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The tragic truth: Living on borrowed time

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR



A wagging tail. A wet nose poking through the gate. Pleading eyes and joyful barks. These are the sights and sounds that welcome you when entering DeSoto County's Animal Services building.

While the animals who end up here are obviously unaware of their fates, the hard reality is most of them will exit the facility in black transport bags destined for the county landfill.

The numbers are tough to swallow, but paint a tragic picture of the fates of strays and surrendered animals in the county. For June alone, the department impounded 135 animals, with 65 percent euthanized. Seventy-one of the 135 animals were cats, of which a staggering 87 percent were put to death.

"Because we are such a rural county, we see a lot of animals brought in that are allowed to run loose on an owner's property, but get picked up when they end up in somebody else's yard," said Jorge Hernandez, director for the county's code enforcement and animal services. "There is a very casual way of thinking with animals in DeSoto; a lot

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A 4-month-old cur mix gazes hopefully through the bars of his enclosure, unaware that the "X" on his kennel paper indicates he and his cagemate have now passed their release date of June 28 and are living on borrowed time. Will he be adopted? reclaimed? or euthanized?

Supervisor Debby Merkin shows affection for the animals that come to DeSoto's facility. While her staff has been cut in half in the past few years, the amount of work has not, so everyone must do more with less.

City discusses raising millage rate

By STEVE BAUER

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The Arcadia City Council voted 4-1 to consider raising its millage rate to .010 mills for budget discussions. The city's current millage rate is .0085. One mill equals \$1 of tax on every \$1,000 of taxable value. State law prohibits municipalities from exceeding .010 on millage

rates, meaning if the number is officially approved in August, the city will have maxed out its millage limit. City Administrator Judi Jankosky advised the council the move isn't binding, but is only for budget discussion purposes, because once an initial rate is set for discussing the next year's budget, it can be lowered by the council but cannot be increased.

"Moving the millage rate to .010 will allow the council to move it down as needed," she said. The millage rate becomes official when the final budget is set in September.

Councilman Joe Fink voiced his hesitation at the move, stating he wasn't comfortable seeing the millage rate at its cap. "I know this is a preliminary move, and I understand we will likely

adjust it accordingly, but I just can't support this at this time. We haven't even seen a budget yet."

Mayor Keith Keene noted Fink's concerns and said although raising the millage concerned him as well, he's inclined to vote in favor of it based on the fact it's not a permanent move. "If

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First State Bank celebrates 40 years

SUBMITTED By DIANE JONES
FIRST STATE BANK

First State Bank of Arcadia is celebrating its 40th anniversary for the whole month of July, beginning July 8 during regular banking hours. The bank will celebrate by offering refreshments to everyone, balloons for the kids and don't forget to enter the drawing for a gas grill giveaway. Stop by either the main office

at 400 N. Brevard Avenue, or the East Office at 2747 SE State Road 70E.

"We are so proud to be celebrating our 40th year in business as your Hometown Bank," said First State Bank President Tony Guidry. "While banking has changed over the years, First State Bank's commitment to our neighbors, families, businesses and our community remains constant. The bank puts

customers' needs first and our employees genuinely care about helping people make smarter money decisions and helping them achieve their financial goals."

Pat Backer, Executive Vice President, said, "While we view this as a milestone, we realize that it would not be possible without the support of our community throughout these 40 years and this is our way of saying

thank you."

First State Bank was established in 1973 and serves the businesses and residents of DeSoto County with three locations. Visit the North Arcadia Office on Brevard Avenue, the East Arcadia Office on State Road 70, or the drive-through, also on Brevard Avenue across the street from the North Office, or log onto the website at www.fsbarcadia.com.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY DIANE JONES

The First State Bank of Arcadia will celebrate its 40th anniversary this month.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MARTHA JO MARKEY

Tara Latimer, Teacher of the Year, and Lee Smith, Suncoast Schools Arcadia Service Center Manager, look at the materials that Latimer was able to purchase with matching grant dollars donated by Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union.

Suncoast Schools aids Education Foundation

SUBMITTED By MARTHA JO MARKEY
DESOTO ED. FOUNDATION

The Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Foundation recently awarded a check in the amount of \$7,423 to the DeSoto County Education Foundation. The Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was established to benefit sick children and their families and to support education initiatives. The foundation is a vehicle for Suncoast to support the communities they

serve and help the people who live there. Each time a SSFCU member uses the debit or credit card for a purchase, two cents are donated to the foundation to fund local initiatives.

"We are so appreciative of the funds that we receive each year from Suncoast," said Martha Jo Markey, executive director of the Education Foundation. "Suncoast has always been a strong supporter of education in the communities they serve. These funds will be used to assist teachers with supplies and materials in their

classrooms and other innovative initiatives."

The DeSoto County Education Foundation works with business and individuals from the community to try and fill the gaps that exist with public education. Mini-grants for teachers, after-school tutoring, scholarships and providing for students in need are just some of the programs offered. Email Martha Jo Markey at mjmarkey1@gmail.com for more information or visit www.desotoschools.com and click on the Education Foundation.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MARTHA JO MARKEY

Heather Nedley, Public Affairs Manager with Mosaic, watches as the students use the newly purchased Kindles at the Nocatee Elementary School's library.



Audrey Wilson and Vanessa Cruz enjoy going to the Nocatee Elementary School library and using the newly purchased Kindles.

corporate donations and \$13,000 in legislative appropriations meant that teachers were able to offer more materials and ancillary reading materials for their students.

At Nocatee Elementary School, Joy Bushner, the school librarian, wrote a mini-grant that allowed for six Kindles to be purchased and numerous books to be downloaded. "It's amazing how the children want to read once they have the tablet in their hands," said Bushner. "It has been an added bonus to our library this year."

Heather Nedley, Public Affairs Manager with Mosaic in DeSoto County, shares Bushner's enthusiasm. "What a wonderful feature to see children excited about going to the library to read. Mosaic is thrilled to be a part of such a project."

The DeSoto County Education Foundation is a non-profit corporation

dedicated to building partnerships with the private sector and the schools in DeSoto County. All donations are tax deductible. Visit www.desotoschools.com and click on the Education Foundation for information, a listing of the Board of Directors, accomplishments or to download a donation form.

Mosaic partners with Education Foundation to give mini-grants to teachers

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Chamber holds Networking at Noon



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A group of DeSoto County business people gather June 18 for the Chamber's Network at Noon, hosted by DeSoto Jewelry.

Ashley Coone, as the new Executive Director, leads the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce Network at Noon on June 18.



Julie Cincotta of Arcadia Sweet Boutique and Angie Wilson of DeSoto Jewelry host the June 18 Network at Noon gathering of the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce. Arcadia Sweet Boutique offers chocolates and other tasty treats and is located within DeSoto Jewelry.



Dale Thomas and Ken Willis are among those who attended the Chamber of Commerce Network at Noon held June 18 at DeSoto Jewelry.



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OUR VIEW

Free speech applies to us all in the USA

Our view: On this July 4th, we're grateful for the First amendment right of free speech.

A posting we placed on our Facebook page this week struck a nerve with many of our page's followers.

We ran a letter written by Barbara Clark, the mother of Keith Clark, who was charged with second degree murder in the shooting death of Rashard Watson.

The week of the shooting, *The Arcadian* ran a news story about the investigation, based chiefly on the arrest report filed by Arcadia Police Department with the court, and an interview with APD Marshal Matt Anderson.

In addition to the news story, we reported on an interview with the Rev. Mitchell Watson, the father of the man who was killed. He came to us, offering to tell his story and share his recollections of his son. He also shared his opinions as to what happened between the two men, and his views on why. Our story made clear it was strictly his opinion – not *The Arcadian's* – in that story.

At the time we had no way to talk to anyone to relate Keith Clark's view of the situation. We offered him an opportunity to speak with us, through his attorney. In fact, we did not hear from anyone from Clark's family until his mother came in with her letter.

She asked us to run it on our Facebook page, which we did – and made it clear those were her words.

The posting of that letter drew a lot of comments. Some people remarked on the content of her letter, especially the religious angle of her message. Others seemed to take sides, agreeing or disagreeing with her based on whether they were friends or relatives of either of the men.

This much is clear. There's still a lot we don't know about that night. Those facts will probably come out over time as the case makes its way through the court process.

There are also raw emotions, which some people share with little restraint online.

A few people took *The Arcadian* to task for running that letter on Facebook – some said we shouldn't have run Mrs. Clark's letter because there wasn't anything from Watson's side. We noted the earlier article that ran in the paper (which some people had not seen). Some said it was "shoddy journalism."

One purpose of a free press is to get news to people – reporting the facts straight up without putting any slant on it, so people can be informed and can make up their own minds. We give our readers (and by extension, our Facebook viewers) details about local stories they'll find nowhere else.

We also try to give our readers a forum to share their own views. We may or may not agree with everyone's opinions, but we do give them a way to express their views, in our weekly Letters to the Editor and now on Facebook too. We try not to use a heavy hand in editing, because we know there aren't many forums where people can discuss DeSoto issues. We draw the line at profanity, low-level meanness and name-calling, but because we believe in free speech, we try to keep our editing to a minimum.

You may not like what someone else has to say – we may not like it, either, but that's one of the great things about the First Amendment: it gives us all the chance to say what we think. Most

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Give Head Start a chance

Editor:

Head Start programs nationally are stressed with the shock of "sequestration" budget cuts. Head Start, a federal program, is intended to help out and support low-income families acquire an early start on learning by putting forward quality preschool education. Head Start is a program that promotes young children for success in school.

As a senior Head Start teacher

with 29 years of experience, I like to inform the community of the value of Head Start programs. Head Start is not a daycare program but an educational school program requiring teachers who have attended college and have specific early childhood teacher trainings. Head Start programs have a rigorous curriculum and screening system to assess student progress and teachers' effectiveness. It provides children an opportunity to learn in a

rich environment and have access to resources that their parents cannot afford because of their low-income status.

Other screenings that Head Start programs provide for these children are decent meals and family style, structured play time, vision, hearing and dental screenings, and children with physical and learning disabilities have a chance to improve their

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GRITS & PIECES

America: a compromised recipe

So today is America's birthday. Roll out the cake and ice cream, and let's all join in singing "Happy Birthday" to this grand old nation. There'll be fireworks and cookouts and patriotic programs on TV, and Old Glory will be in sight just about everywhere you go. And tomorrow we'll resume the chaos and controversy, and will get back to screaming our heads off about our rights and what we deserve.

In a nutshell, this is not the America I grew up in. If you're honest with yourself, you could say the same. Some of the change has been for the better, but certainly not all of it.

