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County OKs funds for tanker repair

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved more than \$31,000 for repairs to a fire department tanker truck.

Public Safety Chief Glenn Prescott presented three repair estimates for the board's consideration, ranging from a \$138,000 complete refurbishing of the vehicle, to \$21,000 for a combination of a new frame and replacement parts.

Prescott had first asked for a new

tanker truck at the BOCC's June 11 meeting, with a cost of approximately \$220,000. He had also said it would cost an estimated \$138,000 to repair the tanker, by breaking the truck down and rebuilding the entire vehicle. The board tabled the issue, telling Prescott to return with additional repair estimates.

Prescott reported the company willing to rebuild the frame, Universal Truck Parts in Miami, estimated a new frame at \$5,500, with a cost variation up to \$10,000.

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield

asked Prescott how much mileage was put on the tanker in the past 6 months; Prescott said it was 100 miles.

Commissioner Elton Langford said he wanted to approve the lowest bid, stating the relatively small investment from the county would be worth it if the vehicle can be used for another 10 or 15 years. "Let's fix it and tend to it as needed," he said. "As long as it works properly, I'd like to see us maintain this truck."

Commissioner Gabriel Quave agreed, but asked Prescott to request a hard

quote from the builder to ensure costs don't escalate beyond what the board would approve. "I want to make sure they understand that there is a specific limit on what they can charge," he said.

Shortly after, Quave received the laugh of the day when he moved for the county to approve the purchase of a new tanker truck. He quickly corrected himself, noting that Langford made sure to express his disapproval of the motion. "Elton just kicked my chair when I

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Football, cheerleading sign-ups start



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Jamil Brown, right, Careon Brown and Toccara Dupree try out some football moves Saturday during the Youth Football and Cheerleading signups at Richard Bowers Stadium. Signups continue this Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bowers Stadium. • Turn to page 13 for more photos.

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School board clashes over jobs, spending, policies continue

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Tensions continued to rise at Tuesday's School Board meeting, as Ronny Allen clashed with Superintendent Karyn Gary over staffing decisions.

Gary sought the Board's approval of her new revised staffing lists, including moving Nelson Stephenson — currently the DeSoto Middle School Principal — to taking over the Principal's job at DeSoto County High School.

Allen wanted to keep Stephenson at DMS, saying he had done a good job there and he should remain for stability.

Gary, however, said, "I want the best

fit where the employees can be most successful.

"Ours is a low-performing district," she said. "We can't continue to do what we've always done and expect different results."

Board Attorney Bucky Waldron pointed out the Board can either approve her personnel decision, or can reject it for good cause. But in a recent Bay County case similar to DeSoto County's situation, the court said the board could not reject the superintendent's choices on the basis of stability; that was not sufficient to meet the good cause criterion.

Waldron also told the board he had researched the "recognition funds" given to the district for teachers who

were employed at the high school when it went from D to a B grade. He found no basis to withhold those bonuses, even for three administrators who were under investigation.

Waldron said changes to the district's dress code had to be approved by the board before becoming official. At an earlier meeting, Gary said parents had been told students could now wear striped shirts and round-necked shirts, but Allen challenged such a change without Board approval. The policy will have to be considered at a future meeting.

During the public comment period, Mark Fusco — whose wife, former DeSoto County High School Principal Shannon Fusco, was informed her

contract with the District was not being renewed — questioned the money spent on a private covered walkway, furniture and other recent improvements to the Superintendent's offices. "Since the district has such a hard time getting enough money, I would like the Board to look at that. The Board needs more oversight."

Gary later answered, saying the walkway was built because there were two sections of the offices that were not connected, requiring people to go outside and unlock a door to get into the other section. She also noted when former Superintendent Adrian Cline left, he had five offices, each with

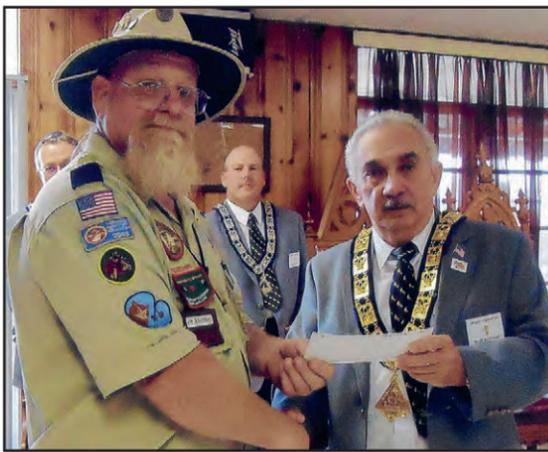
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Burns installed as Elks state president



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JACKIE TUCKER

Brian Burns was officially installed as the Florida State Elks President at the Elks State Convention. He is pictured with his wife, Mary Kay Burns.



Peter Nicholas, right, Exalted Ruler of the Arcadia Elks, presents to Ken Shatney, Cub Master of Cub Scout Troop 39, a check from the money raised during a dinner fundraiser. The money will help the youth attend a summer camp.



The Exalted Ruler from West Palm Beach passes the President's Banner to the Arcadia Elks Exalted Ruler, Peter Nicholas, left. It will hang in the Arcadia Elks Lodge this year as Brian Burns serves as president of the state Elks.

Workshop focuses on 2013/14 budget

By **STEVE BAUER**
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DeSoto County Commissioners were given a preliminary view of the 2013/14 departmental and overall budget during a June 24 workshop.

County Administrator Guy Maxcy and Administrative Services Director Linda Nipper presented an overview of the budget, which is estimated to have a surplus of approximately \$1.2 million. That number is subject to

change, however, especially if proposed Municipal Service Benefit and Taxing Units increase to fund the Public Safety Department are approved by the board this summer.

Nipper noted the numbers are subject to change. "The Public Safety Department will not be presenting their budget today, and depending on whether the MSBU and MSTU rates are changed (that) will have an impact on budget numbers."

Besides Public Safety, two other

departments also did not present their budgets due to scheduling conflicts. They are expected to present at the BOCC's July 9 budget workshop.

One item that will have a permanent impact on next year's budget is a state-mandated 10 percent increase in government employee retirement contributions, which will affect the budget by more than \$500,000. Commissioners also had a chance to review the budget with potential raises for county employees, which if approved would add \$1.1 million to the budget.

Overall revenue is expected to drop by approximately \$1 million, to \$23,438,464.

Departmental budgets were relatively stagnant across the board. The only exception at the moment are Animal Control and Human Resources, which are both requesting an additional staff member.

After hearing from the departments, Maxcy requested the commission come to a consensus on whether they will

support a millage decrease if the MSBU and MSTU increases are implemented.

"Whether you change the millage rate or not is going to have a big impact on what we present to you, so I would ask that you let us know if lowering that rate is something you plan to do," he said.

Commissioner Jim Selph responded by saying "I think I can speak for this board when I say we are going to lower the millage rate."

To date, neither Commissioners Gabriel Quave nor Buddy Mansfield has voiced support for a millage increase in past board meetings.

County Attorney Donald Conn reminded Selph that no official vote could be taken on the millage issue since such issues must be addressed during the board's regular meetings.

"You can say you support the millage hike, but that doesn't make it a binding agreement," Conn said. "This matter will need to be addressed at the next board meeting if you choose to do so."

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School board keeps busing for daycare kids

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
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ARCADIA — The DeSoto County School Board decided at a Tuesday workshop to continue busing children to after-school daycare programs, even though it costs district taxpayers over \$21,000 not reimbursed by the state.

They also decided to continue busing students who live within a two-mile limit of their school, at a cost of approximately \$390,000 out of the district's general fund, even though those costs are also not reimbursed by the state.

The School Board held the workshop to consider whether to amend the district's current transportation policy. Donald Scarborough, a consultant who specializes in school transportation, told the School Board of the 2,384 students bused this year, 571 were not eligible (because they live within the two-mile limit) and 62 are taken to after-school daycare. The district's total transportation costs for the year were \$1,630,087, of which \$390,426.96 is not paid by the state and comes out of the district's general fund.

"Some of the ineligible kids were bused twice," he said, such as students from Nocatee who were first brought to West Elementary, and from there to Memorial Elementary from where they

are bused to area daycares.

School Board member Debby Snyder noted the walk from Memorial to one of the daycares is only three-tenths of a mile, taking about seven minutes to walk but 24 minutes for busing; to another, the walk was only nine minutes, but 24 minutes to be bused. She also noted the daycare centers could have a staff member walk to the school and guide the children back to the day care.

Scarborough also noted some of the students at Memorial who are eligible for transportation have to wait at the school up to a half-hour longer for the buses to return while the ineligible daycare students are transported.

Mark Fusco, who owns Full Circle Martial Arts Academy, said while his business no longer has an after-school care program, area daycare centers help in education by providing homework help, tutoring, social interaction and positive reinforcement for children who go there. If daycares have to provide transportation for their children, the cost of after-school care would rise. "This could force those daycares out of business," he said.

"As a community, we have to find a way to fund this," Fusco added. "We've heard of capital funds being spent in the superintendent's office for a private walkway and new furniture. That money

doesn't affect the safety of our children."

Superintendent Karyn Gary told the Board they could vote to put amendment of the transportation policy on the next agenda, having children within the two-mile limit walk and not busing daycare children, saving the district almost \$400,000 annually. Alternatively, the Board could vote to keep the policy as is.

Rodney Hollingsworth said in his business, many families use the transportation service to get their kids to daycare. "It's worth the \$10,000 our company pays in school taxes," he said. Ronny Allen said, "Parents must understand, this is a benefit from your tax dollars for delivery of your child. It's been in place many years. It outweighs the \$21,000."

Snyder noted the transport of daycare kids was \$21,000 but you also have to consider the \$390,000 for busing ineligible students. "That's money we could be using to teach our children," she said.

Board Member Bill Stanko agreed, saying, "That \$390,000 is really cutting into our budget."

The Board voted 3-2 to keep the policy as is, retaining the busing of ineligible students. Snyder and Stanko were opposed.

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From left, twins Paula and Paloma Resendiz, 8, and Emily Resendiz, 3, are decked out in their patriotic colors, ready for the annual Arcadia Independence Day Parade to begin. The annual parade starts off the day at 10 a.m. Thursday at West Oak Street and Orange Ave. in downtown Arcadia.

Celebrate Independence Day in Arcadia



The Rockin' Baby B team roped two calves in one loop during the Team Branding event at a previous Ranch Rodeo held at the Turner Agri-Civic Center. This year's event starts at 1 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Tidewell Hospice in Arcadia.



Fireworks begin around 9:15 p.m. at the Turner Agri-Civic Center.

DeSoto Correctional Institute holds graduation ceremony

By **GLORIA IVINES**

DESOTO CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE

A graduation ceremony was held at DeSoto Correctional Institution June 12 for 40 inmates. Twenty students earned their high school diplomas through the General Educational Development (GED) program, and 20 received Florida Department of Education certificates in the building/construction field.

A 2012 GED graduate spoke to the attendees about what he has accomplished since graduation. He explained he is now a literacy tutor helping other inmates earn their high school diplomas. He encouraged the graduates to focus on their accomplishments rather than the fact they are in prison. He challenged each graduate to give back by sharing their knowledge with someone else.

Tom Welchman, a businessman, entrepreneur, equine dentist and volunteer at DCI was the keynote speaker. After telling the audience about the various thriving businesses he started and later sold, he



PHOTO PROVIDED

DeSoto Correctional Institute inmates received their GEDs and/or construction/building certificates at a ceremony held June 12 at the facility.

explained there was a reason why he focused on his successes. Everyone was amazed when Welchman walked over to the overhead projector, turned it on and pointed to the reflection of his own GED diploma. He looked directly at the graduates as he said, "You cannot tell me you can't do it." Welchman ended by encouraging them to set goals and never give up on their dreams.

The chapel was filled with staff,

parents, grandparents and friends who watched the graduates walk across the stage and receive their certificates.

After the ceremony, graduates and their guests enjoyed refreshments and celebrated the occasion. It was obvious to those in attendance that the graduation ceremony helped strengthen family bonds. Many of the guests said they were glad to have an opportunity to focus on success and to have hope for the future.

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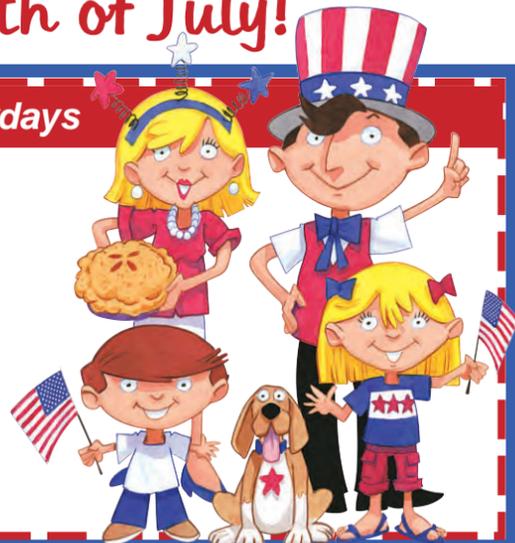
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OUR VIEW

Let's start working on our Good Life

Our view: DeSoto needs to take a proactive role to usher in our future.

