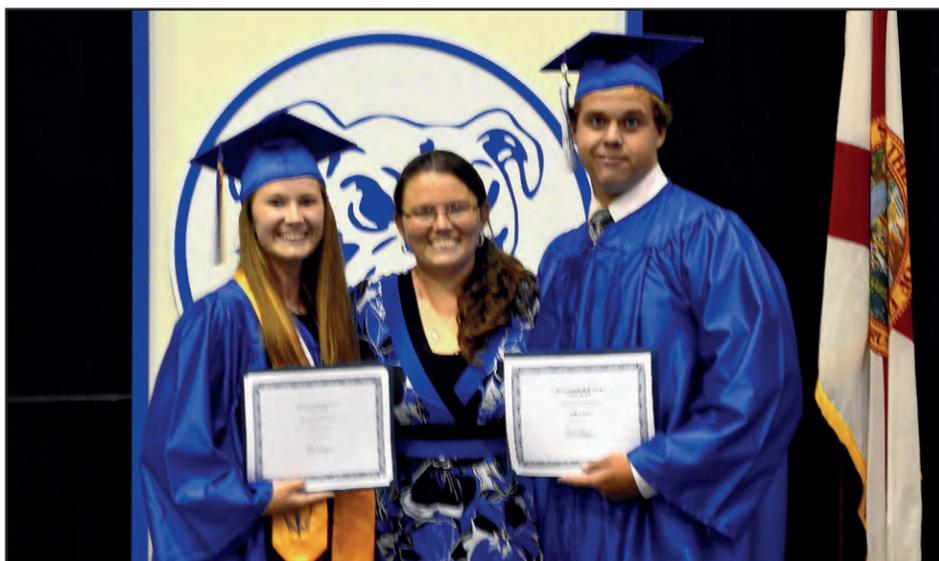
GRADS

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The DeSoto County Education Foundation serves as the conduit for business and philanthropic investment in public schools by creating partnerships that have a direct impact on student achievement at the local level. These partnerships enable DCEF to develop and implement projects in a strategic, turn-key manner

with DCEF facilitating the relationship, providing accountability and recognizing the donor. This creates grant opportunities, scholarships and other selected programs that provide for the maximum impact within the donor's area of interest. Scholarships are just one of the services to public education that the foundation help provide.

For more information on the DeSoto County Education Foundation Inc., visit www.desotoschools.com and click on Education Foundation.



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Class of 1948 Smith-Huff Scholarship: McKayla Jeter and Andrew Price received the Smith-Huff award and were recognized for their outstanding leadership skills. Their names will be added to the plaque that hangs in the hallway at DeSoto County High School.



The 5 from 1985 Annual Scholarship: Brian Fender and Kenny Kovacik, representing the 5 in 1985 Scholarship, present a scholarship to Austin Baucom to help with his college plans.



Bodacious Scholarship: School Board member Karen Chancey presents a scholarship in memory of her son, to Brandon Evans.

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