The "land of the free and the home of the brave" has become "the land of the free stuff and the home of those brave enough to expect and demand it." Since when did sucking the life out of this nation become the American way? Nobody wants a hand up, just a hand-out, and they're not afraid to reach out for anything they can get their greedy little hands on. We've become a paradise for parasites.



Grits & Pieces

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It's true that some Americans cannot physically work and need assistance. But it's also true that those who refuse to work are quite adamant about being paid for the nothing they contribute. They have their hands out in expectation of a large slice of today's birthday cake and wouldn't mind getting seconds. Oh yeah, and let's not forget that they're the ones who aren't bringing a gift of any sort to honor this country of ours on her special day.

This land of free speech and opportunity has certainly drawn some interesting guests to the party, wouldn't you agree? Party crashers are more like it. And aren't they the belligerent ones? I'm beginning to

think that their motto is "Let's see how loud, how irreverent, how self-centered, how shocking, and how vulgar we can get, in order to get what we want and to be as popular as possible." Not to worry, the media will edify and glorify a large portion of these individuals and cause countless others to revere and emulate them.

Just think of the changes you've seen in your own lifetime that you not only don't like, but are dead-set against. And now try to imagine the oldest living people you know, and how they must feel. Don't stop there — go all the way back to those who originally lived on this continent. They traded trinkets for land, farming skills for foreign diseases, and blood for bullets until decimated into submission or extinction. This country's evolution and revolution have changed everything for all parties and all persons for centuries, and there's no finish line in sight.

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LETTER SUBMISSION POLICY

Letters are welcome on virtually any subject, but we do have some rules. Please keep them to less than 250 words. Letters will be edited to length as well as grammar and spelling. All letters must be signed with full name - not initials. An address and telephone number must be included; they are not for publication, but must be provided so we may verify authorship if necessary. Due to the number of letters received, we reserve the right to run only one letter per person per month. The Letters to the Editor section is intended as a public forum for community discourse and the opinions and statements made in letters are solely those of the individual writers. *The Arcadian* takes no responsibility for the content of these letters. Please send or bring correspondence to the *Arcadian*, 108 S. Polk Ave., Arcadia FL 34266, or fax to 863-494-3533. Readers with access to the internet may e-mail Letters to the Editor at shoffman@sun-herald.com.

GUEST COLUMN

Keep Outdoor Classroom focused on the environment

We want to address our deep concern for the changes planned for the Environmental Learning Lab.

Many people realize the uniqueness of this county and want to live here — and the Learning Lab which has taught students to appreciate and care for their environment has made a huge difference. Students have told us, “The Outdoor Classroom was my favorite class of the whole year.”

Without a healthy environment, no one will want to be here. The Outdoor Classroom helps educate and excite our children about that uniqueness.

We understand Dr. Karyn Gary plans to make the Outdoor Classroom into an agriculture laboratory and to bring it into her area of expertise — cattle and agriculture. We hope to convince you such programs should be located elsewhere rather than disrupt the Outdoor Classroom from accomplishing what it was established for.

Approximately 43 years ago the idea for the DeSoto Environmental Learning Lab was born. Susie Brewer, principal of DeSoto Middle School who knew my background as a naturalist/paleontologist, asked me to write a grant for an environmental education program. She pulled me out of the classroom to devote full time to this project which was federally funded as an Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title III project. One of the grant requirements was to disseminate information to other school systems. I created brochures and wrote letters to explain the effectiveness of the ELL to other school districts.

Once the grant was funded, I went to the Superintendent for help. He told me that I should have never written the grant. I resigned, believing if I stayed as teacher/director he would find ways to close the ELL. When I resigned, Bill Stanko was chosen to take over. After Federal funding ended, the project was expanded to include all grade levels.

Several years later, I returned to the Outdoor Classroom, doubling as a teacher-bus driver. I worked in that position for five years until my position was terminated.

A unique feature of the Outdoor Classroom was the plan for a zoo of native animals, so students could learn more about each animal's niche in the environment. Something else that was unique was students' participation in helping clear trails, build boardwalks, and whatever else was necessary. It was their classroom, and still is.

The site was selected because it had many different ecosystems, such as hardwood hammocks, cypress swamps, pine-palmetto and ponds. A perennial stream, Pomeroy Creek, runs through the property. The 40-acre tract of land is leased from DeSoto County for an environmental education center. The area often floods when Horse Creek floods. I have paddled a canoe from the gate to the feed room loaded with feed for the animals during such a flood. I have paddled all around the classroom building and down some trails.

During the 40-plus years the Outdoor Classroom has been in operation, thousands of students have had hands-on experience in a multifaceted

curriculum. Studies of the environment were based in science, math, history and language arts, and students were quick to state they not only enjoyed but also greatly benefited from the hands-on experience.

Our county has excellent 4-H and FFA programs, along with an excellent Agricultural Agent, Ken Johnson. In addition we have the Cattle Experiment Station nearby at Ona. We ask that the school district think carefully before deciding to close the Outdoor Classroom or convert it. The need for environmental education is more important now than it was when the project was started.

We know agriculture is a vital part of our county. We hope it remains so. We also know it is important to understand Florida ecology. Our state is changing rapidly due to population growth and pressures from many areas including mining. We feel students who are educated in the importance of the environment can make better decisions when faced with environmental issues. We feel strongly the DeSoto Environmental Learning Laboratory should remain the Outdoor Classroom so students will continue to be able to learn about Florida ecology in a hands-on setting.

If the School District no longer intends to use the land for environmental education, it should be utilized as a county park. We are growing and the need is there. The land is a ready-made park with restrooms, a classroom building, trails, boardwalks through woodlands and swamps.

Appreciation for the outdoors should

OUR VIEW

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people are mature enough to express their thoughts without having to stoop to swearing, unsupported accusations or playground-style bullying.

Rather than “shameful journalism,” as one commented claimed, we think it represents what the First Amendment stands for: an avenue for civil discourse and information-sharing in which everyone can participate equally. Perhaps it's more than a coincidence this editorial is appearing on July 4. For 237 years we have enjoyed the U.S. Constitution's protection of these rights, and we will continue to do our job of disseminating information to our readers that is important to them.

You may not always agree with it, but the beauty of living in America is you also have the right to voice your disagreement.

Now that's a right we should all celebrate.

not be turned into a work/training program. Those who do not seek work in this field will lose out on what the classroom was created for — an understanding of what makes this state and our county a very special place where nature is not only enjoyed but a place to learn about it in all of its natural wonder and beauty, and thereby instill a desire to protect and preserve it.

It is our fervent hope that anyone who agrees with our viewpoint will contact the Superintendent, School Board members and County Commissioners and take a stand with us.

— John Arvine Reynolds and Forest Reynolds

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All area codes are 863 unless otherwise indicated.

■ TODAY

• 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 barbecue at The Elks Lodge. See the Ranch Rodeo at 1 p.m. at the Turner Center. Then take in the fireworks at the Turner Center starting at dusk (around 9 p.m.)

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

■ FRIDAY

• 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

• 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.nbhaf104.net.

• The Olde Town Market and MainStreet Farmer's Market are held the first Saturday every month in downtown Arcadia from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh produce, pickled products, jams, jellies, homemade granola bars, baked goods, fresh and dried herbs, arts, crafts, woodworking, quilts, sewing, plants and other goodies. For vendor info call the Arcadia Main Street office at 494-2020.

• Boaters Get-Together meets at 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month at Nav-A-Gator Grill, 9700 S.W. Riverview Circle (off Kings Hwy/C.R. 769). For more information, call 941-627-3474.

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

■ SUNDAY

• 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.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.

■ MONDAY

• 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.

• DeSoto County Veterans Honor Guard practices at 6 p.m. second Mondays monthly at the American Legion Post, 2124 N.W. American Legion Drive. For more information, call Roger Bumgarner at 993-0129.

• The Amvets Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday each month..

• The AA Second Tradition Business Meeting is held every second Monday at 7:15 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

• Arcadia/DeSoto County Beautification Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. today at the DeSoto County extension office, 2150 N.E. Roan St., Arcadia.

• The American Merchant Marines Veterans, Robert J. MacAlvanah Chapter (Suncoast Chapter), meets at noon every second Monday at The Family Table Restaurant, 14132 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port. All Merchant Mariners and their spouses are welcome. For information, call 941-625-3234.

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

• Artist Group of DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council meets every Monday 9 a.m. to noon at Arcadia Village Cantina Clubhouse, 2692 SR 70 East. Free and open to the public. For information, call Linda at 494-7734.

• A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. on Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.

• Al-anon, offering help for families of alcoholics, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit www.district13soflal-anon.org.

• The DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1425 Martin Luther King St. The center provides referrals for mainstream resources, elderly food stamps (by appointment) and computer service. Salvation Army has office space on Wed. by appointment. For more information, call 491-5683.

• A faith-based addiction recovery ministry meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the Nocatee Baptist Church (red brick church) on U.S. Highway 17 in Nocatee.

■ TUESDAY

• DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 9 a.m. at the County Administration building, Room 103, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.

• DeSoto County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board meeting room of the DeSoto County School District, 530 La Solona Ave., Arcadia.

• 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.

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

■ WEDNESDAY

• Free Food Distribution the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Arcadia Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2865 S.E. Ami Drive (off State Road 31 near Walmart), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. By the All Faiths Food bank. Call 494-3262 for more information.

• Been There Rancher's and Farmers' Club meets every second and fourth Wed. through April at 1 p.m., first clubhouse inside South Entrance Arcadia Village Country Club. North of Walmart, State Road 70. Call Max R. Fitzpatrick at 863-494-6257. Free. Tours, speakers, conversation, friends, fun — all welcome.

• The DeSoto County Ministerial Association will meet at 8:30 a.m. for prayer and 9 a.m. for the meeting at the Housing Authority, on Booker T. Washington St. Pastors or representatives of all denominations and churches are invited to attend as we address community challenges and coordinate worship services to serve county residents.

• Narcotics Anonymous meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Arcadia Oaks Multipurpose Room at 1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia. Open to the public.

• 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.

■ THURSDAY

• TEAM Arcadia meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Margaret Way Building, 23 N Polk Avenue. The purpose of TEAM Arcadia is to unite community organizations and coordinate community improvement efforts.

• DeSoto County Historical Society meets at noon every second Thursday monthly at the Family Service Center annex, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia. Lunch is available for \$5 at 11:30 a.m.

• Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity meets at 6 p.m. second Thursdays monthly at the Habitat ReStore, 111 N. Polk Ave. Call 494-4118 or desotohabitat@embarqmail.com for more information.

• Gastric bypass support group meets at 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays monthly at Mardis Citrus on U.S. 17 S. For more information, call 990-0082 or 494-5700.