Amazon — that giant Internet company as huge as its name implies — wanted to build an operations center here in Florida, bringing 3,000 new jobs. Gov. Rick Scott at first turned them down, because Floridians would have to pay sales tax on items ordered through Amazon if the company had a physical presence in the Sunshine State.

Later, however, Scott apparently had a change of heart and decided to welcome the online behemoth here. Word is they are looking in the Tampa area to build a 1-million-square-foot warehouse.

That, we think, is exactly the kind of business DeSoto needs. We would like to have seen the county in contention for such a facility. Why not?

We already have the Walmart Distribution Center in Fort Ogden, which appears to be working well for both the county and the company. They got a good deal on adequate, open land to build their facility, with great access to transportation, and not far from bigger population and commercial centers. Their employees can easily get to beaches and world class entertainment while enjoying a decent cost of living. County Coordinator Mandy Hines said the Walmart Distribution Center and Supercenter employ nearly 1,000 individuals between them, making them the two largest employers in the county and providing an undeniable boost to our revenue stream.

New ideas are hard to sell, though, and some cling strongly to the way life used to be: a slower-paced, neighborly lifestyle where families stayed together, worked hard on their farm, ranch or groves, and knew all their neighbors. A real Walton family/Mayberry life — “The Good Life,” as the county’s slogan says.

The problem with that vision is it’s hard to sustain. Agriculture brings a lot to DeSoto County, including jobs (but many of them are only temporary). But it does not contribute enough to keep the economic engine going indefinitely.

Presently, land cultivated with citrus is valued (for property assessment purposes) at \$1,500/acre minimum, depending on how many fruit-bearing trees it sustains. But citrus greening is certainly a threat, one which could significantly reduce the county’s citrus acreage. Just think about how many acres of citrus groves you have seen abandoned and not replaced. When was the last time you saw land newly planted with citrus?

Cattle ranching can be lucrative, although pasture land is valued at only \$220/acre. And livestock does not create that much employment.

There will probably be both citrus and livestock in DeSoto for a long time, but they are fading as the county’s major economic engines. We must find something to supplement them, and soon — before the bottom drops out.

We’re encouraged that County Commissioners agreed to fund the county’s Economic Development Advisory Committee request for an outside consulting firm that can look at the county’s assets and advise us what kinds of businesses would be ideal for DeSoto, and help catalog the positives we can offer.

DeSoto needs to be alert to new opportunities for businesses that might find much to like in our county. Why not an Amazon? If we have what Walmart needs, wouldn’t we be a great location for an Amazon too? We have decent highways (and getting better as U.S. Highway

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GRITS & PIECES

That '70s Tailgate Party promises to be a blast from the past

Best wishes to the recent graduates of DeSoto County High School, with highest hopes for wonderful lives and careers ahead for each and every Bulldog. Go after life with zeal, an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, and a positive outlook, and you'll find enough happiness and success to last you a lifetime.

Summer always reminds me of how we as kids looked forward to the long break between school years that never really was long at all. In retrospect, our time in school was fleeting as well, though it didn't seem like it at the time. It took forever for those dozen years of endless classes and homework to pass, and now for many folks my age, we've retired or are nearing the day when that will happen. So I guess life is pretty much in fast-forward mode all the way. No wonder I got so old so fast.

School days are probably more wonderful in retrospect than we thought they were at the time. And each time we have a class reunion, the memories grow sweeter and our classmates become even more precious to us. This year marks four decades since my class wore mortar boards and gowns and marched across a makeshift wooden stage in the middle of the rodeo arena on a drizzly evening to collect rolled-up pieces of paper that were replaced later by the diplomas we were mailed. Seems like yesterday, though.



Grits & Pieces

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Speaking of school and class reunions, That '70s Reunion had such great success with biannual reunions in 2010 and 2012 that we've decided to hold an off-year tailgate party tomorrow night, June 28. And if you were part of any of the classes between 1970 and 1979, you are invited and encouraged to join us at the Turner Center between 5 p.m. and midnight. This is for all members, whether you finished school here or not, attended only during elementary school years, etc., and certainly includes teachers and other school staff as well from those years.

What's the catch, you ask? Well, there's no cover charge or tickets to be bought — just show up and enjoy yourself and have fun catching up with old friends. Each person is responsible for their own concessions (food and drink prepared by the Turner Center staff), and please, no BYOB! Do bring a folding chair, your camera, and lots of memories to share with everybody. No dress code — just show up comfortable and enjoy. If you didn't attend either of the previous

reunions and are on Facebook, you can look us up there and see endless photos and comments from those fantastic gatherings.

One of the 1970s classmates who will be in town is Delyne Anderson, who will be featured at a meet and greet hosted by The Last Chapter Coffee House and Cafe, at 15 West Oak Street in the antique district. Delyne is currently illustrating a series of children's books and will be there to see friends and sell copies of those books. Many here remember her mother Joyce Anderson, who owned The Palette Wheel and taught painting to many locals years ago. So if you haven't seen Delyne in awhile or are looking for books for your children, come for the meet and greet.

Another classmate who'll be in town is Ricky Muse. Now that he's broken into the Hollywood movie scene, he's doing a series of stand-up comedy routines, and has plans to appear here in Arcadia's Wagon Wheel Saloon Friday and Saturday night, and we're hoping he'll have time to come by the tailgate party for awhile.

That '70s Reunion is still on schedule for 2014, as we've set the pattern of holding the large gatherings on even-numbered years. The tailgate party this weekend was an idea hatched at one of our meetings since last October, as a sort of "fix" for those who find the

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Repair shop is a family affair

By STEVE BAUER

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As you enter Rinaldi's Small Engine Repair, a bee's nest of activity and family camaraderie greets customers. The shop opened its doors in May 2012 and specializes in the repair and rebuild of lawn mower, weed eaters, chain saws and leaf blowers. Business has steadily increased in the past year, and this summer has been busier than ever.

"We had a week not too long ago where it rained pretty much the entire time," said John Rinaldi. "But the minute the rain let up and things dried out, we were slammed with repair orders and purchases."

The shop also services larger engines, such as commercial Dixie Choppers, and also does repair work on other equipment as well.

"A lot of people don't realize it, but we also do a lot of work on pressure washers and

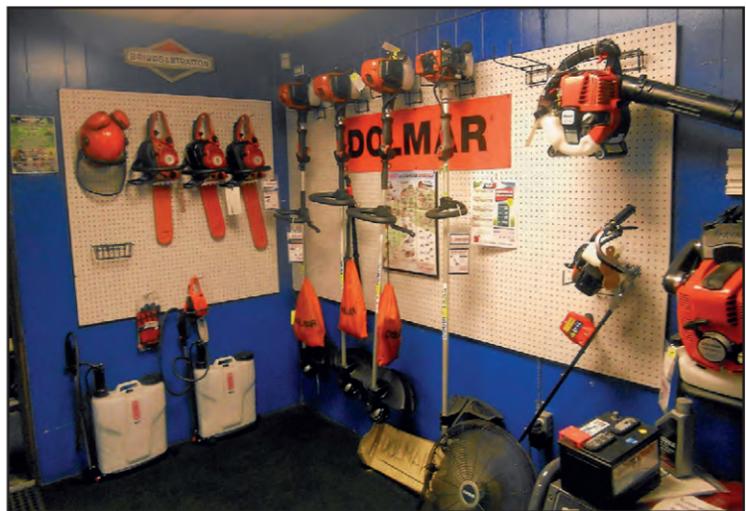
generators," John said. "We are capable of repairing or replacing a variety of engines, we are much more than just a lawn mower repair shop."

The business is also an exclusive retailer of Dolmar equipment, and is a Briggs and Stratton diamond dealer, an accomplishment the Rinaldis are proud of.

"It's not easy to become a diamond dealer, and we were able to accomplish it in a very short time period," John said. As a diamond dealer, the shop only uses Briggs and Stratton parts on all replacement jobs, instead of cheaper and oftentimes poorly built aftermarket items.

The shop is run by John's father, Tony, and John and his sister Jennifer assist with repairs and customer service.

"We are truly a family-run business," John said. "I can remember helping my dad with small engines and other repairs when I was three years old. And my sister has been here since day one to assist in other parts of the business. This is something my father and I have talked about for awhile, and we're excited to be doing this and having the success we've



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Rinaldi's Small Engine Repair carries Dolmar equipment for retail sale, and the company is also a Briggs and Stratton Diamond dealer.



John (left), Jennifer and Tony Rinaldi in front of their small engine repair shop on Brevard Ave.

experienced so far."

The shop is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 8

a.m. - 2 p.m. It's located on 644 N. Brevard Ave. in Arcadia. For more information, call 863-491-5602.

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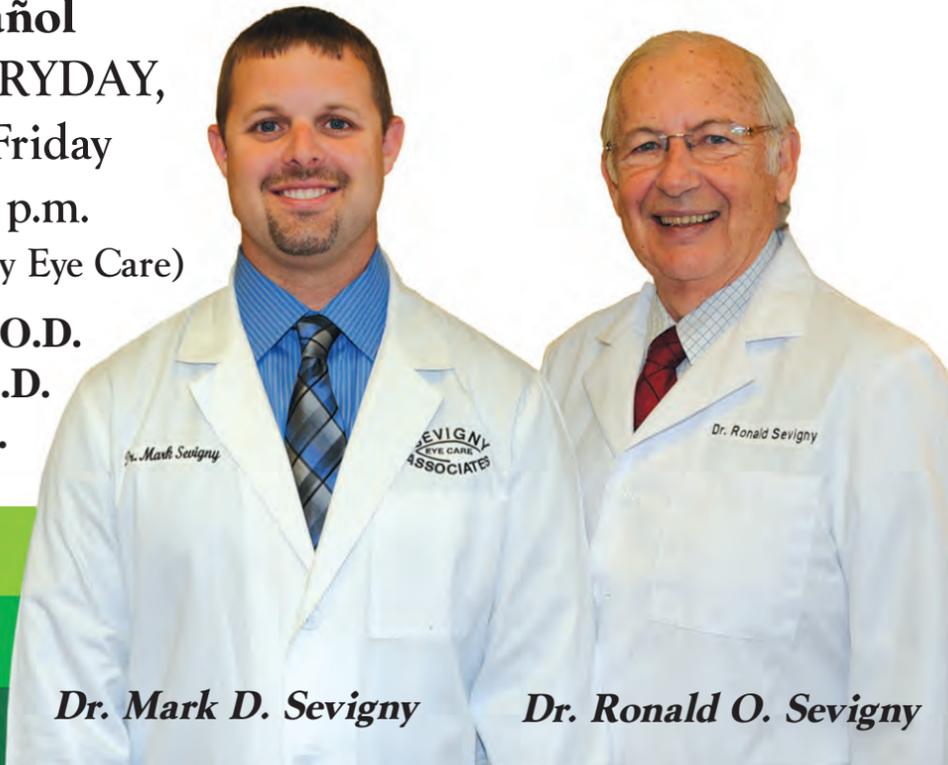
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• Drop-In Yoga class is cancelled for June 27 through July 11. Classes resume on July 17 at the DeSoto County Health Dept.

• Caregiver support group meets at 1:30 p.m. at DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at DeSoto Memorial Hospital Medical Plaza, 1006 N. Mills Ave., Arcadia. For more information, call DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at 494-8432 or Hospice of Southwest Florida at 993-0662.

• The Family Safety Alliance meeting for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. at the McClure Center, 4215 Concept Court, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call 941-316-6009.

• AA Second Tradition Anniversary Night is the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St. Potluck/barbeque before the meeting.

• AA Second Tradition Anniversary Night is the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St. Open speaker.

• Drop-In Yoga class is cancelled for June 27 through July 11. Classes resume on July 17 at the DeSoto County Health Dept.

• DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.

• Cocaine Anonymous meetings are held every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. The first meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3. For information, call Charles Godwin at 941-357-3945, Mildred Daniels at 993-0373, or Curtis Clark at 263-2935.

• Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

• Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.

• Weight Watchers meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1509 E. Oak St. For details visit www.weightwatchers.com and "find a meeting" or call 800-651-6000.

• 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.

• ACCESS office is open from 1-4 p.m. today at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Call for appointments at 494-0320.

FRIDAY

• Meet artist and illustrator Dalyne Anderson from 10 a.m.-noon at Last Chapter Coffee House. Dalyne illustrated "All the Rave" and "All the Boats," both by Sean W. Arnold, published by Cricket Cottage Publishing. For more information visit www.thecricket-publishing.com.