• Drop-In Yoga class is cancelled 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.

■ 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

• 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.

■ SERVICE CLUBS

• Rotary Club of Arcadia meets at noon every Tuesday in the McSwain Room at DeSoto Memorial Hospital. For information call Bebe Bradbury at 813-765-5909.

• Kiwanis meets at 6 p.m. Thursday at Beef O'Brady's.

• DeSoto Toastmasters meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at noon to 1 p.m. at First State Bank of Arcadia, 400 N. Brevard Ave. For information, call Victoria Provau, 494-2220 or email vprovau@fsbarcacia.com.

■ 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.



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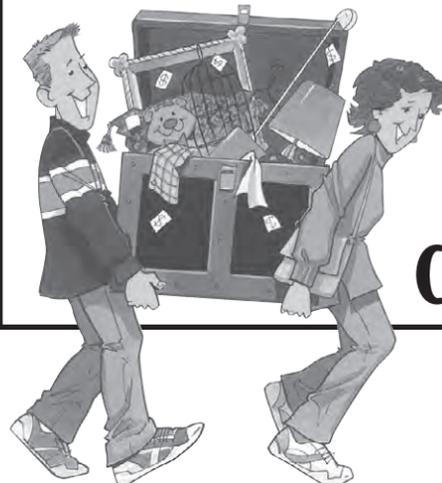
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Happy birthday



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Happy birthday to our little brother, Joseph, born June 4, 2013.

Love,

Your sisters Skylynn, Nicole and Kristal



The first Links2Success Summer Leadership program has a busy summer planned.

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Summer Leadership program kicks off

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For more information, call Ashley Coone at 863-990-0527 or visit www.links2success.org.

The first-ever Summer Leadership program sponsored by Links2Success has embarked on an ambitious effort to learn about banking, law enforcement, the judicial system, government and more. The program, which was open to middle school students in grades 7 and 8, plans an art reception and awards ceremony at 10 a.m. on July 13. Artwork created by the students to document and illustrate their experiences will be on exhibit at the Martin Art Gallery, 207 E. Magnolia St., under the theme, "When I Grow Up ..."

Congratulations

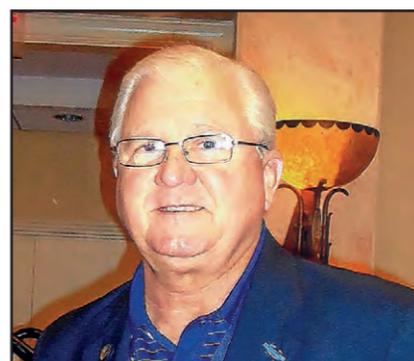


PHOTO PROVIDED BY JACKIE TUCKER

The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners just returned from attending the Florida Association of Counties convention in Tampa. DeSoto County Commissioner Jim Selph was named to serve on the Board of Directors for 2013-14.

Happy birthday

Happy birthday to Jeannine Pinkerton.

Love,
Jacques and Nancy

Thank you

The family of Hattie Williams wishes to thank the Mount Pilgrim Church, as well as other surrounding churches and communities for their gifts, prayers and encouraging words in the time of our mother's sickness, surgery and recovery. May God continue to bless you all.

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Cpt. Kugler placed on leave by DCSO

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office placed a fourth person on administrative suspension in connection with allegations that a detainee was beaten. Major James Vitali said Captain Ray Kugler, who has been in charge of the jail since Sheriff Will Wise took office in 2008, was suspended with pay pending the ongoing investigation.

Vitali said to maintain the integrity of the investigation, it was necessary to remove Kugler from his duties because he was one of the witnesses questioned. Vitali did not say whether Kugler was directly involved with the alleged battery of Jody Wayne Holland. Kugler is the highest ranking individual to have been suspended in connection with Holland's claim.

Vitali noted there are three jurisdictions conducting investigations into Holland's accusations that he was beaten at the DeSoto County Jail and received black eyes and other bruises and marks on his body. In addition to DCSO's own criminal and internal investigations, both the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are conducting their own probes. Vitali said witnesses sign a confidentiality notice barring them from speaking about their statements until the investigations are complete.

Holland was arrested in May on charges of violating a domestic protective order. His former girlfriend is a nurse at the county jail. After Holland was brought to the DeSoto County Jail, he was transported to the Hardee County Jail the next day. Holland told a Sarasota newspaper he was beaten on three occasions while in custody at

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.

the DeSoto County jail. He said he was punched and choked, and had his head slammed into a wall. Holland was also arrested in April on charges of battery and false imprisonment involving the same victim.

Previously, Cpl. Vincent Carlucci and deputies Steve Rizzi and Ashley Cross were placed on administrative suspension. As *The Arcadian* reported last week, a video released by DCSO shows Carlucci and Rizzi enter a holding cell where Holland was being held. At one point in the video, Cross looks in the room. The holding cell is mostly beyond the view of the camera and it is hard to see what actually happened there. The video is posted on *The Arcadian's* Facebook page.

Vitali said to date, DCSO has not received any notice from Holland or his attorney of an intent to sue.

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

- Carl Lee Crawford, 49, Lakeland, Fla. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,500.
- Amber Michele Feutral, 45, Barley Ave., Nocatee. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.
- Andria Linae Harrison, 31, Sarasota. Charges: two counts of violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Travis Murray Lee McCrummin, 27, 1100 block of N.E. Rivercrest Drive, Arcadia. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$120.
- Ronnie David Nipper, 42, 3400 block of S.E. Montgomery Circle, Arcadia. Charge: habitually driving

while license is suspended. Bond: \$2,000.

- Jennifer Ann Pope, 22, 2500 block of S.W. Hand Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Christopher Mahlon Proctor, 28, 2900 block of S.W. Armadillo Trail, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Ashley Jeanell Stark, 25, 2100 block of S.W. Reynolds At., Arcadia. Charges: assault and battery. Bond: \$870.
- Caleb Joseph Williams, 22, 2300 block of N.E. Snow St., Arcadia. Charges: petty larceny and violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Gabino Cruz, 36, Bradenton. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Joel Hernandez, 34, 1200 block of Fourth Ave., Arcadia. Charge: hit-and-run, leaving scene of accident involving property damage; and driving without a valid license. Bond: \$620.
- Evanjalina Ramirez Herrera, 20, 2600 block of S.W. Lois Ave., Arcadia. Charges: giving false ownership information to pawn shop, grand theft between \$300-\$5,000, giving false information to officer about missing person or felony, and dealing in stolen property. Bond: \$3,120.
- Larrett Lane Lawrence, 21, 2900 block of Hollingsworth St., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$2,500.
- Sixto Ramiro Ramirez, 51, Wauchula. Charge: habitually driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$2,000.
- Noel Omar Santiago, 31, North Port. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
- Katie Ann Walther, 21, 2300 block of N.E. Snow St., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.
- Kelly Jean Winters, 39, 200 block of S. Lincoln Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Jeremiah Davis, 29, 1000 block of S.W. Golden Ave., Arcadia. Charge: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. Bond: none.
- Cordell Devon Johnson, 26, 2600 block of N.W. Garvin Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, driving without a valid license and driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$360.
- Glenda Lynn Lowe, 41, Floral, Fla. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Candi Redding, 33, 500 block of S. Dade Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$900.

- Lisa Shawn Hodges, 46, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$120.
- Cheryl Lynn Hodges, 40, 2500 block of N.W. Pine Creek, Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of unoccupied dwelling, grand theft between \$300-\$5,000 and dealing in stolen property. Bond: not stated.

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

- Andrea Rea Rance, 40, 200 block of N. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$3,500.
- Octavius Mariel Dennis, 30, 1500 block of S.W. Pear St., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: not stated.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

ROADWATCH

U.S. 17 from south of SW Collins Street in Fort Ogdan to County Road 760A south of Nocatee — Work is under way to expand US 17 to four lanes. Work will include clearing land for two new travel lanes to the east of the existing US 17 travel lanes, starting drainage activities and relocating overhead power transmission and distribution lines. No lane closures will be required for this work. Motorists are advised to be aware of work vehicles entering and exiting the roadway and to observe the posted speed limit. Project completion is expected at the end of 2015.

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OBITUARIES

Floyd P. Krieg

Floyd P. Krieg, 88, of Punta Gorda, Fla., passed away Sunday, June 23, 2013, in Punta Gorda.

He was born May 9, 1925, in Freeburg, Ill. Floyd was a veteran of World War II, serving with the 1st Calvary Division in the Southwest Pacific and the occupation of Japan. He left the U.S. Army in 1946 as Motor Sergeant of 27th Ordnance Company. Floyd enjoyed visiting with friends he made through his employment, at St. Clair Service Company of Belleville, Ill., and ownership of Pleasant Point Resort of Osage Beach, Mo. He was a lifelong member of Amvets Post 207 of Belleville and Post 60 of Arcadia, Fla.

Floyd is survived by his daughter, Kathy (Kevin) Kosydor of Belleville; brother, Arnold Krieg of New Athens, Ill.; sister, Lucille A. (Cletus) Culli of Mesa, Ariz.; brothers-in-law, Wilmer Steinheimer (Lillian) of Lenzburg, Ill., and Paul Weik of Belleville; and his beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn V. (nee Steinheimer) Krieg, whom he married in Darmstadt, Ill., June 4, 1949; his parents, Elmer and Emma (nee Beck) Krieg; sister, Florence; and brother-in-law, Walter Mueller.

Arrangements are by Renner Funeral Home in Belleville.

Onesimo Canamar

Onesimo Canamar, 59, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Sunday, June 23, 2013. Arrangements are by ICS Cremation and Funerals, Inc., of Harbour Heights, Fla.

Warren E. Shedd Sr.

Warren E. Shedd Sr., 79, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Sunday, June 23, 2013. He was born March 13, 1934, in Worcester, Mass.



Warren served our country in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife, Beverly, "Ms. Bevie," moved to Arcadia from Shrewsbury, Mass., 37 years ago. Warren was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church.



He obtained his private pilot license and enjoyed flying and building model airplanes.

Warren was a loving father and grandfather and will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his daughter, Valerie Manley of Arcadia; sisters, Marilyn Swallow of Arcadia and Gail Chernisky of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; grandchildren, Regina Furr, Rachelle Manley, Dereck Manley, Gary Shedd Jr., and Jennifer Vandenburg; and three great-grandchildren. Warren was preceded in death by his parents, George E. and Lillian Pendll Shedd; sons, Gary Paul Shedd and Warren Shedd Jr.; and most recently, his wife of 52 years, Beverly Shedd, who passed away on the same day as Warren, one year ago.

A celebration of life service will be held at a future date in Boyleston, Mass. Online condolences can be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

Arrangements are by Ponger Kays Grady Funeral Home of Arcadia.

San Juana P. Garcia

San Juana P. Garcia, 82, passed away Friday, June 28, 2013, in Wauchula, Fla. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Arcadia, Fla.

Sofia Ramos

Sofia Ramos, 61, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2013. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

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- Anonymous

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president of the Avon Citrus Bank in Avon Park, will serve as the president of the new bank. Board members are Dr. H.S. Agnew, M.D., Gerald F. Tinsley, Richard E. Anderson, Dr. L.A. Fusco, D.D.S., John W. Parker and Edward Russell. The new financial institution will be a full service bank, and a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

• James C. Kynett is the vice-president and cashier of the new First State Bank in Arcadia. His father was stationed in Ft. Jackson, S.C., when Jim was born and it wasn't too many years after that when the family moved to Brockton,



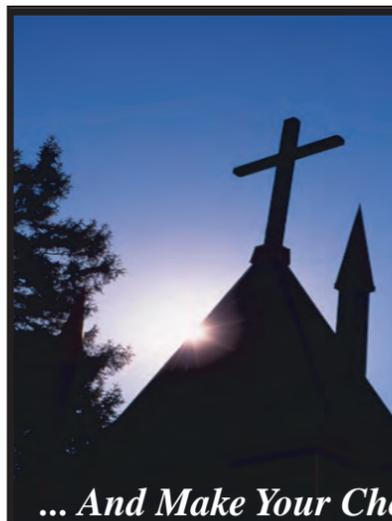
THIS WEEK IN DESOTO COUNTY

1973:

• The new First State Bank of Arcadia will open its doors for the first time Saturday, July 14, in an Open House celebration. The purpose of the open house, according to bank officials, is to allow the public to get a look at the new banking facility before official banking business starts on July 17, 1973. The celebration, which will feature a host of state and local dignitaries for the official ribbon-cutting, begins at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 3:30 p.m.

Guided tours of the bank as well as refreshments will be featured. The official ceremonies will include: Invocation by Gerald Taylor; Welcome — the Honorable I.D. Eller, Jr., Mayor; official ribbon-cutting — tour of Bank with Burton Thornal, Chairman of the Board. William J. Briscoe, former

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DeSoto Church Directory

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The book that makes us free

The truth shall make you free," is a universally accepted, well known quote, appearing on cornerstones of colleges and in other public places, but many do not know it is taken from the Bible (John 8:32), the Book that sets people free.

Many lovers of freedom have spoken about the importance of the Bible and its impact on America.

Near the end of his life, Patrick Henry said, "Here is a Book, the Bible, worth more than all others that were ever printed." George Washington concluded it was impossible to rightly govern the nation without the Bible.

Abraham Lincoln wrote: "I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance by faith and you will live and die a better man."

The respected statesman, Daniel Webster, declared, "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible our



Roger Campbell

country will go on prospering, but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity."

William McKinley, our 25th president, said, "The more profoundly we study this wonderful Book, and the more closely we observe its divine precepts, the better citizens we will become and the higher will be our destiny as a nation."

Woodrow Wilson, our 28th president,

warned: "A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of a knowledge of the Bible."

The roots of liberty reach deeply into the Bible.

"The Bible has been the Magna Carta of the poor and oppressed," wrote the English scientist Thomas Henry Huxley. And so it has. Study a map of the world and you will see that wherever the Bible has traveled freedom has followed.

Celebrating our independence then ought to include reading and applying the Book that makes us free. Churches should be packed with grateful worshippers who come to be refreshed by the teachings of the Book carried by the Pilgrims and others who came here to find freedom to worship God as they pleased and to declare the teachings of the Bible publicly without fear of persecution.

If we forsake the Book of freedom, we

are likely to lose our cherished liberty. If we declare ourselves independent from God, we cannot expect His blessings.

Our high regard of the Bible in the past provides a rich heritage that flows through our documents of freedom. But the freedom spoken of in the Bible is not just national and political; it is individual.

A troubled man once called to find help to overcome his fears. When I pointed him to the Bible he expressed fear that this might just make him feel guilty and condemned. Later he called to tell me how wrong he had been. The Book he had feared was not condemning at all. Instead, he's beginning to see it as a means of freedom from the fears and anxieties that can trouble us all.

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A triple-header for health

As the years accumulate, we seniors become more aware of precautions to safeguard our health. And this, we realize, is more advantageous if one can manage it without additions to your present prescription load. I'm fortunate that I only need two prescription medicines to keep my blood pressure in check, and I'd like to keep it at that minimum. So how do I manage that?

I read once — and it made sense — that there are three important criteria to maintaining your health without reverting to additional medicines. See if you agree with these "miracles."

First of all, daily exercise. Now that doesn't mean an intense gym workout or running the triathlon. For me, it means a walk ... often rather leisurely, depending on the current temperature. My mile-long foray for exercise contains no challenges like mountains, or rough terrain (I'm grateful for Florida's flat, grassy expanses and well-paved walks.) And I stressed "leisurely" ... as the summer's heat descends, I go the full distance, but at a slower pace.

The second "miracle" is a sensible diet. I must admit to retaining a sweet tooth, so my meals do have a little "sweet" leeway, but I do stick to basics and my weight, the real touchstone, never varies. Most important are at least five fruits and vegetables daily, but that's not difficult, especially if you start with a touch of citrus for breakfast. I like an orange or tangerine, or a glass of orange or cranberry juice. Then at noon-time (our big meal of the day) we add at least three additional qualifiers. I often make



From a Senior Viewpoint

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an entree or casserole using two cups of frozen vegetables, and our usual dessert at this meal is a fresh apple.

So it's easy to finish the vegetable-fruit requirement at our last meal of the day, which is usually a salad (greens, tomato, celery, onions) with a special ending (such as a strawberry shortcake) for dessert. So that requirement has become easy and satisfies our palates ... of course, eating continues with popcorn or pretzels, a welcome evening TV-watching snack.

And the final good-health habit is enough sleep, and that's the easiest one. I usually enjoy nine hours each night. That sometimes is a bit shorter if I had an afternoon nap, but eight or nine hours is pretty much the norm. And one of my favorite evening pastimes, watching the Tampa Bay Rays, especially when they have another victory, puts me to sleep with a smile on my face.

So a triple header in health, with a little planning, is quite easy. Of course there are the exceptions, when a pizza suddenly seems like the right evening meal, but I believe every good diet should be flexible.

After all, the most important ingredient is enjoyment, right?

THIS WEEK

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Mass., where Kynett graduated high school and then began work with a county bank in Brockton, and was eventually promoted to branch manager. One of the bank's customers whom Kynett saw occasionally was the late heavy-weight boxing champion Rocky Marciano. For what it's worth (pardon the pun) "The Rock" probably earned more money from the ring than any other boxer and was said to be a good customer at the bank.

• DeSoto County's third regular banking institution opened its doors Tuesday. The First State Bank of Arcadia

joins the DeSoto National Bank and First Federal Savings & Loan Association of DeSoto County. They, coupled with the Southwest Florida Production Credit Association, round out the county's banking picture. Over 300 persons were estimated to have attended the ceremonies and festivities that followed the ribbon-cutting. The "Jessee James and His Gang" band kicked up their heels and provided another happy note to their event.



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Class of 1983 holds 30-year reunion



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The DeSoto County High School Class of 1983 held its 30th Class Reunion last weekend at Rattlers nightclub in Arcadia. More than 35 classmates gathered to reminisce over memories, catch up on milestones, dine together, and were treated to special guest DJ Tommy Guidry and high school photographer Lorna Mansfield Johnson.

ROADWATCH

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U.S. Highway 17 from the Charlotte/DeSoto County line to SW Collins Street — Work is nearing completion to widen this four-mile segment of US 17 from two to four lanes. Motorists traveling on US 17 in both directions should expect intermittent daytime lane closures as crews lay sod and perform roadside maintenance. No work is scheduled for Thursday, July 4 due to the holiday. Two lanes on US 17 in both directions are open throughout the work zone. Law enforcement is patrolling the construction zone and speeding fines are doubled when workers are present.

Project completion is expected this summer.

State Road 70 over the Peace River — There will be intermittent eastbound and westbound right and left lane closures for bridge maintenance. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and to expect possible delays.

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

As a reminder, travelers can visit www.FL511.com or dial "511" from their phone to learn about traffic conditions on major roadways across the state. If you know before you go, you can plan accordingly and save time and money.

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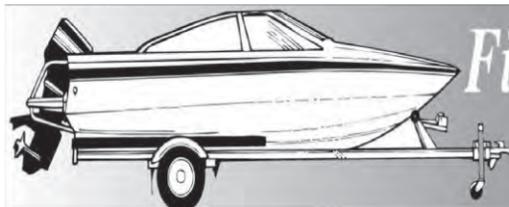
we were discussing this same increase later in the budget cycle, then I would be less supportive of this as well, but knowing we can lower it later eases my concerns."

The council then voted to approve the millage hike, with Fink casting the lone dissenting vote.

The council unanimously approved City Attorney T.J. Wohl's draft of a lease for the DeSoto County School District's rental of the former city hall building. The one-year lease allows the district to use parts of the building for storage, with the district agreeing to wall off an older fire truck so it is protected from individuals climbing on or damaging

the vehicle in some fashion.

In other business, Wohl recommended to the council to table a planned second reading of an ordinance that would have given the city the authority to provide utility service to county residents within a five-mile radius outside city limits. He informed them that after further evaluation of the state ordinance, he discovered a 2006 amendment that requires a city to have a planned expansion notice and the ability to provide services in a timely matter. The council asked Jankosky to build a list of potential expansion sites the city could work on in the future, and Keene and Fink suggested meeting with county staff to investigate potential projects that both entities could collaborate on. The council then agreed to follow Wohl's recommendation to table the matter.



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TRUTH

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of people don't think of them as pets so much as companions that live and fend for themselves outside."

The DeSoto County Animal Services office is located at 2048 NE McKay Street in Arcadia, and can be reached by calling 863-993-4855. The office is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., though hours are subject to change. The cost of an adoption is \$47. This includes a \$10 adoption fee, \$12 for a rabies shot, and \$25 toward spay/neuter. Adopted pets are micro-chipped free of charge. Privately owned pets can be brought to the shelter and micro-chipped for \$9. The staff can be reached at the above number after-hours or on weekends for emergency situations only (biting incidents, severely injured animal, etc).

bad guys, but what they don't realize is there are no other places for these animals to go," Hernandez said. "People see us taking healthy animals and killing them, or 'stealing' their animals when it gets loose and we pick it up as a stray. What they don't realize is that we are acting in the best interest of the residents of this county to ensure their health and safety from potentially dangerous or sick animals. It's a no-win situation for our staff, any way you look at it."