• Ricky Muse, comedian, will appear at the Wagon Wheel Saloon, 165 S. Polk Ave., at 8 p.m. on June 28-29. \$10 per person. Call 491-0608 for details.

• That 70s Tailgate Party will take place June 28 from 5 p.m. until midnight at the Turner Center. All members of DeSoto High Classes 1970 through 1979 and teachers from that decade are invited to attend. No tickets to buy and no cover charge, but everyone will be responsible for their own concessions, available at the Turner Center. No BYOB, please. Bring your camera, your memories, and a chair and hang out with classmates and friends for the entire evening. The DeSoto High Bulldog's Bites cookbook will be available for purchase for \$20.

• The AA G.I.R.L.S. Anniversary Night is at 6 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Oak St.

• City Takers for Christ will be giving away free meals on the last Friday of every month, starting at 12:30 p.m. until everything has been distributed, at 607 S. Orange Ave.

• 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. 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

• 4-H county council, leaders and volunteers meet at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the DeSoto County Turner Center extension office.

• The AA G.I.R.L.S. business meeting is held the first Monday at 7:15 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

• AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.

• Artistry 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.

• 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.district13soffal-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

• Arcadia City Council meets at 6 p.m. at the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia.

• Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.

• 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.

• ACCESS office is open from 9 a.m. to noon today at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Call for appointments at 494-0320.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

• 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.

• 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

• The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council Board of directors meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m., at The Arcadian, 108 S. Polk.

• DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Mobile Pantry is on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Smith Brown Gym starting at 9 a.m. until the food is gone. The only requirement is to be a DeSoto County resident. Sponsored by the All Faiths Food bank of Sarasota.

• The AA Serenity Group Business Meeting is held at 7:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church, 1004 W. Oak St.

• The Arcadia Writers Group meets from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Arcadia Village Clubhouse. For more information, call Sarah Hollenhorst at 244-1663.

• The Retired Law Enforcement Association of Southwest Florida meets first Wednesday monthly at the Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 23300 Harper Ave., Port Charlotte. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting is at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 941-423-0902.

• 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.

• 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.

• "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.

• 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.

THURSDAY

• Happy 4th of July to our readers! Come out and enjoy the Independence Day parade at 10 a.m. on W. Oak St. at Orange Ave. At 10:30, go to the barbeque at The Elks Lodge. See the Ranch Rodeo at 1 p.m. at the

SPECIAL

• There will be no garbage pickup in the city of Arcadia on July 4. Thursday customers' next pickup day will be July 8.

• DeSoto County residents will not have garbage collection on July 4. Thursday customers' next service date will be Monday July 8.

• Arcadia City Hall and the Margaret Way Building with both be closed July 4 and 5, for the Independence Day holiday and for termite treatment.

COMING EVENTS

• NBHA Barrel Race will be held at the Turner Center July 6, with exhibitions from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the show at 6 p.m. Contest entry fees are \$30 open, \$30 youth/senior and \$5 for exhibition. One-time non-member fee of \$10. Cash only. For details, call Jody Sullivan at the Turner Agri-Civic Center 993-4807 or visit the NBHA District 4 web page at www.nbhafl04.net.

• SBRA \$500 Added Barrel Race will be held at the Turner Center on July 7. Exhibitions start at 11 a.m., the show starts at 1 p.m. Entry fees \$30, exhibitions \$5. For details call Cheryl Lynn Mann at 863-635-0945.

• Links2Success Summer Leadership Class takes place July 8-13. It is open to children in grades 7-8. For details, call 990-0527 or email links2success@yahoo.com, or visit www.facebook.com/LinksToSuccess.

• Calusa Dog Agility Club will hold an AKC Trial July 19-21 at the Turner Center. Bob Jeffers of Odessa FL and Greg Beck of Durham, NC will judge. Spectators free and open to the public.

• DeSoto County Historical Society will meet on August 1 instead of the usual second Thursday.

• Calusa Dog Agility Club will hold an AKC Trial August 22-25 at the Turner Center. Judges are Bonnie McDonald of Brooksville Fla. and Daniel McDonald of Fort Myers.

• DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council will host its first-ever Paint-Out, painting en plein air, on Nov. 16 in downtown Arcadia. Watch The Arcadian for more details in the future. For those not familiar with the process of painting scenes outdoors, a plein air workshop is being planned for Nov. 2.

• DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council will hold the second Rio de la Paz Festival and Art Show Feb. 7-8, 2014.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

• Veterans — For free transportation to VA clinics, call 993-9670 for an appointment.

• Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. They are in need of cash donations to help pay for utility bills and other expenses.

• The DeSoto County Literacy Council is looking for tutors for adult literacy and English as a Second Language classes. For details call Susan at 993-1333.

• Training program available to 55+, low-income individuals for placement in local non-profits. Currently seeking trainees for two positions — kitchen aide and receptionist. Call Experience Works at 385-3672, Ext. 324.

• DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at 1425 S.W. MLK St. The center provides referrals to mainstream resources. If you have an urgent need, call Rev. Patrick Elmore at 786-543-3261 or Valerie Gilchrist at 244-8734. The center provides assistance with elderly healthcare issues through Serving Healthcare and Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE) and assistance with SNAP (senior food stamps). The center offers help completing Social Security Income and Disability Income (SSI and SSDI) applications. Call Sue Grossman-Leversee at 239-470-5350 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The center also offers a Mobile Food Pantry starting at 9 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month at Smith-Brown Gym, 14 School St., Arcadia. Food is provided through All Faiths Food Bank and it is open to all DeSoto County residents.

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@fsbarcardia.com.

Turner Center. Then take in the Fireworks at the Turner Center starting at dusk (around 9 p.m.) Turn to page 3 for more details.



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FAMILY ALBUM PHOTOS

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Arcadia Hardware names \$1K winner



PHOTO PROVIDED

Arcadia Hardware announced that Angela Wilson is the winner of the store's \$1,000 Shopping Giveaway. She was selected at random from more than 500 entries submitted between March and May. Angela is excited to be the winner and plans to use her prize to spruce up her store, DeSoto Jewelry. Arcadia Hardware Manager Jerry Mundell said, "We're happy to give one of our customers the opportunity to make her spring projects more exciting. We thank everyone who entered our Spring giveaway." Arcadia Hardware is at 1705 E. Oak St. (in the Sweetbay Plaza) and offers a complete line of hardware, tools and gardening supplies. Wilson is pictured with Assistant Manager Sheila Grant.

DeSoto graduates 30th class of nursing students

SUBMITTED BY KATHY SEVERSON

DeSoto County School of Practical Nursing graduated its 30th class of nursing graduates on June 14. The first practical nursing program began in 1982 under the direction of Jan LoPorto, R.N.

The nursing program has a successful graduation and a state exam pass rate ranging from 77 percent to 100 percent.

This year's nursing students' class motto was: "It is what it is, but it will become what you make of it." They called themselves "The Hotshots."

Angie Pitts, LPN II, an alumna from the Class of 2002, was selected as guest speaker by this year's graduates. Angi works at DeSoto Memorial Hospital in the Mother-Baby Department. Other honored guests included Superintendent Dr. Karyn Gary, Pastor Deloris Williams, BSA Troop 39 presenting the colors, Kelsey Cooper who the National Anthem, Martha Jo Markey who presented the Mary Jo Hill Stoneking RN Scholarship, Don Knoche who sponsored the State Farm Award, Arcadia Elks Lodge #1524 which

sponsored the Florence Nightingale Lamps, and Delores Christiansen from The Gideon's Auxiliary presenting the Nurses' Bibles as Susan Barnes read the history about the Gideons. Penny Kurtz, R.N., M.S.N., Director of Nursing for the DeSoto County Public Health Department, represented health care professionals who donated toward the academic achievement awards.

Dressed in white uniforms and nursing caps, each nursing graduate was pinned by their Nursing Instructor, Julie Price, RN, BSN. The gold pin represents the nursing school; embossed with outreaching hands, it was designed by the first graduating class of 1983.

After receiving their Graduation Certificates from Kathy Severson, assistant director for the Division of Career

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THANK YOU

The family of Cassandra D. Nealy expresses deepest thanks to those who offered comfort at her passing. May God bless you.

From the family of Cassanda D. Nealy

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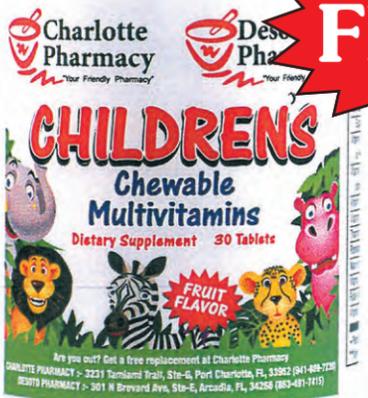
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Video released in Holland case

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office released a copy of a video made during the period when Jody Holland was arrested on May 25. Holland has claimed he was beaten by DeSoto County deputies after his arrest on May 25, when he was taken into custody on charges of violating a domestic protective order.

The video shows two deputies, Cpl. Vincent Carlucci and Dep. Steve Rizzi, enter a holding cell off the booking room to which Holland had been taken prior to being formally booked into the jail. The holding cell is barely visible in the lower left corner of the video. The two deputies enter the cell. At some point a few minutes later, Dep. Ashley Cross comes to the cell and looks in the open door.

Later the two deputies lead Holland out of the cell and one directs him to a room, where Holland changes into prison stripes. Later, Holland is casually leaning against the counter in the booking room, waiting while the deputies appear to do some paperwork. Holland has reportedly claimed to have been beaten while in the holding cell, just off camera, and two other times within 24 hours before being transferred to the Hardee County Jail.

Carlucci, Rizzi and Cross have been suspended with pay pending investigations under way by the FBI, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and DCSO.

The video can be viewed by going to www.facebook.com and searching for "The Arcadian."

Beware of lottery scams

An alert DeSoto County resident received a letter (with a stamp from South Africa) and a check last week which she concluded is a scam, and wanted to let other residents know not to fall for this scheme. The check looks real in all respects, purportedly drawn on a real

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.

bank (Meramec Valley Bank in Missouri) in the amount of \$3,850. The enclosed letter says the recipient is a winner in a European, African and USA Consumer sweepstake, from "USA Departmental Stores." The check purports to cover the \$3,600 processing fee and the recipient will then receive \$250,000.

This notice is a scam. No lottery contest requires the winner to send money in advance, and no legitimate contest will send you a check of this sort to pay for such "processing fees." If you receive such a letter, DO NOT RESPOND and do not try to cash the check. Instead, report it to the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office and to the Post Office.

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

- Jody Christopher Colvin, 42, FCCC, Arcadia. Charge: preventing or hindering a firefighter or safety equipment. Bond: none.
- Vincent Tyrone Greem, 47, Fort Myers. Charge: out-of-state fugitive. Bond: none.
- Harland Xavier Harris, 22, 4700 block of S.E. Navajo Drive, Arcadia. Charge: aggravated battery on victim the offender knew/should have known was pregnant. Bond: none.
- Curtis Antoine Hodge, 31, 300 block of N. 16th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: domestic battery by strangulation. Bond: \$10,000.
- Gustavo Felix Mercado, 28, 1400 block of S.E. Carnahan Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$10,000.
- Jessie Dustin Murray, 27, 8800 block

of S.W. Rabbit Trail, Arcadia. Charge: assault. Bond: none.

- Fernando Lopez, 33, 300 block of Granada Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
- Orlando Mondragon, 40, 4700 block of N.W. Highland St., Arcadia. Charges: battery, criminal mischief with property damage under \$200 and petty larceny \$100-\$300. Bond: \$990.
- Daniel Ross Pelham, 29, 1500 block of Carnahan St., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and sale of synthetic narcotic. Bond: \$5,120.
- Miguel Angel Rodriguez, 32, 200 block of Oaks Trail, Arcadia. Charges: two out-of-county warrants. Bond: \$1,190.
- Synyetta Lashe Simons, 30, 300 block of N. 16th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$500.
- Charles Gaston Bryan Jr., 26, 1300 block of N.E. Oak St., Arcadia. Charges: domestic battery by strangulation, possession or use of drug equipment, possession of controlled substance without a prescription and possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver. Bond: \$8,620.
- James Edward Chitwood, 49, 7400 block of S.W. Collins St., Fort Ogden. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- Jo Ann Eparza, 49, 1600 block of N.E. Eastling Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- Juan Marez Hernandez, 42, 1600 block of N.E. Eastling Ave., Arcadia. Charge: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. Bond: none.
- Katherin Marie Jiles, 42, Sarasota. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Alfonso Manganelli IV, 23, no address, Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and trafficking in drugs or controlled substance between 4 grams to 30 kg. Bond: none.
- Lonnie Ray Nair, 46, 6000 block of

CORRECTION

In the June 20 issue of the Arcadian, it was incorrectly listed that Arcadia Police Department Marshal Matt Anderson requested a \$12 per hour pay raise for six officers. Paperwork initially provided did not clearly specify that Anderson's intent was to divide savings of \$11.03 from department restructuring among the six officers.

S.W. Shores Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.

- Bobby Tyrone West, 43, 300 block of S. Dade Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$3,000.
- Jordan Christopher Williams, 22, 4300 block of N.E. Andrea Terrace, Arcadia. Charges: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill and felony battery. Bond: \$3,250.
- Joseph Allen Wiseman, 28, 4500 block of S.E. County Road 760, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Robert Anthony Wiseman, 29, 4500 block of S.E. County Road 760, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- James Travis Scott, 32, 4300 block of S.W. Aster Ave., Arcadia. Charges: driving while license is suspended and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$970.
- Jammarius Altevorn Bing, 23, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Bart Alan Dahl, 21, Cape Coral. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$2,000.
- Larrett Lane Lawrence, 21, 2900 block of Hollingsworth St., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- Perry Daniel Whatley, 39, 1500 block of Maple St., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$2,000.

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

- Tyler Shane Bailey Adams, 20, first block of Sevilla Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Heather Helena Decomo, 33, 2500 block of S.E. Durrance Road, Arcadia. Charge: disorderly conduct. Bond: \$500.

—Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

Sheriff Wise gives Carol Williamson a plaque commemorating her 35 years of service to the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHERIFF WISE

Sheriff's office says goodbye to the Williamsons



Former DeSoto County Sheriff Vernon Keen, left, retiring Maj. Sam Williamson, current Sheriff William Wise and former Sheriff Joseph Varnadore pose during a retirement party at the sheriff's office for Williamson and his wife, Dep. Carol Williamson.

ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN, shoffman@sun-herald.com



Retiring Deputy Carol Williamson, left, laughs heartily when her husband, retiring Major Sam Williamson, receives a new fishing pole as a retirement gift. The couple met on the job, and both retired Friday: Carol with 35 years of service and Sam with 28 years at DCSO.

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OBITUARIES

Robert Emmett Kelly Jr.

Robert Emmett "Bobby" Kelly Jr., 70, passed away Monday, June 3, 2013, in Okeechobee, Fla.



Bobby was a native of Arcadia, Fla., and upon high school graduation entered the U.S. Air Force. After his discharge he started his lifelong professional career in law enforcement, serving under many sheriffs and achieving the rank of Colonel.

A graveside service was held Saturday, June 22, 2013, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia.

Arrangements are by Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, Okeechobee.

Kimberley Ann Davis-McBurney

Sunrise April 3, 1963 Sunset June 15, 2013



Service was held Saturday, June 22, 2013, at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 208 Gordon Street, Arcadia, with The Rev. Robert A. Harrison officiating.

Shelly Alane Stout

Shelly Alane Stout, 50, passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 12, 2013, in Englewood, Fla., after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Nov. 4, 1962, in Hamilton, Ohio, to Sheldon "Tex" Stout and Donna Stout of Cedar Mountain, N.C., and Port Charlotte, Fla.

Shelly grew up in Sarasota, Fla., and Arcadia, Fla., and was a longtime resident of Venice, Fla., and Englewood, where she was the well-known owner of Village Gifts and Gallery and Roasters Coffee Bar on Dearborn Street in Englewood. She championed the beautification and preservation of the environment and historic Englewood, and served as a Board Member of the Old Englewood Village Association. Shelly had a deep love of the outdoors and consideration of humanity that were evident in her giving and positive spirit. All who knew Shelly were touched by her bright smile and loving nature.

Shelly was a wonderful mother and leaves behind her beloved sons, Alex Raguth and Kurt Raguth of Sarasota; sisters, Dawn Sandum of Murrieta, Calif., DeAnn Carroll of Charleston, S.C., Audra Dunn of Tampa, Fla., and paternal half-sister, Dakota Stout of West Plains, Mo.; and her soulmate, Pete Tannura.

A memorial service was held Saturday, June 22, 2013, at Grace United

Methodist Church in Venice. In lieu of flowers, please do something special for someone you love in honor of how Shelly lived her life. 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, Venice.

Christian K. Stoltzfus

Christian K. Stoltzfus, 77, of Arcadia, Fla., and formerly of Fredericksburg, Ohio, passed away peacefully Monday, June 24, 2013, with his family by his side.

He was born in Kinzers, (Lancaster County), Pa., July 24, 1935, to Elias R. and Catherine King Stoltzfus.

In 1957, Christian married Edna Kramer and together they raised nine children. He was a hardworking mason who instilled a strong work ethic in his children, along with valuable morals. Two of his strongest attributes were that of generosity and compassion. Christian was a loving family man. He enjoyed going fishing with the children, playing board games and sharing meals with his family; he was a member of the Arcadia Mennonite Church. Christian will forever be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Edna Stoltzfus of Arcadia; sons, Daniel (Verna) Stoltzfus of Arcadia, Elias (Colleen) Stoltzfus of Pipestone, Minn., John (Linda) Stoltzfus of Minerva, Ohio, and Christian (Anita) Stoltzfus Jr. of Leesburg, Ohio; daughters, Catherine (Benjamin) Coblentz of Alliance, Ohio, Elizabeth (Lee) Koehn of Dalton, Ohio, Mary Stoltzfus of Arcadia, Divina (Jake Weaver of Dalton, Ohio) Weaver of Orville, Ohio, and Mirriam (Peter) Smith of Atwater, Calif.; brothers, Rueben (Lydia) Stoltzfus of Manheim, Pa., David K. (Suvilla) Stoltzfus of Gap, Pa., and Tobias (Esther) Stoltzfus of Middlefield, Ohio; sisters, Sarah Beiler of Narvon, Pa., Mary Fisher of Paradise, Pa., Barbara (Omar) Glick of Gap; 32 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Christian was preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter; one great-granddaughter, one sister-in-law; and three brothers-in-law.

Visiting hours will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 27, 2013, in the chapel of Ponger Kays Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia. The Funeral Service will follow at 7:30 p.m. with Deacon Franklin Koehn officiating. Burial will be next week at the Rock of Ages Mennonite Cemetery in Applecreek, Ohio. Online condolences can be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com

Arrangements are by to Ponger Kays Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

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Resources you can use to save money and frustration

Almost four years ago, I wrote a column (I can't believe I have been writing this column for almost five years!) that I called a "keeper." It contained many telephone numbers and websites that readers could use either to obtain information or to report instances of scams and frauds, which is one of the main objectives of the C.A.S.E. program. At that time, I urged folks to save the information and keep it handy in the event they needed it.

In the years since then, I have come across literally dozens of additional phone numbers and websites that also offer information and



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recommendations for corrective action. Today, I will offer just some of the ones you might find most useful.

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God's answer may be bigger than your prayers

When Sue was 16 she became the Michigan high school girls' track champion in the 440 and 880 yard runs. To anyone that would have been a major accomplishment, but to Sue and her parents it was a miracle.

Sue's parents remember the corrective shoes she wore as a child and the constant threat of braces to help straighten their daughter's stubborn right foot. From the time she was a year old, that foot had turned in so badly it seemed as if she might never walk normally.

After two year of treatment, braces still remained a strong possibility for Sue but her parents kept praying that God would heal her foot. Imagine their satisfaction when a dozen years later, they watched their daughter win the championship at the Michigan state track meet. They were grateful beyond words.

Watching their little girl struggle with her turned-in right foot had been discouraging for her parents. Had they not believed in the power of prayer, they might have given up hope of her ever walking without difficulty, but faith enabled them to take the long look. And by the time she won the state championship, her running form was close to flawless.

Winning the Michigan state high school track championship was only the beginning for Sue. If her parents thought this was the fulfillment of their prayers and dreams, they had many pleasant surprises ahead. While a student at college, Sue was named an All-American runner. This took her to international track competitions and after college she became one of the top 1500 meter runners in the world.

Sue's running accomplishments opened many opportunities for her to share her faith with others. This was a dimension to the answering of her parent's prayers that went beyond their



Roger Campbell

expectations. Her father's reaction to how things turned out in the long run could have been a commentary on Sue's life: "God has given Sue more than we asked. We had prayed that her walk might be normal; now He's given us a champion."

God often gives more than we expect. According to the Bible, He may answer our prayers by giving "above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). This adds new hope when facing trials: God may turn them all into triumphs.

Once, when burdened about a problem, my fears evidently showed in my face. Seeing my clouded countenance, a friend said, "Cheer up! Things aren't going to turn out as badly as you think." And time proved him right. What had then seemed impossible happened in answer to prayer, making my friend's timely, faith-building words unforgettable.

Many have faced problems like you face today and have not only survived but emerged from them with stronger faith. Author George Rogers says believers "live and move in the heart of a divine conspiracy of love and wisdom which unfaithfully achieves their good. Their life from day to day, instead of being determined by fickle chance and uncontrolled circumstances, is planned in accord with God's purpose."

There is a design in our difficulties; so faith sees trouble as part of God's loving plan to make tomorrow better than today.

THIS WEEK IN DESOTO COUNTY

1970:

The following children were listed on the honor roll at West Elementary. To be listed, the child must receive all As and Bs. Fourth grade students were Paulette Alexander, Kim Bethel, Walt Brewer, David Carlton, John Crosby, Alisa Dewey, V.C. Hollingsworth, Lisa Mathews, Catherine Neal, Wanda Suggs, and Linda Worley. Fifth graders were Mary Lyn Carter, Robin Dewey, Sharon Fisher, Holly Gulla, Layne Guidry, Linda Herbert, Anita Johnson, Leesa Johnson, Lisa Latimer, Janice McQuay, Beverly Nathe, Susan Sorrells, Tammy Treadwell, and Brigitta Wuthrich. Sixth graders were Annette Campbell, Linda Cassells, John Harmon, Keith Hollingsworth, Elaine Johnson, Jerinae McCollum, Brenda Mercer, Terry Ritch, Robert Walls, Danise Williams, Wanda Williams, and Cynthia Winfrey.

1971:

FFA Officers Ronald Jones, Billy Keene, Bobby Cullum, Ronald Goulding, Robert Kembrough, James Spire and Keith Sowell were in attendance at the F.F.A. Banquet held at the middle school. One hundred and thirty six guests attended. This included F.F.A members, their parents and invited special guests. Following a delicious meal, James Brown, Ronnie Hay, Buddy Mansfield, Roy Wrinfry, and Duke Bryant, who played the guitar, sang a few songs. Mike Whitlock played a solo on the piano. The first award given was a trophy to Laren Harmon for being this year's F.F.A. Sweetheart.

1972:

Central Transformer emerged as the winners of the 1972 Little League season after a close 4-3 competition during the last game of the play-offs. The six teams finished with Central Transformers first, Koch's second, Methodist third, Eller fourth, DeSoto Bank fifth and Christ Builders sixth. The winning team members are Larence Johnson, Greg Boyd, Greg Carlson, Dutch Byrd, Mike Winfrey, Frankie Hester, Ritchy Crews, Rodney White, Tim Stewart, Phillip Cross, Vernon Edwards, Kevin Cross, Tommy Guidry and Dannie Smith.



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1973:

It looked like it was about to rain last Friday night, but as someone in the audience remarked, "After they worked so hard for so long for this night, it wouldn't dare!" It didn't. Graduation exercise at DeSoto High School went off without a hitch, from an invocation by John R. Gambrell, the principle, to benediction from Alisa F. Durrance, one of the salutatorians. The other, Cheryl M. Woody addressed the group. Most of the northside rodeo arena were filled with parents and some friends as the Seniors, some 150 strong, marched to their seats of honor in front of the grandstand. It was the largest class ever at DeSoto High School.

1974:

In each life a little rain must fall, as the saying goes. But for 170 members of the DeSoto High School senior class, quite a lot of it came at the wrong moment last Friday — a downpour that started just ten minutes before their graduation ceremonies were scheduled to take place at the Arcadia Athletic Field. The deluge, which soaked the caps, gowns, and persons of the graduates as they stood at the northwest corner of the field for their planned "grand entrance," finally forced class sponsor Jill Maasen to have the ceremonies moved to the First Presbyterian. It forced many of the attending parents and friends — a lot of them also rain-soaked before they fled the bleachers

Senior Friendship Centers has a new temporary home

Most of you probably read last month's column regarding our moving. We have had an outpouring of concern and support from the community, and I just want to bring you all up to date. Well, we have settled in a temporary office – at 223 East Oak Street, Suite 4. The phone and fax numbers remain the same.

Those of you who read my column for many years probably remember that I'm a "collector." Couple that with having decorations to cover a large space for all holidays over 21 years' time, having to save all billing and client files for seven years, plus supplies, furniture, etc., and you have a "very big pile of stuff." If you don't want to take



Senior Friendship Center of DeSoto County

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my word for it, ask anyone who helped move it! A large portion of our belongings went into storage for the time being. We have only the bare necessities with us to allow us to continue operations. We are in a small office space at 223 East Oak Street, Suite 4. Our phone (863-494-5965) and fax (863-494-2837)

numbers remain the same.