Compassion fatigue

Hernandez says one of the biggest problems he sees within his staff is what is referred to as "compassion fatigue." This emotional exhaustion is a result of daily exposure to trauma, and has been shown by studies to be similar to emotional fatigue experienced by firefighters, police, paramedics and the military. "It's a very real concern that I have, and the results of it are a high turnover in my department," he said. "You bring in these animals that are scared, confused or hurt, you do your best to give them some sort of treatment and comfort, and then if they are not adopted you have to put them down. Doing that day in and day out is a gut-wrenching experience."



Animal Control Officer Susan Brodowsky, Supervisor Debby Merkin and Kennel Tech Carole Worth are three of the four full-time staff who must catch and care for the hundreds of animals that come to Animal Services every year. "People can suffer from compassion fatigue after seeing so many animals euthanized," Merkin said. "It's just like battle fatigue that soldiers experience."



As a feral kitten crouches behind his litter box, the "X" on his information sheet indicates that, as of June 27, he has been there longer than the required hold time. His chances of adoption and, hence, survival, dwindle with each passing day. Feral kittens have not been socialized and are likely to bite or scratch people, making them less appealing as pets.



Pat Schudel, a volunteer, helps by bathing and caring for some of the adoptable animals. "This little Chihuahua doesn't even have a name yet, but she's a honey," Schudel says as she brings her back to her pen, and thus she received her name. Honey is under a year old. Supervisor Debby Merkin says, "Volunteers like Miss Pat are like gold here."

Animal Services Supervisor Debby Merkin has been with the department eight years, and Hernandez marvels at her ability to continually keep the department running smoothly on even its roughest days. "She amazes me, and I thank her for what she does every day," Hernandez noted. "I don't know what we would do without her; she has emotionally invested herself in maintaining the highest level of care possible for these animals, and she is the backbone of

this department." Merkin says she does her best to separate work and home, but all too often the two collide. "These animals all deserve a chance, and I try to do everything in my power to give that to them," she said. "It can be physically and emotionally exhausting, but I know these animals count on us to help give them a better life. I'm here so much I actually have a cot here that I sleep on some nights: it's just a necessity of such a demanding workload we all have here." Euthanizations at the facility are completed on an as-needed basis, and ironically the room used to perform the procedures also triples as a grooming station and a photography studio where animals' photos are taken to be published for adoption. "I call this room the good, the bad and the ugly," Merkin said. "It's sad but we do the best with what we have."

Staffing, budget challenges

Hernandez says because of the emotional toll the job takes on his staff, typical turnover is every two years, and his two newest officers, Susan Brodowsky and Henry Meredith, have been with the department for nearly a year. "This job is a daily grind for those officers and staffers, and there is only so much one person can handle before they have to remove themselves from the situation," he said. Besides high turnover, the department also struggles with a staff shortage due to budget restrictions. The department currently has four staff members, both full and part time — half what it was



Supervisor Debby Merkin looks in the locked cabinet where medicines, vaccines and other chemicals are kept, next to a grooming table backed by a painted mural. Merkin, who must maintain several licenses to manage these pharmaceuticals, is also a county Code Inspector. "I have too many hats and not a big enough closet to put them in," she said.



This gray female dog, who hadn't even been named yet, looks out her pen with curiosity, and perhaps hope. Merkin says they try to name all the adoptable animals, and when people are interested in adopting, there's a room with furniture and toys so adopters can play and interact with the prospective pets.



Lady, a black-and-white female cat, has been spayed and is very friendly. She's believed to be 7 or 8 years old and is less likely to find a home than a cute, playful kitten.

a few years ago. Hernandez has asked the DeSoto County Commission for additional funds in his 2013-14 budget for an extra staff member to help with cleaning kennels (which Hernandez himself sometimes does before heading to the county building to start his work day). "We do what we need to around here; everyone pitches in wherever they are needed," he said.

For the first time since Merkin started working for the department, Hernandez was not able to allow her to take vacation time because of staff shortages. "That really hurt, because she does so much but the department can't afford to be without her," he said.

On a recent tour of the facility, the realities of the staff and budgeting shortages were clear when Merkin explained a suspected outbreak of the deadly, highly-contagious Parvo virus among a mother



Tekoe, a 9-week-old male tabby, thinks his cage is a jungle gym and climbs as high as he can while reaching out as visitors pass. Although kittens stand a better chance of being adopted than mature cats, the majority of animals that come to this shelter don't get out alive. For a cat, the odds of being adopted are less than 1 in 10.

and a litter of puppies that had just been brought in. "When something like this occurs, we have to quarantine the dogs, and then completely sanitize the kennels and move any unaffected dogs to different locations," she said. "In cases like that, we need every helping hand we can get, but while we're doing that it's not like the phone stops ringing." One of the biggest assets the facility has is its dedicated volunteers, who help to bathe the animals, clean the kennels and manage other day-to-day operations.

The building itself is also small compared with animal facilities at other counties, and features a maze of hallways where any available space is quickly taken advantage of. (For instance, a car port was converted to kennels to hold dangerous dogs.) This issue may become even more pressing, as Charlotte County recently floated the idea of paying DeSoto County to take on Charlotte's extra stray dogs and cats. Hernandez was mostly mum on the subject, but was excited about the prospect of building expansion and upgrades that would result from the agreement.

"I have a lot of ideas I'd like to implement here and the money from this proposed agreement would certainly help that, but we aren't in any position right now to take on more animals or make anything more than necessary repairs on equipment. I do not want to see us become a dumping ground for other counties' stray animal problems."

DeSoto's lack of resources for its animal services department wasn't lost on Animal Welfare League Board Chairman David Baird, for example, when he commented to Charlotte County Commissioners at a recent meeting that "I hate to think of what will happen to the animals sent there. They don't have the services we have."

Merkin says DeSoto currently can't compete with privately funded shelters. "We don't even provide veterinary services here except for situations where we might have a doctor come out to donate their time," she said. "We have the ability to do limited vaccinations (rabies), and very little in medication to treat animals that arrive with infections, broken bones or other serious injuries. This is not a hospital by any stretch of the imagination."

Population control

Merkin says one of the biggest hurdles her staff has to overcome is educating people to the importance of spaying and neutering their animals. "I've seen a lot of people shrug their



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How many kittens do you see in this ball of fur? If you counted three, you win. Litters of kittens and even pregnant or nursing mother cats with kittens often come in bunches.

shoulders when asked if they felt it was important for their animals to be sterilized," she said. "We know there are a few packs of wild dogs and large pockets of feral cats in the area, and you can't control these animals from breeding with pets without the cooperation of area residents."

For a perspective on how fast animal populations can explode out of control, take the example of a single fertile female cat. She can produce up to two litters per year, with an average of four to six kittens per litter. In her lifetime, that one cat can produce anywhere from 200-300 cats. ASPCA estimates there are nearly 70 million feral cats currently in the U.S., nearly one-third of the nation's human population.

Merkin says one way they are helping to combat animal overpopulation is by offering a coupon for anyone adopting an unspayed or unneutered animal which can be brought to any veterinarian's office for the procedure to be done at no cost.

"We have a 'goodies' bag we hand out to all new adopting families, and that coupon is included," she said. "We also microchip the animal, and provide a free bag of starter food to keep the animal on a diet consistent to what it's been eating at our facility."

In the end, Merkin says, there needs to be more awareness from the community on how much of a problem animal overpopulation is. "You might drive by our building and see a quiet little structure, but inside you see a whole other world," she said. "It might not look like it to some, but we are doing this because of our love for the animals. We certainly don't have a lot of happy endings here, but the ones we do have make it all worthwhile."



Animal Control Officer Henry Meredith holds a puppy while a couple brings in five more they cannot keep. The hound/lab/cur mix pups may find new homes if they are healthy, but the odds for most animals brought to the shelter are low: less than a quarter of all animals are adopted.



Sordo, Spanish for "deaf," cannot hear but it doesn't prevent her from barking. She was abandoned when her former owner moved and left her behind. She's a good-natured, friendly dog but with her hearing issue, she's less likely to find a home.



PHOTO BY MARY SHANNON JOHNSTONE, Used by permission. http://shannonjohnstone.com At one kennel in the southeast, after dogs have been euthanized, their bodies are placed into large black plastic bags and their kennels are sanitized. In DeSoto County, bagged animals are placed in a large freezer; when it is full, they are removed and disposed of at the county landfill.

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BOYS B-BALL

The DeSoto Sidewinders baseball team
defeated Lemon Bay 4-1 in recent Dixie
Youth League action.

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Shockers tournament raises money for teams

Recently the Southern Shockers
hosted a softball tournament
called a "Showcase Tournament" in
Sebring. The Shockers had three teams in
the tournament and they all did very well.
Success is not measured by wins or losses
but by the number of players who are of-
fered college scholarships.

The Shockers have done very well in
this area. That is the difference between
a normal tournament and a showcase
tournament. The showcase tournament
brings in coaches from several colleges
to get a look at the players all at once
rather than trying to see a player during
the regular softball season when the
college teams are playing too.

The tournament hosted by the
Shockers brings in enough money to
supply the teams with some equipment
and things for the fields such as "soft
toss" nets and other equipment. The
Shockers host the tournament twice a
year in Sebring.

The Sebring area makes good money
with so many teams staying in the area
for at least two nights, which includes
food and entertainment for all of the
families. The businesses in town love to



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see the tournaments at the Sebring Sports
Complex. The complex also hosts tourna-
ment for the "Half Century League"
at least twice a year, plus many other
organizations who use the complex.

With the majority of the players from
the Arcadia area and with the birth-
place of the Shockers in Arcadia, many

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**Lauren
Rotering
drives a
base hit
to right
field in the
Showcase
Tournament
held in
Sebring.**

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Arcadia residents on the Southern Shockers 16U team included Lauren Rotering, Chelsea Whitmore, Miranda Corbin, Hannah England and Taylor Day. The team finished second in the tournament.

Soccer tournament offers competition, comradarie



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Stan Slolmashenko of the Bradenton team plans with clinic organizer Omar Rendon.

Lake Placid goalie Miguel Rameriz makes a save during tournament action.



Participants enjoy some warm up drills before the clinic.



The Arcadia Goons team poses during a break in the action.



The clinic's tournament awards were on display for all in attendance.

Several teams competed as part of last weekend's soccer clinic.

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Lake Placid's Alex Villagorez lets loose on a kick during tournament play

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Teams gather for final instructions before the beginning of tournament play.

Referees Inosencino Awselam, Luis Castillo and Fiye Hernandez pose with clinic organizer Omar Rendon.



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A player attempts a kick-off during the soccer clinic.

Gustavo Salazar from Wachula works on his ball handling skills during the clinic.

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DeSoto Sidewinders edge Lemon Bay 5-4 in summer ball

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

So you have never heard of the DeSoto Sidewinders baseball team? It's a group of high school players who have been playing baseball this summer against teams from Lemon

Bay, Sebring, Avon Park and Bayshore.

The competition is a level between sandlot ball and high school ball. Players get a chance to improve on their game against good competition, and it also gives them something to do during the

summer that is beneficial for themselves.

DeSoto County varsity baseball coach, Trey Hill, is working with the players and organizing the games. Through June 23 they had a 4-2-1 record, including the 5-4 win over Lemon Bay in the first half of a scheduled doubleheader. The second game was rained out, as have the three games scheduled with Bayshore.

The team is in the Dixie Youth League and will play in the Florida State Tournament July 13-16. If they win that tournament they will play in the World Series in Alabama.

In their game against the Lemon Bay Rays, the Sidewinders held a 3-1 lead through most of the game, but fell behind 4-3 going into the last inning. A two-out rally gave the Sidewinders the win.

Grant Potter scored the tying run on a base hit to right



Winning pitcher Grant Potter scores the tying run in the last inning at Lemon Bay June 23.

by Eli Adams, and Adams scored what proved to be the winning run on a wild

pitch. Adams leaped over the catcher's tag to score the run. Potter got the win in relief.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

Third baseman Eli Adams gets a two-out hit to tie the score in the DeSoto Sidewinders 5-4 win over Lemon Bay June 23.

SHOCKERS

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wonder why they can't host a tournament in Arcadia? The local economy certainly could use a boost these tournaments bring to an area.

Tom Lipe, coach of the 14U Shockers team, answered that question. "Field size and accommodations, that's it," he said. "Here, we are able to handle 25-30 teams because of the size. We can't do that in Arcadia. The convenience of all the college coaches being able to walk from field to field is a big plus for us. We'd love to do it there

(Arcadia) but can't because of the field size."

For those who have never been to the Sports Complex in Sebring, it has five fields coming out of a wheel design with the hub of the wheel holding the concession area, offices, storage rooms and rest rooms. It is a first-class complex. A complex like that in DeSoto

could host tournaments, too, along with league games.

The 16U team had five players from Arcadia. Lauren Rotering, Miranda Corbin, Chelsea Whitmore, Taylor Day and Hannah England. The girls battled into the finals during the three-day event and finished second in the tournament.



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Children will delight in growing stuff you would otherwise throw out. Watching a seed transform into a tree provides lessons in natural science. How does the root know to grow downward, and the shoot upward?

Save the pit when you cut an avocado. Push three toothpicks partway into the big seed so that you can suspend the seed over a jar of water. The water should just touch the bottom of the seed. Put it on a sunny windowsill and check the water level every day. Soon you will see roots growing out the bottom, and a leafy shoot heading up. When the tree gets about a foot high, plant it in a large pot with good soil. The large flat seed of a mango may also be planted in a pot of soil. Scrub off as much of the clinging flesh as you can and snip off the very tip to help it get started.

Pineapple is the original buy one, get one free fruit. Slice off the top of a pineapple. Pull off the ring of fruit and the lower four or five rows of leaves. You will see little nubbin roots. Let it dry out a day or two, then plant in moist but well drained soil. Fertilize with slow release fertilizer. In 12 to 15 months your pineapple top may produce another pineapple.



Over the Garden Gate

Al & Karen Smoke

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If you have some carrots that have been in the fridge too long, they may begin sprouting. Cut one inch off the top of the carrot. Place on a saucer of wet sand. Beets, turnips and parsley root may also be grown this way. The root piece won't actually grow a new crop, but you can snip off the green growth and eat it. Or create a ferny tropical dish garden — add some small figurines such as toy dinosaurs.

Growing seeds just until they form a small plant is called sprouting. Seeds are packed full of energy — and when they sprout they actually become more nutritious. Many small beans may be sprouted — lentils, black eye peas, mung beans. Some other good seeds to sprout are alfalfa, broccoli, clover and radish. Buy seeds sold for sprouting, not ones for planting. You will need a jar, a piece of screen and a rubber band. Put about

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ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY AL SMOKE

Children discover the fun of growing things at a program at DeSoto County Library put on by the Smokes as part of the Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is "Dig into Reading." Activities take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m., and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.



Children discover the joy of growing things by planting things from the grocery store. Grow a tree from an avocado or mango pit, or plant some citrus seeds. The tree will take many years to produce fruit, but it is fun to watch it grow.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2012CA000742
LIBERTY SAVINGS BANK, F.S.B., Plaintiff,
vs.
LINDOL R. WATERMAN, III, A/K/A CHIP WATERMAN, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDOL R. WATERMAN, III, A/K/A CHIP WATERMAN, THOMAS POAPS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THOMAS POAPS, LINDOL R. WATERMAN, III, A/K/A CHIP WATERMAN, AS TRUSTEE UNDER AGREEMENT DATED THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2006, CHRIS WHITE, AND UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION NO. 1, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: LINDOL R. WATERMAN, III, A/K/A CHIP WATERMAN, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDOL R. WATERMAN, III, A/K/A CHIP WATERMAN, THOMAS POAPS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THOMAS POAPS, LINDOL R. WATERMAN, III, A/K/A CHIP WATERMAN, AS TRUSTEE UNDER AGREEMENT DATED THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2006, and all parties claiming interests by, through, under or against LINDOL R. WATERMAN, III, A/K/A CHIP

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WATERMAN, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDOL R. WATERMAN, III, A/K/A CHIP WATERMAN, THOMAS POAPS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THOMAS POAPS, LINDOL R. WATERMAN, III, A/K/A CHIP WATERMAN, AS TRUSTEE UNDER AGREEMENT DATED THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2006. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in DeSoto County, Florida: ALL THAT PART OF LOTS 2, 3 & 4, IN BLOCK "D", LYING EAST OF HIGHWAY #17, IN GILCHREST & BALDWIN'S ADDITION TO ARCADIA, FLORIDA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 66 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on JAMES D. GIBSON, ESQUIRE, the Plaintiff's attorney whose address is GIBSON, KOHL, WOLFF & HRIC, P.L., 400 Burns Court, Sarasota, FL 34236, 941-362-8880, legaljimjdg@comcast.net, within 30 days after the first publication of this Notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you or the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition. DATED this 24th day of June, 2013. CLERK OF COURT By: /s/ B. Wynn Deputy Clerk Published 7/4/13 & 7/11/13 171364 2911238

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 DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
TO: Jaime Flores
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 1952 SE Plum Dr. Arcadia, FL 34266

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 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. Dated June 25, 2013.

MITZIE W. McGAVIC CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: /s/ N. Daughtrey Deputy Clerk Published 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13 131159 2909675

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
3120**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2013CP000050AXMA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH RICHARD HERBERT, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of JOSEPH RICHARD HERBERT deceased, File No.: 2013CP000050AXMA is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's

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Dated June 6, 2013.
MITZIE W. McGAVIC CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Marlene Harris Deputy Clerk Published 6/13/13, 6/20/13, 6/27/13 & 7/4/13 131159 2903237

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.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
TO: Sacramento Garcilazo
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown

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. Dated June 25, 2013.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2013CP000050AXMA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH RICHARD HERBERT, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of JOSEPH RICHARD HERBERT deceased, File No.: 2013CP000050AXMA is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's

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estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this Notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED 2 YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 4, 2013.

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GLORIA DALE HERBERT,
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2009 CA 000401
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LYLE E. THOMPSON, JR. A/K/A THOMPSON LYLE EUGENE JR A/K/A LYLE E. THOMPSON JR;
REBEKAH THOMPSON;
UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 7th day of June, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2009 CA 000401, of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP is the Plaintiff and LYLE E. THOMPSON, JR. A/K/A THOMPSON LYLE EUGENE JR A/K/A LYLE E. THOMPSON JR; REBEKAH THOMPSON; UNKNOWN TENANT N/K/A DAPHNE LAVIGNE; UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, SOUTH DOOR OF THE DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, 11:00 AM on the 23RD day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 13, BLOCK "E" FOREST PINE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, A 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 9, PAGE 20. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**

Dated this 27th day of June, 2013.
By: /s/ Carri L. Pereyra
Submitted by:
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

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

CASE NO.: 14-2009-CA-000649
DIVISION: 2
CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
KAREN AFFELDT, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 28, 2013 and entered in Case No. 14-2009-CA-000649 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida wherein CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, is the Plaintiff and KAREN AFFELDT; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 at 11:00AM, on the 15th day of August, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 15, BLOCK B, CINDEE MANOR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 32, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND AN APPURTENANCE THERETO. VIN NO. PH0911517AFL & PH0911517BFL A/K/A 1062 SW FLETCHER STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY and the seal of this Court on June 28, 2013.
Mitzie McGavic
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk

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

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

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

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

CASE NO.: 142011CA000412
DIVISION: 2
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLIAM R. HALL, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 17, 2013 and entered in Case No. 14-2011-CA-000412 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM R. HALL; ALICIA W. HALL; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street Arcadia, FL 34266 at 11:00AM, on the 25th day of July 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: **LOT 18 AND 19 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 20, BLOCK 59, 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, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 67 A/K/A 218 SOUTH HERNANDO AVENUE, ARCADIA, FL 34266** 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 sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 18, 2013.
Mitzie McGavic
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk
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See 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:
Ms. Ann Olson
P. O. Box 48927
Sarasota, FL 34230
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 14-2012-CA-000134
DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS TRUSTEE FOR RALI 2005QA8,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
CATHERINE BORGES, ET AL.,
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 24, 2013 and entered in Case No. 14-2012-CA-000134 in the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida wherein Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as Trustee for RALI 2005QA8 was the Plaintiff and CATHERINE BORGES, ET AL., the Defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the South door of the Desoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak St., Arcadia, FL 34266 on the 6th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 4 AND THE NORTHEASTERLY 15 FEET OF LOT 3, BLOCK "J" OF RIDGEWOOD SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 85, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS OF THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER, AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk
L. Virginia Goddard
Attorney for Plaintiff
Pendergast & Morgan, P.A.
115 Perimeter Center Place
South Terraces, Suite 1000
Atlanta, GA 30346