Many of you have been concerned about services for our clients. Our in-home services for the homebound elders continue uninterrupted. We, of course, have temporarily had to curtail our Senior Center activities and congregate meal programs for lack of space. For those clients who are unable to be out and about on their own, we are delivering meals to their home. For those who drive, we have provided information on the many free hot meal programs and food pantries available in the community.

We have found a building that will be available sometime in September that will accommodate all of our needs

for a new Center and once again allow us to provide the many programs and activities that we had in the past.

Time passes so fast that before we know it, we will be moving again. (This better be my last time to move — as this old gal can't make it through many more moves!) We are already looking at all the great programs we will be able to offer once again. We hope to revive our "Seminars for Seniors" series that was so popular prior to Hurricane Charley — as were bridge club, cards and games day, craft club, low-impact exercises, movie day, and, of course, holiday get-togethers and entertainers.

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suspected scam or fraud, the Sheriff's Office would also like to be contacted. When you call 863-993-4700, Sheriff Will Wise, Lt. Curt Mays or I will always make every attempt to assist you.

The first contacts that follow are available statewide and the telephone numbers are all toll-free.

The first is a group called Senior Choices of Southwest Florida. The phone number is 866-413-5337 for their helpline; the website is www.srchoices.org. They offer information and referral assistance.

There are a number of Florida state departments that have consumer assistance components. Again the numbers

provided are toll-free.

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services can be reached at 800-435-7352. You can use that number for information or to be placed on the mailing or e-mail list to receive their monthly newsletter.

A special project of the Attorney General's office is called Seniors vs. Crime. It offers free assistance to seniors who think they have been victimized. To reach them call 800-203-3099 or www.seniorsvscrime.com. In addition, the office of the Attorney General will always receive information regarding suspicious business practices, unfair or suspected illegal treatment or to assist with filing complaints. That number is 866-966-7226 (866-9-NO-SCAM).

The state Department of Financial Services has a Consumer Services department. Their Helpline

number is 1-877-693-5236 or www.MyFloridaCFO.com/Division/Consumers If you suspect a fraud has occurred, their Fraud Hotline number is 800-378-0445.

The state has a Senior Legal Helpline. To reach it, call 888-895-7873.

On the national level, there are many contact numbers and websites as well. For today, I will only be sharing two, but in future columns, there will be more.

You can register a fraud complaint with the National Fraud Information Center at 800-876-7060. Your complaint will be entered into a computerized database used by federal agencies such as the FBI, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Federal Trade Commission, to name a few, as well as state attorneys general and consumer protection offices to apprehend criminals.

Finally, the Federal Trade Commission offers information on a

variety of scams and frauds, as well as a hotline to report such crimes. They can be reached at 877-FTC-HELP or at www.FTC.gov.

We can combat scams and frauds and the criminals who commit these crimes in two ways. One is by keeping informed about them, which I try to do through the CASE program. The other way is to report any actual crimes or suspicious activity related to them. Studies done on scams and frauds estimate that the number of those reported crimes might be as low as ten per cent of the actual number. We can all help law enforcement agencies by doing our part to report them.

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Dogs and owner are head-over-heels for DeSoto County



The moment of decision for Benji: to jump or not? He chose to jump and continue the course in the Calusa Dog Agility Trials held at the Turner Center last weekend. Agility trials return in July and again in August.



He might have short legs but his long body gets him through the weave poles with ease. Donna Black of Punta Gorda guides her Corgi through an obstacle at the Calusa Dog Agility trials held last weekend at the Turner Center.

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A French Bulldog owned by Charlene Blitzen of Beverly Hills, Fla. hurries over the hurdles on his way to completing a round of agility trials. Dogs of all breeds and sizes came to DeSoto last weekend to compete in contests that test the dogs' athleticism and obedience.



Kristy Luman coaches Chido Riverview along the weave poles and toward the next obstacle in the agility trials held for four days last weekend at the Turner Center. Dog owners from across the state come to DeSoto to give their dogs a workout.



Sue Kendra of Tarpon Springs encourages her little Papillon along the weave poles in the Turner Center. Dog agility will return to the Turner July 19-21 and August 22-25, and is free for spectators. If you've never seen dog agility trials, they are fun to watch!



Tristen Clark of Tampa urges his Italian Greyhound up and over the hurdles in practice for its agility event. The Turner Agri-Civic Center was host for four days of dog agility competitions last week, and is always a favorite place for these exhibitors.



A Papillon owned by Sally Lane of Port Charlotte, shows her spirit as she flies across the hurdle during the Dog Agility Trials last weekend. More agility events will return to the Turner in July and again in August.



Bailey and Tristen Clark take a break with their Italian Greyhound as they await their next competition. The Calusa Dog agility event draws hundreds of competitors to DeSoto County.



Sally Lane of Port Charlotte encourages Lexi through the weave poles as the little dog competes in agility trials.

Sign up Saturday for youth football, cheerleading



Rhonda Brantley and Sheila Gaitan hold up Jackie Gaitan in a classic cheering pose during Youth Football and Cheerleading signups last weekend. There's still time to enroll from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Richard Bowers Stadium.

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Coach Elias "La La" Richardson shows Jamil and Careon Brown and Toccarra Dupree some basic moves during Youth Football and Cheerleading signups last weekend. Signups continue from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Richard Bowers Stadium.



Sheila Gaitan, Elias "La La" Richardson and Rhonda Brantley get ready for a new youth football and cheerleading season. Signups continue Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Richard Bowers Stadium.



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The DeSoto County School of Practical Nursing held graduation ceremonies for its 30th class of nursing students. From left, back row: Marcellous Hearn, Tamila Richard, Alicia Nowakowski, Beckey Scott, Cindy Waters, Sally Keller. Front: Nicole Morgan, Crystal Dyal, Julie Price, R.N., B.S.N. Instructor, Veronica Savage, Jacqueline Del Rio, and Altrina Clarke.

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and Adult Education, a slide show of the nursing students' year of events was presented. Then the nursing students recited the Practical Nursing Pledge with their Florence Nightingale Lamps. It was a memorable ceremony for the graduates and their families.

The class is grateful to the support staff at the Family Service Center, Division of Career and Adult Education. Thanks also to Superintendent Gary, DeSoto County School Board members, Martha Jo Markey and the DeSoto County Education Foundation, Heartland Workforce, DeSoto Coalition, DeSoto Memorial Auxiliary Scholarship, Manatee Community Action Agency, Florida Assistance Student Grant, Veterans Administration, Shasta Grimes for the slide show, Downtown Signs for student awards, State Farm Insurance, Arcadia Elk's Lodge #1524 for Florence Nightingale Lamps, Hamilton's Uniforms of Port Charlotte, Kaia

Cross Photography, and The Gideons Auxiliary.

Thank you to all the professionals who shared their knowledge and expertise at the following clinical sites: DeSoto Memorial Hospital, Center For Family Health, OB-GYN Clinic, DeSoto Home Health Care and Physical Therapy Department; DeSoto Health and Rehabilitation Nursing Care; DeSoto County Public Health Department — Medical, Dental, and School Clinics; Manatee Rural Services — Community Care Clinic, OB-GYN, Arcadia Children's Health Care; Arcadia Chiropractic Clinic; Florida Hospital of Wauchula; and HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Sarasota, Florida.

The graduates thank Tidewell Hospice of Arcadia, Florida Institute of Neurological Rehabilitation of Wauchula, Charlotte Harbour Health and Harbour Health Care of Port Charlotte, Florida.

Thank you to all the patients and residents who allowed the nursing students to provide them nursing care during their training year.

Leipold talks to Historical Society



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Author Judith Leipold, left, gives Carol Mahler a copy of her new book, "Straight from the Horse's Mouth, A Biography of HJub Hubbell," for the DeSoto County Historical Society. Leipold spoke to DCHS Thursday, sharing personal glimpses of the man renowned as a trick rider and roper as well as a rodeo announcer.

DeSoto County Historical Society President Bebe Bradbury holds up a Certificate of Occupancy for the Ingraham House, which DCHS has been restoring for several years. The house is at 120 W. Whidden St.



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If you're interested in joining us for any of these activities or if you have a special activity that you'd be interested in, give me a call now so we can begin to plan accordingly. Also, we will be in need of volunteers to help with many facets of our programs. I'd love to also hear from anyone interested in

volunteering. Give me a call at 863-494-4965 and be part of our exciting new opportunities. We also welcome any ideas, concerns and questions you might have and look forward to hearing from you. Remember, together we have made and will continue to make DeSoto County a caring place to grow old. — Karen Blanchette is the Director of Senior Friendship Centers of DeSoto County and can be reached at 863-494-5965.



The Southern Shockers 14U team competed in tournament action June 14-16 in Sebring.

DeSoto County athletes named to All Area teams

Six DeSoto County athletes were named to the Charlotte Sun All Area teams for spring sports. Included in that half-dozen was Garrett Anderson, who was named the All Area baseball player of the year.

Anderson was a pitcher and short-stop for the Bulldogs and according to his coach Trey Hill, "He always gave us a chance to win. He competed every time out and was one of the team's leaders."

Anderson has agreed to attend Florida Gulf Coast University where he will team up with his brother Brady. Anderson was the leadoff hitter for the Bulldogs and hit .347. He led the team in runs scored and on-base percentage. He had a good eye as the leadoff man needs to have, as he led the team with 15 walks. On the hill he was the winning pitcher in 11 of the team's wins, with a 1.38 ERA and striking out 75 batters in 66 innings.

Also on the All Area baseball team was fleet-footed outfielder Tony LaLonde. LaLonde led all the area players in doubles, which was something he is proud of. "I thought it was great when I heard I made the team. Especially leading the area in doubles was really



On the Bench with Big Daddy

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something I am proud of," he said. "I've got to try and do it again next year. I just have to keep my head on straight and continue to work. I was really happy to see my teammate Garrett (Anderson) named player of the year."

LaLonde has a good glove and covers a lot of territory from his center field position. He also saw some time on the mound this season and will likely be back there next year when he isn't patrolling the outfield. Hill said, "Tony

showed that he can play at this level and was our best hitter for the season."

Tajahs Jackson was named to the All Area track team because of his performance in the 100-meter dash. Jackson, who also is a running back on the football team, finished ninth in the state and still has two more years to improve on that mark.

Jackson's coach, Tracy Hay, said. "Tajahs has amazing speed. He is a natural runner. It's amazing that he is only a sophomore and already has the talent he has. He is focused on working harder and getting stronger. He could go to the next level with his running. If he continues to work hard and focus his efforts on running he will be able to compete at the college level. I look forward to seeing him go to state again next year."

Jackson said, "It feels great to be named to the All Area team. My best memory of the past season was when I crossed the finish line at regionals and knew I was going to state."

The other three members of the All Area team came from Coach Billy Hines' softball team. Returning as members of the All Area team were Katelynn Johnson and Debbie Brown. They anchored the left side of the infield with Brown at third and Johnson at short. Hines reflected on his senior shortstop. "I'm going to miss her. She has a great work ethic. She is never satisfied with what she did, she strives every day to get better," he said. "She works really hard and just loves the game." Johnson will be taking her .411 batting average to Darden College in Georgia this fall.



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Tajahs Jackson was the only member of the DeSoto County track team to be on the 2013 Charlotte Sun All Area team. He finished ninth in the state in the 100-meter dash this past season.

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Garrett Anderson was named the 2013 Charlotte Sun Player of the Year from all of the area high schools. Anderson had six of the 11 wins for the Bulldogs this past season. He will be going to Florida Gulf Coast University this fall.

Brittany Muse gives back to DeSoto volleyball

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

Brittany Muse is a well known name for followers of the DeSoto County volleyball program. The 6'1" beauty graduated this past spring from Florida Gulf Coast University with a major in history and a minor in creative writing. She not only was a star for the Eagles volleyball program, but was also a member of the school's first "sand" volleyball team.

While a member of the DeSoto Bulldogs team she was named "Volleyball Athlete of the Year" by both the Charlotte Sun and the Sarasota Herald. She was a second-team all-state player her sophomore year and was on the first team in her junior and senior seasons.

With credentials like that, it's a pretty good idea to listen to what she has to say when she talks about volleyball. Muse was at the DeSoto volleyball camp recently helping the younger players get better at their game. "I really enjoy working with kids," Muse said.

While at the camp Muse had the chance to talk with her former coach Dave Bremer. "He's a great coach. I'll never forget that time when we had just one Division 1-bound player on the team and we played Cardinal Mooney for the championship. They had five girls on the team that were going to a Division 1 school and we beat them."

Muse laughed when I asked her if she finished her major as a "horse whisperer." "Did Coach Bremer tell



Brittany Muse flashes a smile as she works with one of the young campers at the DeSoto Volleyball camp.

you about that?" she asked. She was injured while riding a horse before her senior year in high school and had to promise Bremer she wouldn't ride again until after the season was over.