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 Jury 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 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Published 7/4/13 & 7/11/13
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2012CA000523
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
GRACIELA CENDEJAS A/K/A GARACIELA CENDEJAS; JORGE L CENDEJAS; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 26th day of June, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012CA000523, of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is the Plaintiff and GRACIELA CENDEJAS A/K/A GARACIELA CENDEJAS, JORGE L CENDEJAS and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court

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shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, SOUTH DOOR OF THE DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, 11:00 AM on the 1st day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **ALL OF LOT 14 AND SOUTH 38 FEET OF LOT 12 BLOCK Q MILLS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ARCADIA ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 8 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF 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.**

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2013.
By: Carri L. Pereyra
Submitted by:
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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,
vs.
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 OF SALE

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 ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OR 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. Pub-

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

CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2010-CA-000455
DIVISION: I
BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP
Plaintiff,
vs.-
JAVIER GARCIA; NADIA RAMIREZ; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MARIA LUZ PEREZ-RODRIGUEZ; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated June 20, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000455 of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP

, Plaintiff and Javier Garcia and Nadia Ramirez are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Mitzie W. McGavic, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AT 11:00 A.M. on August 1, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK 20, OF KING AND BAKER'S SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION 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 1, PAGE 105, AND RE-RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 63; INCLUDING ANY REVERSIONARY INTEREST IN THE ALLEYWAY ADJOINING THERETO, BY VACATION OF ALLEYWAY, AS SHOWN AS A RESOLUTION RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 115, PAGE 215, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID INTEREST IN THE ABOVE BEING DESCRIBED BEING: TO THE CENTERLINE OF THE ALLEYWAY ADJACENT TO THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 2. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME, YEAR: 1992, MAKE: MERITT LIVESTOCK TRAILER, VIN#: FLHMBB41832562A AND VIN#: FLHMBB41832562B, WHICH IS AFFIXED THERETO. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 2002 Ringling Boulevard, 8th Floor, Sarasota, Florida 34237 (941) 861-7811 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Mitzie W. McGavic
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
DeSoto County, Florida
By: /s/ B. Wynn
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHÉ, LLP 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

Case #: 2012-CA-000249
DIVISION: I
Bank of America, National Association
Plaintiff,

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vs.- Donald L. Kleinhaus a/k/a Donald Kleinhaus and Linda C. Kleinhaus, Husband and Wife; Bank of America, National Association, Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated May 3, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000249 of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein Bank of America, National Association, Plaintiff and Donald L. Kleinhaus a/k/a Donald Kleinhaus and Linda C. Kleinhaus, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Mitzie W. McGavic, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AT 11:00 A.M. on August 1, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

TRACT I
LOT 36, BLOCK B, DESOTO PEACE RIVER HEIGHTS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OR MAP THEREOF DESCRIBED IN PLAT BOOK 6, AT PAGE(S) 63, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TRACT II
LOT 37, BLOCK B, AND BOAT BASIN 7B, OF DESOTO PEACE RIVER HEIGHTS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OR MAP THEREOF, DESCRIBED IN PLAT BOOK 6, AT PAGE(S) 63, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF 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.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 2002 Ringling Boulevard, 8th Floor, Sarasota, Florida 34237 (941) 861-7811 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Mitzie W. McGavic
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
DeSoto County, Florida
By: /s/ B. Wynn
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
Submitted By:
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHÉ,
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Pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Self-Storage Facility Act (Statute 83.801-6) notice is hereby given that Secure Public Storage, 8890 NE Highway 17, Zolfo Springs, FL will conduct a sale or otherwise dispose of the unknown contents of:
Unit #3 Ramond Richardson
Said sale to be held no sooner than 15 days from the date of this notice. Published 7/4/13 & 7/11/13 357619 2911658

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 142012CA000513

DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ULISES HERNANDEZ AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on June 24, 2013, in the Circuit Court of DeSoto County, Florida, The Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in DeSoto County, Florida described as: PARCEL 'A' OF CHAPMAN SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN MINOR PLAT BOOK

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1, PAGE 147, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; BEGIN AT THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE WEST ALONG SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 21, 680.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 651.34 FEET TO THE SW CORNER OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 01'22" WEST ALONG WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 802.21 FEET; THENCE EAST AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 21, 651.34 FEET THENCE S 00 DEGREES 01'22" E, 802.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT DRAINAGE EASEMENT ALONG THE WEST SIDE AND LESS RIGHT-OF-WAY TO COUNTY ROAD NO. 763 ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE AND ALSO RESERVATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD, and commonly known as: 11826 SE COUNTY ROAD 763, ARCADIA, FL 34266; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on front steps of the DeSoto County Courthouse, on August 6, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 24th day of June, 2013. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Mitzie W. McGavic By: /s/ B. Wynn Deputy Clerk Published 7/4/13 & 7/11/13 101348 2911210

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.
14201 2CA000548XXXXXX
U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE BANCS OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION, 2008-FTI TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-FTI, Plaintiff
vs.
OLIVIA TAVIRA, at al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated June 26, 2013, and entered in Case No. 142012CA000548XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE BANCS OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION, 2008-FTI TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-FTI is Plaintiff and OLIVIA TAVIRA; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are defendants. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Door of the Desoto County Courthouse, 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, County, Florida, 11:00 a.m. on the 8th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

BEGIN AT THE SE CORNER OF THE W 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE N 00° 14' E ALONG LAND LINE 105 FEET; THENCE N 89° 53' W, 30 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF LEE AVENUE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE 162 FEET; THENCE N 00° 14' E, 100 FEET; THENCE S 89° 53' E, 162 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF LEE AVENUE, S 00° 14' W ALONG LEE AVENUE, 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH-

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IN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. **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.** DATED at Arcadia, Florida, on June 27, 2013. SHD Legal Group P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff PO BOX 11438 Fort Lauderdale, Telephone: (954)564-0071 Facsimile: (954)564-9252 Service E-mail: answers@shdlegalgroup.com By: Bryan S. Jones Florida Bar No. 91743 Published 7/4/13 & 7/11/13 105230 2911422

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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, 65.55 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
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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
Child(ren).
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Felix Elias, father
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights on **M.E & R.E-F.** has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it

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on Brian L. Gillis, Esq. of the Department of Children and Family Service, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 805 North Mills Avenue, Arcadia, Florida 34266, on or before **July 30, 2013 at 9:00 AM** and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's Attorney or immediately thereafter. **Failure to appear at this hearing constitutes consent to the termination of parental rights of this child (or these children).** Pursuant to Sections 39.802(4)(d) and 63.082(6)(g), Florida Statutes, you are hereby informed of the availability of private placement with an adoption entity, as defined in Section 63.032(3), Florida Statutes
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of this Court on this 11th day of June.
Mitzie W. McGavic
As Clerk of the Court
By: Jo Rowan
Deputy Clerk
Published 6/13/13, 6/20/13, 6/27/13, 7/4/13 & 7/11/13

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Summer rains arrive, aiding pastures and groves

Weather Summary

The summer rainy season arrived in Florida. According to Florida's Automated Weather Network, Joshua (DeSoto County) received the most rain in the State with 7 inches. Alachua (Alachua County) and Frostproof (Polk County) received more than 5 inches of rain. The majority of the state received one inch or more of rain. Minimum temperatures ranged from 67 degrees in Monticello (Jefferson County) to 77 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). Maximum temperatures ranged from 89 degrees in Homestead (Miami-Dade County) to 96 degrees in Ocklawaha (Marion County).

Field Crops

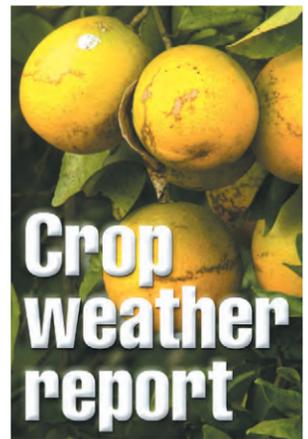
Farmers in the Panhandle are finishing up the planting of soybeans. In Washington County some cotton and peanut fields were replanted. Farmers in Dixie County may not get a second cutting of hay due to rain. Flagler County reported more corn planted this year than last year. Peanut crop condition was 11 percent fair, 65 percent good and 24 percent excellent. Peanut pegging was currently at 26 percent.

Fruit and Vegetables

Across the state watermelons continued to be harvested. South Florida farmers were preparing the ground for planting tomatoes. Vegetables and fruits marketed included okra, cantaloupe, mangos, tomatoes, plum tomatoes, and watermelons.

Livestock and Pastures

Statewide, the pasture condition was good. Disease and pests were the limiting factors to



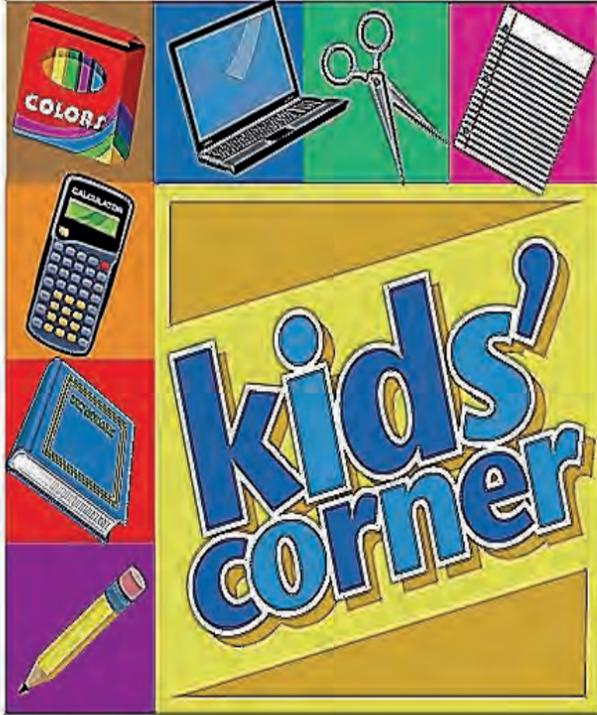
forage growth. Cattle conditions were mostly in the good category for the state. Pasture condition ranged from poor to excellent with most in the good category. In the Panhandle, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. The pastures in Jefferson County were reported to be in the best condition in some time. 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

Slightly warmer than normal temperatures were recorded across the citrus region, with all areas reaching at least 90 degrees. Typical afternoon thundershowers brought an abundance of rain to all citrus growing counties; the most recorded precipitation was in Frostproof at 5.65 inches. Main canals and ditches are sufficiently full for irrigation purposes, and are overflowing in some areas. Harvest of grapefruit and late oranges were relatively over for the season. Growers are now concentrating on next year's crop progress. Field workers were reporting that trees and fruit in cared for groves looks very good due to rainfall over the past several weeks. Production practices in all areas included heavy summer spraying and Psyllid control.