Muse has plans to try out for a professional volleyball team in Puerto Rico this fall. "They only take two or three Americans on their team so it would be good to make one of the teams," Muse said.

If she makes one of the teams she will have to leave her boyfriend, Jordan Ingman, behind. Ingman is the



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Former Bulldogs volleyball great Brittany Muse gets a chance to catch up on old times with her former high school volleyball coach Dave Bremer. They both were working at the volleyball camp run by current Bulldogs volleyball coach Laura White.

head football coach at Port Charlotte. When asked if she wears more black and red clothes now (Port Charlotte's

school colors), she laughed and said, "No, still got a lot of blue and white clothes."



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Southern Shockers in showcase tournament

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The Southern Shockers softball teams hosted and played in the Showcase Tournament in Sebring June 14-16. The 14U team was represented with four players from Arcadia on the roster.

Malysa Jeter, Shea Lipe, Dekoda Johnson and Stephanie Whitmore all received significant playing time over the weekend of games. While high school recruiting rules dictate the girls are too young to make contact with any of the 20 or more college coaches at the tournament, the coaches know who these players are.

You could see coaches gather into small groups of two or three and exchange information of what they had seen on some of the teams. They take notes and once the players become eligible for recruitment, the coaches can then contact the players through either the high school or Shocker coaches or parents. By then, the college coaches will have had the chance to see the players compete in several games.

Showcase tournament games do not keep score and are held to a time limit for each game. College coaches look for many things, including the player's grade point average. Tom Lipe, coach of the 14U team, says, "That's the first thing they ask about a player, what kind of grades she gets. They don't want to give a scholarship to a player who isn't eligible to play because of her grades."

The college coaches look for the obvious skills a player has such as hitting, defense and speed. They also look for the desire a player might have. Even when it is late in the day and the heat



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Arcadia was represented by four players on the 14U team. From left are Dekoda Johnson, Stephanie Whitmore, Shea Lipe and Malysa Jeter.

takes away the energy from the players, the coaches watch to see who is still hustling and playing hard to the very end. They will sometimes ask a coach to pull a player out of a game after she has taken the field just to see her response. Does she cheer her replacement on or did she throw her glove and get upset? Attitude is another thing the coaches study closely.

Even though the weather was hot and the girls had played a game on Friday night and three on Saturday, there was no place they would rather be.

Johnson said, "This is what I love to do, play softball." Whitmore said, "These

are my friends and I'd rather be here than at the beach or someplace else." Lipe agreed with her teammates. "This is my sport, this is what I love to do."

Jeter wasn't worried about the black uniforms drawing heat and getting them tired. "Black is slimming. If I wasn't here I could get out of shape real quick. I'd rather be here with my family and playing ball rather than just sitting at home and turning into a couch potato."

Speedster Shea Lipe drops a bunt in the June 15 game in Sebring.



Stephanie Whitmore checks with her third base coach for a sign during the June 15 game at the College Showcase tournament in Sebring.



Speedster Shea Lipe drops a bunt in the June 15 game in Sebring.

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Malysa Jeter reaches for an outside pitch in the Sebring tournament in a June 15 game.



Dekoda Johnson slides safely into third with a triple in the College Showcase tournament in Sebring June 14-16.



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Tony LaLonde tracks a fly ball in centerfield during a game this past season. LaLonde was named to the Charlotte Sun 2013 All Area baseball team.



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Brown has played short-stop and can even pitch if needed, but she shines at the hot corner. Batting leadoff for the team she hit .393 and had a little pop in her swing

Michaela Wallace played a solid centerfield this season and hit .405. Wallace was named to the 2013 Charlotte Sun All Area softball team.

with five home runs for the season. Hines said. "She's a sweetheart. She is steady at third and has a nice swing and has a little speed too. She's very good at what she does. She is very coachable and I am really happy to have her back again next season.

The third member of the 2013 Bulldogs to make the team was outfielder Michaela Wallace. Wallace (Wally as she is known by her friends) hit in the three hole right after Brown and Johnson in Hines' batting order. She anchored an inexperienced outfield this

season and will be back next year. She hit .405 and drove in 18 runs, which is quite good considering Johnson batted in front of her and drove in a lot of runs this season too.

Hines said, "Wally really stepped up this season. She improved her game and really surprised me this year. She led our outfield and took charge out there. She played second for us a little bit and stepped up this year and became a real leader.

In boys weightlifting, Machale Harville was an honorable mention in the 199-pound weight class.



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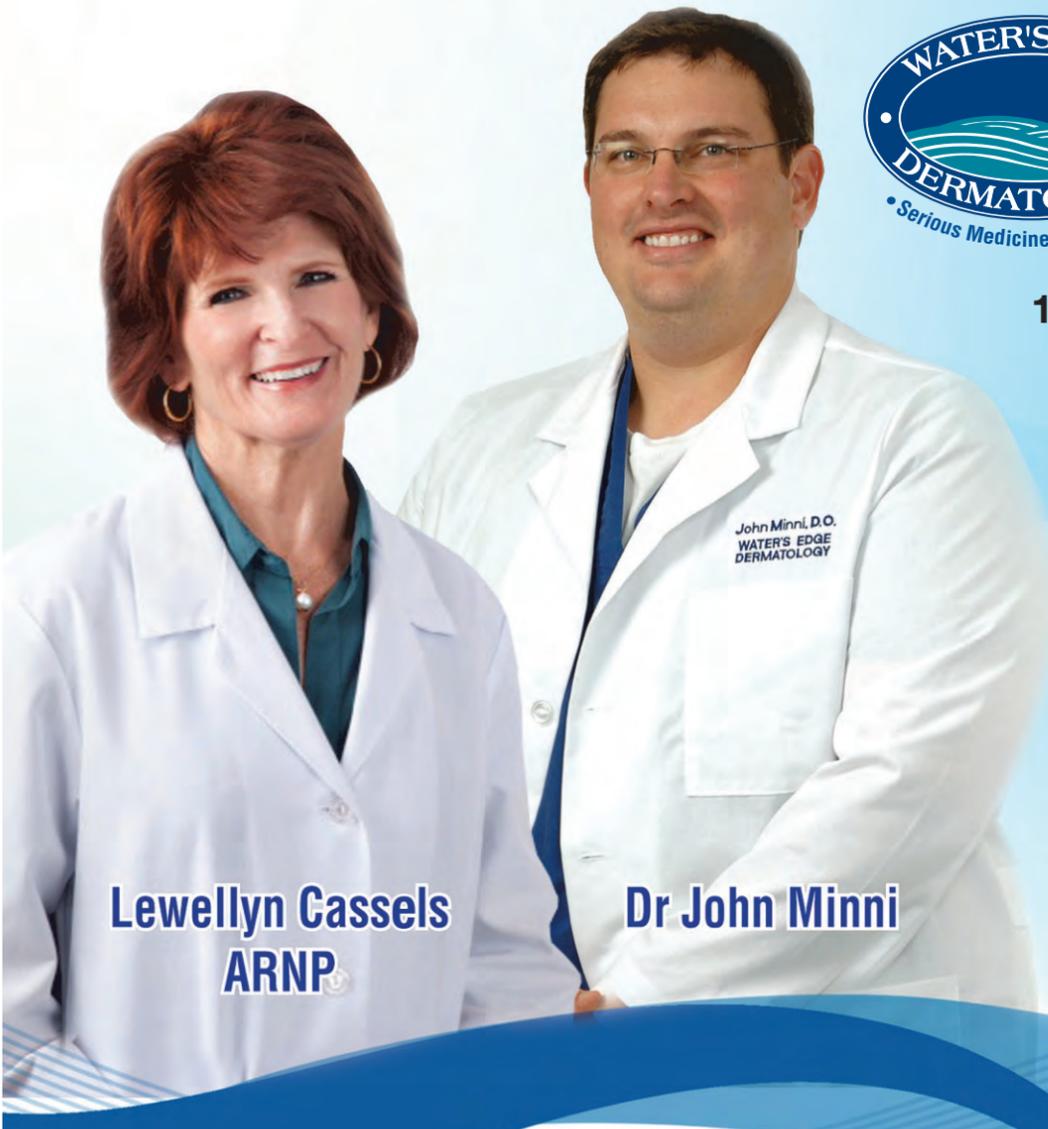
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DeSoto County Head Coach Billy Hines stands with Katelynn Johnson in a game against Lemon Bay. Johnson hit .411 this season and was named to the All Area team.

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Groundcovers and plants for privacy screens



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Dwarf or creeping juniper is a good choice for slopes. There are many different cultivars available. It is very low maintenance, although occasionally bothered by mites or a bacterial blight.



Jasmine is a fast-growing, twining vine and a favorite for its fragrant blooms. Its strong scent can sometimes be overpowering, and it also emits a sticky sap that may be a problem.



Our favorite groundcover is mondo or monkey grass. It's not a grass—but looks like grass on steroids. It's a deep dark green year-round. It prefers a soil with plenty of organic matter. It is tolerant of drought, but can't tolerate flooding.

Two questions we are frequently asked are what are some good groundcovers for our area, and what plants make good privacy screens?

Groundcovers are ideal for areas where you don't want taller plants to block views or air flow, but want something to add interest to your landscape. Groundcovers are often a good answer for slopes or swales where mowing is difficult.

Some groundcovers can tolerate being trampled on or driven over occasionally, but shouldn't receive traffic on a regular basis. Pavers may be set into a bed for a path.

Sunshine mimosa is a great groundcover for sunny or light shade areas. It will do best with supplemental water during dry spells, but it has a tough root system and can withstand drought. In winter it goes semidormant. Spring through early winter delightful lavender powderpuff balls pop open for a day. Sunshine mimosa will spread by runners, and it is a Florida native. *Mimosa strigilosa* is the scientific name.

Beach sunflower is a native alternative to the invasive wedelia. It does tend to decline in out wet summers — but it usually reseeds and by fall looks good again.

Don't overlook ornamental grasses for groundcovers. Florida gamma grass, also known as dwarf Fakahatchee, only grows about 18 inches tall. It will thrive in full sun to partial shade, and although it likes damp rich soil, it will tolerate most conditions. Mow ornamental grasses in late winter to



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rejuvenate them.

Dwarf or creeping juniper is a good choice for slopes. There are many different cultivars available. It is very low maintenance, although occasionally bothered by mites or a bacterial blight.

Ferns are another good choice for a low maintenance groundcover. Boston fern will spread by underground runners. Although injured by frost, it quickly recovers.

Our favorite groundcover is mondo or monkey grass. It's not a grass — but looks like grass on steroids. It's a deep dark green year-round. Liriope is a close relative and has the added attraction of bloom stalks, and also comes in a variegated form. Mondo grass has only insignificant flowers, but it spreads rapidly by runners and quickly forms a dense mat that crowds out most weeds. It prefers a soil with plenty of organic matter. It is tolerant of drought, but can't tolerate flooding.

Plants are not always the best choice for visual screens. Formal hedges take up quite a bit of space. For smaller properties a fence is usually the better option. If you want to screen a view or create privacy, put up a fence and then grow vines on it.

Hedges often end up being high maintenance, requiring frequent trimming. And then there's the problem of gaps if individual plants decline. If you do opt for a sheared hedge, always trim so the base is wider than the top, ensuring lower branches receive sunlight and remain bushy.

Pittosporum is a good choice for a more formal landscape. There are several species and hundreds of cultivars, including ones with variegated leaves. Some have a naturally mounded shape.

Golden dewdrop and plumbago are popular choices for flowering shrub hedges. Several species and many cultivars of ixora offer nearly year-round flowering, but are frequently plagued by insects and iron deficiency.

If you have room for an informal hedge, some good natives are firebush, wax myrtle and southern red cedar. Cedars will eventually develop a trunk and become tree-like, losing their lower branches. Wax myrtles may be loosely sheared to maintain size, and readily send up sprouts, ensuring the base remains full.

If you opt to grow vines on a fence, consider what options you will have when the fence needs maintenance. Some vines may be sheared back to their woody stems and will quickly

put out new growth; others will be slow to recover after a heavy pruning. Avoid vines with clinging pads such as Virginia creeper and some ivy. Some vines may need some guidance; a string trellis will help them find their way. Hanging baskets are another option for dressing up a fence.

Coral honeysuckle is an excellent native vine. For best flowering, occasionally shear it back to the woody stems. Carolina jessamine puts out hundreds of yellow blooms in late winter, and is evergreen the rest of the year.

Jasmine is a fast-growing, twining vine and a favorite for its fragrant blooms. Its strong scent can sometimes be overpowering, and it also emits a sticky sap that may be a problem. Some species may become invasive.

Some other reliable tropical vines include allamanda and mandevilla. Although they will be damaged by freezing temperatures, they come back from the root and grow rapidly. Flame vine has stunning orange blooms, but is also injured by frost. Still, it can manage to climb to the top of a mature oak in a season. Black-eyed Susan vine is delightful on a board fence, and can be grown as an annual. It is also great in hanging baskets, or use in planter boxes set along the top of a shadow box fence.

When choosing plants to solve landscaping problems, choose wisely and do your homework ahead of time by selecting plants that will require less care, yet offer something different and unusual.



Coral Honeysuckle is a great native vine for covering fences or trellises. To promote new growth and blooms, shear it back to the woody stems in early spring and again in fall.



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CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 2013CA000228AXMA
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VS.
LORENZO A. RAMIREZ A/K/A. LORENZO ALFARO RAMIREZ, et al,
Defendant(s)

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TO: LORENZO A. RAMIREZ A/K/A. LORENZO ALFARO RAMIREZ: ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 1565 SE 2ND AVE, ARCADIA, FL 34266

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

CASE NO.: 13CA399
DIVISION: CIVIL
D. D. GERACI and CHARLES KING, as Co-Trustees of the Geraci-King Ranch Trust dated July 27, 2005,
Plaintiffs,
v.
LEONARD DUTKIEWICZ, KAREN J. HAGEN, JAMES F. PAULSON, FRED PAULSON, ALICE PAULSON, HAROLD E. COX, WILETTA COX, GILSTON A. LARKINS, LUCILLE V. LARKINS, GLADYS LARKINS, JOSEPH SILVA, VIOLETA SILVA, LOUIS LODATA, JOSEPHINE A. RYAN, EMIL JANOSKO, ANN JANOSKO a/k/a ANNA JANOSKO, GARNET E. DAVIS, FRANCES R. DAVIS, JOSEPH K. MCLAUGHLIN, EDWINA R. MCLAUGHLIN, JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE,
Defendants.

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Defendants Leonard Dutkiewicz, Karen J. Hagen, James F. Paulson, Fred Paulson, Alice Paulson, Harold E. Cox, Wiletta Cox, Lucille V. Larkins, Gladys Larkins, Gilston A. Larkins, Joseph Silva, Violeta Silva, Louis Lodata, Josephine A. Ryan, Emil Janosko, Ann Janosko a/k/a Anna M Janosko, Garnet E. Davis, Frances R. Davis, Joseph K. Mclaughlin, Edwina R. Mclaughlin, John Doe and Jane Doe (the latter two names being fictitious to account for unknown defendants), and each of the foregoing defendants' unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any of the foregoing defendants, and all unknown persons who may otherwise have an interest in the property hereinafter described, and their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, and creditors, or other parties claiming by,

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through, or under those unknown persons, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors-in-interest, trustees, or any other person claiming by, through, under, or against any corporation or other legal entity named as a defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the property hereinafter described, except for parties claiming by, through or under this Plaintiff, **and ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**
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Dated June 17, 2013.
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Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ M. Harris
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2013DR375
Division:
Clementina Hartsfield, Petitioner and
Jaime Flores, Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DIS-SOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Jaime Flores
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
1952 SE Plum Dr.
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Clementina Hartsfield, whose address is 530 N Hillsborough Ave, Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before July 15, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 115 East Oak Street Arcadia, FL 34266, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Marlene Harris
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2013DR410
Division:
Rosa A. Garcilazo, Petitioner and
Sacramento Garcilazo, Respondent.

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TO: Sacramento Garcilazo
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Rosa A. Garcilazo, whose address is 1390 SE Hillsborough Ave, Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before July 15, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 115 East Oak Street Arcadia, FL 34266, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 14-2009-CA-000707
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED TRUST SERIES INABS 2007-A, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES INABS 2007-A UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED MAR 1, 2007
Plaintiff,
vs.

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JORGE SIMON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE SIMON; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; ELITE RECOVERY SERVICES, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 17, 2013, and entered in Case No. 14-2009-CA-000707, of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED TRUST SERIES INABS 2007-A, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES INABS 2007-A UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED MAR 1, 2007 is Plaintiff and JORGE SIMON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE SIMON; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; ELITE RECOVERY SERVICES, INC.; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT SOUTH DOOR OF COURTHOUSE., at 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA in DESOTO County, FLORIDA 34266, at 11:00 A.M., on the 19th day of September, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

BEGIN AT THE NE CORNER OF S 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST; THENCE S 0°00'10" W ALONG EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 731.81 FEET TO P.O.B.; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 257.81 FEET; THENCE N 89°20'52" W, 440.10 FEET; THENCE N 0°02'07" E, 257.80 FEET; THENCE S89°20'59" E 439.94 FEET TO P.O.B. LESS RIGHT-OF-WAY TO SR NO. 761 ON EAST SIDE. A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 17th day of June, 2013. MITZIE MCGAVIC

As Clerk of said Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Desoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, Phone No. (863)993-4876 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Submitted by:
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.:
14-2010-CA-000489
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
vs.
ENRIQUE G. BANDA, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated May 17, 2013, and entered in Case No. 14-2010-CA-000489 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DE SOTO COUNTY, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and ENRIQUE G. BANDA, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 30 day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 16 IN DUNCANSON'S RE-SUBDIVISION OF THE S 1/2 OF BLOCK 13 AND THE SOUTH 30 FEET OF LOT 13, BLOCK 13 OF THE ORIGINAL SURVEY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the is pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated at Arcadia, DESOTO COUNTY, Florida, this 11th day of June, 2013.

Mitzie W. McGavic
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
As Deputy Clerk
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
c/o Phelan Hallinan, PLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
2727 West Cypress Creek Road
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309
954-462-7000

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerks Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Published 6/20/13 & 6/27/13 336737 2905271

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 14-2012-CA-000811
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
vs.
CHANTEA L. MITCHELL A/K/A CHANTEA MITCHELL A/K/A CHANTEA LAURENT MITCHELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHANTEA L. MITCHELL A/K/A CHANTEA MITCHELL A/K/A CHANTEA LAURENT MITCHELL; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; DESOTO COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, will on the 9th day of July 2013, at 11:00am at 115 East Oaks St, Arcadia, FL 34266, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Desoto County, Florida: **Lot 38, of AMBRA KAY TERRACE, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 72 of the Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida.** pur-

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suant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above. Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 26th day of May, 2013.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. 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 Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Mitzie W. McGavic
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
Mikael L. Hirsch
Butler & Hosch, P.A.
3185 S. Conway Rd., Ste. E
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NOTICE OF SALE 3130

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.
14-2009-CA-000085
ONE WEST BANK, F.S.B.
Plaintiff,
V.
CARLISHA A. MORGAN; SAMUEL J. MORGAN A/K/A SAMUEL J. MORGAN III; JOHN DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES - CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS;
Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 26, 2013, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in DESOTO County, Florida, described as: **LOT 9, BLOCK "A" OF DESOTO MOBILE ESTATES, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 37, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA a/k/a 2018 NE CODY STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266** at public sale on July 9, 2013 at eleven o'clock a.m., at the South door of the Desoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 4, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes. Any person; claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the us pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated at Arcadia, Florida, this 23rd day of May, 2013.

Mitzie W. McGavic
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ N. Daughtrey
Deputy Clerk

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMODATION 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 OFFICE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FLORIDA 34266, (863) 993-4876, AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE

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YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711. Published 6/27/13 & 7/4/13 146641 2907923

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

CASE NO.:
142012 CA 000133
SEC.:
PENNYMAC CORP.,
Plaintiff,
V.

JERRY K. ALLIGOOD ; SELINA ALLIGOOD ; 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;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 20th 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 142012CA000133 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 2nd day of July, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the South door of the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

THE E 1/2 OF THE S 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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: DeSoto County Clerk's Office 115 East Oak Street Arcadia, FL 34266
Phone: (863) 993-4876

DATED AT ARCADIA, FLORIDA THIS 13TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA Published 6/20/13 & 6/27/13 329037 2905724

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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: 1469
Issuance Date: MAY 28, 2010
Tax Deed File #: 13-20-TD
Description of Property: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 45'29" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 173.90 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF THE S.C.L. RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ON THE SAME LINE, 941.84 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE ARCADIA LAND AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST; THENCE SOUTH

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ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION, 625.75 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 42'40" E, 699.18 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF SAID RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE N 21 DEGREES 09'05" E ALONG SAID RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY CENTER LINE, 672.51 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS A PARCEL AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 270, PAGE 220; AND LESS CITY OF ARCADIA PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 267, PAGE 50; AND LESS S.C.L. RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, ALSO LESS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 45'29" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 421.58 FEET; THENCE S 21 DEGREES 15'05" W, 398.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; 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:

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, 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, 954.00 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

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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 CENTERLINE 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, 6/13/13, 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, 6/13/13, 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: 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

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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

NEED CASH?

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, 6/13/13, 6/20/13 & 6/27/13 112132 2900653

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **REDLAND 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

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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 ELKCAM 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, 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
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **US BANK, AS C/F FL DUNDEE LIEN INV 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: 1572 Issuance Date: MAY 28, 2010 Tax Deed File #: 13-28-TD Description of Property: LOT 4, LESS THE FOLLOWING: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4 AND FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 41 DEGREES 46'00" E ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, 55.55 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4; THENCE S 10 DEGREES 12'11" W ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, 33.39 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 57' 00" W, 55.97 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID 4; THENCE N 12 DEGREES 30'38" E ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE, 84.11 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALL LYING AND BEING IN BLOCK "V", VILLA RICA PARK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ARCADIA, ACCORDING TO THE 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 37.

Names in which assessed:
TARPON IV, LLC C/O
GULF GROUP HOLDINGS INC
18305 BISCAYNE BLVD STE 400
AVENTURA, FL 33160
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 31, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 24th day of June, 2013.
MITZIE W. McGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13 & 7/18/13
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
JUVENILE DIVISION
Case No. 142008DP000291
IN THE INTEREST OF:
M.E.,
R.E.F.,
DOB: 7/7/99, 6/21/00

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NOTICE OF ACTION

Child(ren).
TO: Felix Elias, father
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Rain continues to help crops; citrus harvest winds down

REPORTED FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 23

Weather Summary

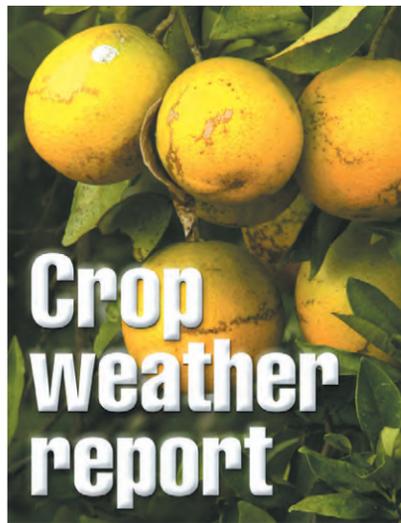
According to Florida's Automated Weather Network, Joshua (DeSoto County) received the most rain in the state with 4 inches. The majority of the state received one inch or above of rain. Minimum temperatures ranged from 67 degrees in Alachua (Alachua County) to 74 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). Maximum temperatures ranged from 89 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 97 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County).

Field Crops

Farmers in the Panhandle are finishing up the planting of field corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans. Corn was being harvested in the northern part of the state for silage. Some hay was cut in between rain showers. Rice continued to be planted in south Florida. Peanut crop condition was 1 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 15 percent excellent. The first report of peanut pegging began this week and was currently at 25 percent. Winter wheat harvest was complete in part of the Panhandle.

Fruit and Vegetables

In the Panhandle, tomato and okra harvest continued.



Cantaloupe, cucumber, squash, watermelon and zucchini were being harvested in north Florida. Vegetables and fruits marketed included okra, cantaloupe, tomatoes, plum tomatoes, and watermelons.

Livestock and Pastures

Statewide, the pasture condition was good. Drought and disease were the limiting factors to forage growth. Cattle conditions were mostly in the good category for

CITRUS ESTIMATED BOXES HARVESTED (in thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes)

	June 9	June 16	June 23
Valencia	1,508	300	81
Navel oranges	4	0	0
Red grapefruit	7	9	5
Total	1,519	309	86

the state. Pasture condition ranged from very poor to excellent with most in the good category. In the Panhandle, the pasture was in fair to good condition and cattle were in good to excellent condition. In the northern area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. In the central area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. In the southwest area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition.

Citrus

High temperatures reached the low to mid-90s in the citrus growing area. Rainfall was widespread, as all stations received some precipitation. Umatilla recorded the most, with 4.91 inches, while Dover recorded the least, with 0.21 inches. Dover was the only station to record less than a half inch, nine stations recorded more than two inches, and two of those recorded more than four inches. The citrus growing area was completely drought free, as per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated June 18. Growers were busy treating for citrus greening and various diseases in affected groves. Grove activity also included hedging, topping, and the final stages of the harvest of late season oranges. Next season's crop was progressing well. At this time in the season seven packing-houses were still open, as were three processing plants. Varieties being picked included primarily Valencia oranges.