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

	June 16	June 23	June 30
Valencia	300	81	57
Navel oranges	0	0	0
Red grapefruit	9	5	8
Total	309	86	65



Independence Day Word Find

Just in time for Independence Day, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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|-----------|-----------|--------|
| BARBECUE | FIREWORKS | PARTY |
| CELEBRATE | FLAG | PRIDE |
| COUNTRY | FOOD | SUMMER |
| ENJOYMENT | HONOR | |

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HISTORY

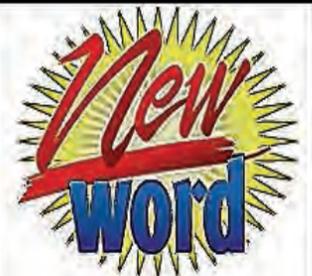
- 1885: LOUIS PASTEUR SUCCESSFULLY TREATS A PATIENT WITH A RABIES VACCINE.
- 1942: ANNE FRANK AND HER FAMILY GO INTO HIDING ABOVE HER FATHER'S OFFICE IN AMSTERDAM.
- 1964: MALAWI DECLARES ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Capital Match

Match the U.S. state to its capital.

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Illinois | A. Bismarck |
| 2. New Jersey | B. Trenton |
| 3. North Dakota | C. Nashville |
| 4. Tennessee | D. Springfield |

Answers: 1. D 2. B 3. A 4. C



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WHAT BATTLE INSPIRED THE WRITING OF "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER," WHICH WOULD BECOME AMERICA'S NATIONAL ANTHEM?

ANSWER: U.S. VICTORY OVER THE BRITISH AT THE BATTLE OF BALTIMORE.

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Star
- SPANISH:** Estrella
- ITALIAN:** Stella
- FRENCH:** Étoile
- GERMAN:** Stern

Did you know?



BEFORE THE U.S. ADOPTED THE EAGLE AS ITS NATIONAL BIRD, BEN FRANKLIN SUGGESTED THE TURKEY.

GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: STATUE OF LIBERTY

GRITS & PIECES

FROM PAGE 4

used to be as he marches in the celebration parade. His step isn't quite so high since he's waving his nation's flag that was made in a foreign sweat shop. His song isn't quite as loud or as confident since he now has to fear that somebody might be offended by any word that could be misconstrued or misdefined by anyone these days.

What is your gift to America today? Or did you just show up, expecting something for yourself? Have you brought something to the table to share? Sure, you're just one person, as am I. But we make two. And if and when more people begin to believe and to make a difference in their home, their community, and the circles they move in, there can be more positive change than negative.

I'm tired of watching this train wreck that is moving in slow motion right before my eyes. It bothers me to see soldiers brought home in coffins draped in the same flag that others take great delight in burning or stomping on to get attention or personal gratification.

I know there'll be celebrations across these 50 United States today, and pride will swell in the hearts of the true patriots that still believe. I'm a believer too — just not real hungry for a piece of cake at the moment. It doesn't taste as good as it once did, due to the constantly changing ingredients that everyone insists on adding to it.

I'm no dreamer, but I would like some cake made from the recipe before it was compromised. And if we as a nation can't work together to at least improve it, I'll go to my grave regretting what kind of nation we've left to our children and grandchildren.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4

academic progress because of the support, passion, and a great effort of Head Start staff.

Without the support of Head Start in this community, parents will be without easy, accessible and parenting education. Many children would not have a safer and secure place to learn. Jobs for parents, staff and community would be lost. Head Start prepares the community's children for public school education and is instrumental in assisting children and parents in the transition.

As a long-time member of this community, I encourage everyone to contact their representatives such as Bill Nelson (888-671-4091), Marco Rubio (850-599-9100I) or the National Head Start Office, Julia Steinberg, atjsteinberg@nhsa.org.

Bernice Ridley
Arcadia

Democrats need to be become active

Editor:

This year, our local county Democratic parties are sending thousands of delegates to the 2013 Florida Democratic Party State Conference (Convention) to officially kick off the 2014 election for Florida Governor. Florida Democrats are determined to unseat Rick Scott and end his devastating policies.

All registered Democrats in DeSoto County are eligible to file to be a delegate to the State Conference. The

Democratic Party is committed to sending delegates that reflect the full diversity of age, gender, race, and ethnic backgrounds of the people of this area. Delegates will be selected at the August meeting of the DeSoto County Democratic Executive Committee. The State Conference will be held Oct. 25-27 in Orlando.

The filing deadline is July 15. The filing form and information is available at www.DemocratDesotoFL.com

Robert J. Vaughn
County Chairman
Democratic Party of DeSoto County
Arcadia

Thanks to BOCC for comments on mining

Editor:

DeSoto County recently submitted comments on the final Areawide Environmental Impact Statement for the DeSoto Mine that the Mosaic Phosphate Company has planned.

Friends of Horse Creek would like to compliment the DeSoto Board of County Commissioners, County Attorney, Don Conn, the DeSoto Planning and Zoning Department and those other individuals who helped prepare the final AEIS comments. The comments submitted were very professional, appropriate and timely. The comments showed that the DeSoto County Commissioners and staff are utilizing our Land Use Comprehensive Plan and our Phosphate Ordinance as it was intended; to "preserve and protect" the land, water, wildlife and citizens of DeSoto County.

Friends of Horse Creek members will continue to participate in the Mosaic DeSoto Citizens Advisory

Panel and hope to have meaningful conversations with the County as Mosaic's timeline and permitting move forward.

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers has said they will accept comments until any section 404 permits are issued. Therefore, Friends of Horse Creek invite the County and Staff to continue sending comments to ACE on any subject concerning the DeSoto Mine. For example:

- On the Transportation Plan that Mosaic has submitted,
- On the loss of ranching jobs
- On the loss of agricultural jobs for our migrant workers.
- On the decrease in surrounding property valuations and thus a decrease in tax revenue

Once again, thank you, Atty. Don Conn, the County Board of Commissioners and County staff for using the documents and your expertise to submit such great comments on this very important issue.

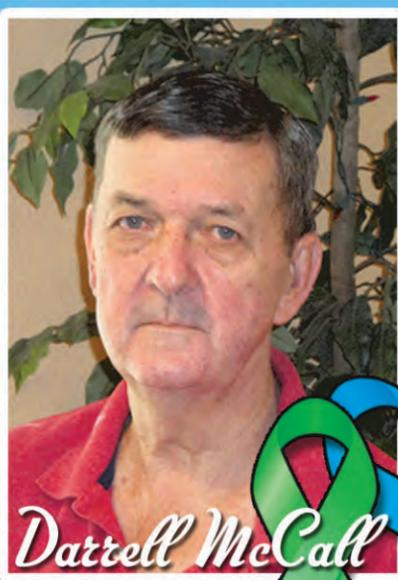
Friends of Horse Creek look forward to continuing the conversation about Mosaic's proposed phosphate mine in Western Desoto County.

Friends of Horse Creek, Board of Directors:
Bob Navin, Tanya Bond, Pam Sullivan,
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Four-Person Scramble
Golf Tournament
August 10th
Starts at 8:00am

Let's show our support!

Darrell McCall was born and raised in Desoto County. He served his country in Vietnam and loves the game of golf. Darrell is now battling liver and colon cancer. A fund has been established at Bank of America. Anyone who wishes to contribute may do so under the name of Robert Darrell McCall.

Friday, August 9th
5:30pm - Dinner, Auctions & Raffle
7:30pm - Live Entertainment
Saturday, August 10th
8:00am - Four-Person Scramble
Golf Tournament

Gift donations for the silent auction and raffle would be much appreciated. Questions about weekend events, sponsorship or donations, contact Joe Gallimore: 863-990-8099 | jgallimore@sun-herald.com
Tournament Manager - Bob Miller

GROWIN'

FROM PAGE 18

one tablespoon of seed in the jar. Put the screen over the top and fasten with the rubber band. Cover seed with water. Let it sit about an hour, then turn it upside down to drain off all the water. Rinse the seeds at breakfast, lunch and dinner. Pour cool water through the screen, swirl the seeds around, and then drain the water out. It takes about two to four days to grow most sprouts. If you don't want to eat them all right away, keep the jar in the refrigerator. Enjoy in salad, or try this simple recipe: Mash half an avocado with a bit of lemon juice. (Plant the seed.) Rinse and shake dry about a cup of sprouts you have grown. Spread on whole wheat bread. Top with tomato or cucumber slices.

Lots of seeds will produce new plants, and some may even produce a crop you can harvest. Inside a papaya there are hundreds of black seeds. Scoop them out and wash in a strainer to remove any bits of flesh. The seeds have a peppery taste, and can be used to make papaya seed dressing. Grind some in a blender and add honey, oil and lemon juice. Good on salad greens. Save some to plant. Put them in a pot of rich soil and cover with about an inch of soil. When they sprout, thin out to six or seven plants. You'll only need three plants to produce plenty of papayas.

Save some seeds from a ripe tomato. Put them on a paper towel to dry, then lay the towel on a pot of soil and cover with about a half inch of soil. Keep wet and soon you will have lots of tomato seedlings. Most tomatoes grown today are hybrids — meaning they are a

cross of two varieties and the seed they produce will not grow tomatoes exactly like the fruit you took the seeds from — but they will be tomatoes.

Discover with your child how peanuts grow. Buy dry unroasted peanuts sold for animal feed, or fresh green peanuts. If you buy green peanuts, let them dry out for about a week. This is one crop you can plant outside now. Loosen up some soil and mark out a row. Pour some water down the length of the row. Gently crack the peanuts — leave the shell on — and place them on the damp soil, about 10 inches apart. Cover with about two inches of soil. Cultivate lightly around the plants as they grow. Watch closely — you will see stems called “pegs” near the base of the plant — the tip will push into the ground and form a peanut.

Sweet potato is another crop that may be grown now. Some



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The box of earthworms was a big hit—with many children wanting to take one home as a pet. Children learned how to make a compost pile and keep their worms happy.

sweet potatoes are treated so they don't sprout — so look for one that already is sprouting. Suspend it in a jar of water using toothpicks to hold the root end just above the water. If you can't figure out which end the sprouts will come from, place the potato on its side in a dish with about a half inch of water and cover with a paper towel. In a few days it should begin growing sprouts. Grow it just for the pretty vine

— place it on a windowsill and tack up a string for it to climb. Or you can break off pieces of sprouts and plant them outside to grow sweet potatoes.

Discovering how things grow can ignite a life-long love of gardening and learning. Summer reading is a good way to keep young minds growing over the summer. Our library has several books on gardening with children.

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