REPAIR

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said that, but I know he was trying to kick me," Quave exclaimed to laughs from the board. Prescott was also quick to jump on Quave's first motion, stating he'd happily take a new truck if the commissioners were in a giving mood. Quave then moved to approve \$31,502.35 for repair of the tanker for repairs to the frame and replacements, with a bit extra for contingency. The board approved the funds 5-0.

The County also approved a request from the Economic Development Advisory Committee to hire a consulting firm to help the county pinpoint its economic strengths and weaknesses in terms of attracting new businesses to the area. County Coordinator Mandy Hines outlined areas the EDAC has pinpointed that offer unique advantages for businesses looking to locate to the area. Although the committee has made significant steps in promoting the county, Hines feels the perspective from a professional firm would help the county focus on specific

businesses that best match the county's resources.

"We believe having a professional consultant come in and provide us with an objective look at our county is an important step in making sure we aren't missing out on any potential opportunities," she said.

Hines estimated the cost of a consultant would be between \$22,000-\$30,000.

Commissioner Langford liked the idea, and expressed his frustration with the lack of return the county has received despite its efforts to make it business-friendly.

"This board has done everything I know to do to offset expenses, eliminate impact fees and offset taxes," he said. Why don't people want to come here? There has to be a reason why, and hopefully a consultant can help us figure that out."

In other business, Utilities Director Eddie Miller reported to the board that of the 13 developers who had yet to sign an Equivalent Residential Unit pool agreement with the county, only Mac Martin had complied with the county's request. The rest now have 90 days until the county rescinds any ERUs that were awarded to those individuals.

Lost dog

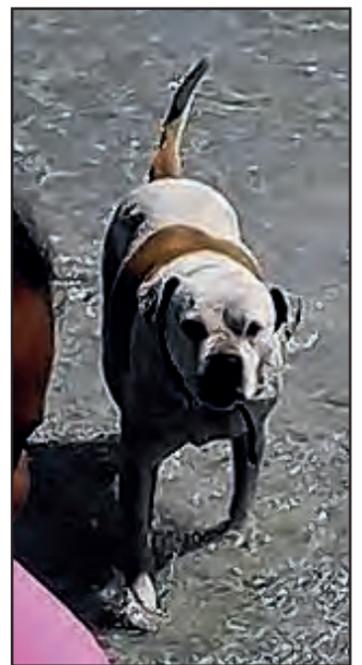


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Priscilla McDaniel: A love of nature reflected in her photos

“They know we’re critter friendly here,” Butch McDaniel told me as I looked out the window of the kitchen at the view of a small nature preserve. There were feeders for every sort of bird, from hummingbirds to finches, and houses hanging from trees. Priscilla’s camera perched on a tripod looking out, ready for action if a Painted or Indigo Bunting should appear.

The camera was an older model digital, an S51S with a 48X zoom lens. She takes most of her shots within 50 to 75 feet. Most wildlife photographers use a 200 to a 400 mm lens for distance shots.

“It’s not the camera, it’s the photographer,” Butch said, “Priscilla has an eye for it.” Priscilla proved his point with her work, as I admired her photographs displayed on their walls and paged through a scrapbook of her work. She is originally an oil painter — some of her paintings also grace their rooms — so she sees with an artistic eye, and her love of wildlife is evident in not only her award-winning work but also in the McDaniel’s surroundings.

“I have about 8,000 photos,” Priscilla said as she paged through pictures of northern crested caracaras, shrikes, and red-shouldered hawks. There were close-ups of butterflies, spiders, and grasshoppers, and action shots of dancing sandhill cranes. She has won



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McDaniel began photography in earnest when she captured a close-up of a ghost crab, lured by a treat from her chef salad. From then on, she was hooked.

Ultimate Photo Battle Contests, and has three photos in this year’s Charlotte National Estuary calendar. It was apparent Priscilla, a Boston native, has a love and a great deal of knowledge of Florida wildlife. Alligators are a favorite subject for her, and so are dragonflies.

Priscilla became a serious



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY SARAH HOLLENHORST

Priscilla McDaniel started out as an artist, and several of her oil paintings hang in her home.

photographer only five years ago, when Butch gave her a camera for Christmas. “I went to Fort Pierce and lay on the beach. There was a ghost crab that kept coming out of his hole and going back in. I was eating a chef salad, and I laid out pieces of it, lay on my towel, covered myself up and waited. He came out, took the ham, and I snapped the picture.” The photo won a State of Florida Award. “Once I saw that picture I was hooked.”

Priscilla walks everywhere looking for photographs, and discovered the exercise controls her diabetes. Butch, an engineer who oversees bridges, joins her when he can. As we talked about Priscilla’s work the Florida native said to her, “I’ve been here all my life, and I’ve never seen the things you see. I didn’t know ospreys mated for life. You could tell me where the bunting came from, when they come, when they leave. I thought it was just a bird. Birds, animals, insects, I know about it now. I got an education. I’ve lived here 70 years, and I never knew we lived in such a beautiful place.”

“He needed to wake up,” Priscilla told me. “You can’t compare Florida to any other state. We have bears, panthers, dolphins ... and the beauty to go with it.”



With both her painting and photography, McDaniel has been inspired by the beauty of Florida’s natural world.

Priscilla and Butch lamented about how quickly wild Florida is disappearing. “Over the years we sit around and watch it happen, never thinking maybe one time we could have stopped it,” Butch told me. “It’s guys like me that blame guys like me for letting it happen. I didn’t abuse it, but I didn’t help it either. I just lived it. In the past four years I’ve cared more for it than I’ve ever cared, being around Priscilla and learning ... this is a paradise. I didn’t realize Florida was so beautiful until she started telling me about Florida.”

Priscilla McDaniel has photographs on display at the Environmental Learning Lab that she took at the center, and is considering displaying her work as a future Artist Of the Month for the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council.



McDaniel enjoys nature photography and has shared her interests in nature with her husband, Butch McDaniel.

Elks hold Flag Day ceremony



Mary Lyne, Past Exalted ruler, tells the history of the American Flag and Flag Day. She is the Elks representative to the DeSoto County Veterans Council.



The Arcadia Elks Lodge 1524 held its Flag Day Ceremony. Youths from the 5 Star Rangerettes, Boy Scouts Pack 39, Cub Scouts Pack 39 and the ARC Angels Challenged Flag Team participated in the ceremony.

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Annette Shatney begins the Elks Flag Day Ceremony with a poem about “Our Flag.”



Arianna Bradshaw, a member of the Arcadia Rangerettes, brings a flag to display on the podium during Flag Day ceremonies at the Arcadia Elks.



Rev. York to return home

ARCADIAN PHOTO BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN, shoffman@sun-herald.com

DeSoto County Sheriff's Office Chaplain Ron York is retiring and leaving Arcadia this summer to return to his home state of Indiana. York, who has been active with DeSoto County veterans groups, said he was returning to help care for some family members.



GRITS & PIECES

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two-year stretch between reunions too much to endure. Invitations were not mailed to anyone since it's just a one-evening event and we didn't think many would travel long distances just for that. Rather, we chose

to promote it locally and spread the word via e-mail, Facebook and *The Arcadian*. We invite you do the same and would appreciate you helping us get the word out.

We're looking forward to a great gathering and hope to see as many familiar faces as possible because, as you know, strolls down memory lane are best taken with those who hold a special place in your heart!

OUR VIEW

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17 widening continues) and great access to major transportation routes, lots of wide, open spaces with land prices much more favorable than in, say, Hillsborough County.

But we also have to plan ahead for things businesses will need: sewer and water, for instance. It is expensive

now to build it ... but how much more expensive will it be in the future? And how costly would it be if a lack of those utilities costs us a major development?

We think the EDAC has the right idea to develop an inventory now — let's review our assets, identify our shortcomings, and be prepared to reach out to new business opportunities that look like a good match. We can't wait for them to come to us: we must go to them, to start setting up our Good Life.

CLASHES

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furniture, TVs, computers and other equipment. When he removed his own items, the wallpaper was old and had to be replaced, and some offices had to be repainted. She said unused tiles left over from a previous job were used for some of the work. She and her secretary got new office furniture, which she said is common practice when a new superintendent comes on board, especially when the previous one had been there almost 25 years.

Views from the audience

Debbie Crews, a teacher who had been given a letter terminating her from her position, asked for clarification on whether she still had a job with the district. Gary said she should have been informed she still had a job, but it would be a different job from her prior position. "You should have been told," Gary said, but Crews said she had not been given any information. "Only five people received nonrenewal letters and you weren't one of them." Gary said.

From the audience, Mike McNulty said, "I have followed the school system, and I was disgusted with the FDR regime," he said, referring to prior Superintendent Adrian Cline's interest in Franklin Roosevelt. "We never heard a whimper from the board then; they rubber-stamped everything. Now, in contrast, several are growling at Dr. Gary ... has anyone complimented her on her accomplishments?" He then presented Dr. Gary with a copy of the book, *Profiles in Courage*, which he said inspired him as a student.

Gary responded, "Everything I do is

driven by what is good for the students. I have a different way of doing business than the way it's always been done. I have a vision that all our children will know how to read, write and perform math. I'm tired of hearing, 'I'm from Arcadia. Our kids can't perform.'"

Allen responded to McNulty's statement, noting the "shameful way some of those not rehired have been treated. An apology is owed to Debbie Hall, who after 38 years of service to the district was handed a letter in the parking lot by the head of IT.

"We teach our kids to go away to college for them to come back and contribute. If someone with so many years can be so readily dismissed ... maybe it's OK under the law but it's not right."

Board Member Debby Snyder thanked everyone in the audience who came to hear and take part in the meeting, adding, "I challenge this Board to find a way to work together as a team, to help the Superintendent do what she's elected to do, to bring positive change.

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THIS WEEK

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for an impromptu "motorcade" and drive across town to the church. Despite the inconvenience and a delay of over an hour, however, the graduation finally went on as impressively as planned.

1975:

A DeSoto County Little League has been named by coaches to meet a Punta Gorda All-Star aggregation here in Arcadia. Players named are Bill Driggers, Sylvester Miles, Craig Wooten, Chris Williams, Bryon Williams, Henry Clifton, Gordon Miller, Randy Stidham, Craig Cline, Bobby Dewhurst, Billy McClelland, Kurt Stephens, Rodney Deloach, Dane Hendry, Ray Griffin and alternates Scott Beesting and Richard Stewart.

1976:

The graduates were among 12 who were named to the list of the Distinguished American High School are Susanna Moulten, Shawn Johnson, Cheryl Tancer, Cindy Craig, Sally Woodley, Linda Cassels, Penny Mercer, Alan Johnson, Randy Gambrell, Patricia Myers, Ed Murrill, and David Muldrow.

1977:

As school closed last week, DeSoto High School students were presented with various awards and honors. Coach Bishop presented the 1977 School Spirit Award to the Class of '79. Sophomore representatives Bobby Gambrell and Bo Allen received the large gold trophy. Five silver medal Awards of Excellence were distributed to Sophomores Priscilla Bowers, Brian Hunt, and Tom Messina as well as Juniors Annie Fitzsimmons and Keith Shine. Three Juniors, Vicky Dees, Catherine Neal, and Ann Russell, were the

recipients of the Bronze medal award of merit.

1978:

Three DeSoto High School students will go to the National High School Rodeo finals this after a successful weekend at the state finals in Kissimmee. Lance Bliss, Tim Johnson and Kevin Shelfer will go to compete with other high school rodeo contestants for national honors. Also competing this weekend were JoNelle Gammage and Donnie Boyd. Miss Gammage competed in barrel racing and Boyd competed in bull riding. Bliss, 16, will be a senior at DHS during the 1978-79 school year. He ranks first in the state in bareback bronc riding. Johnson, 17, ranks second in the state in bareback bronc riding and this is his first year in national competition. Shelfer, however, is a veteran national competitor, having competed last year in saddle bronc and will compete this year in bull riding. He started riding at the age of 12

and plans to go into rodeoing professionally as do the other two boys.

1979:

Members of the DeSoto High School Band were recently honored and new officers named. Susan Woodley was named outstanding bandsman and also won the Senior Music Award. Margo Ewald was named outstanding musician. Officers for the next school year are Debbie Coker, captain; Duanne Sunnaborg, drum captain; Susie Schaefer, majorette captain; Janet Hezlitt, rifle captain; Lynn Coker, secretary; Teresa Gray, treasurer; Amy Potts, historian-publicity officer; Shirley Britt, quartermaster and assistant librarian; and Melanie Boggess, librarian and assistant quartermaster. Also named librarians were: Karen Gallie, Marsha Hilton, and Angie Brown. Serving as assistant quartermasters are Don Dupruis, David Bothwell and Mike Waller.

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