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BOCC struggles with grim budget picture

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

A perfect storm of state-mandated increases, falling property values and inaccurate budget numbers left the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners drowning in a sea of confusion during Tuesday's budget workshop.

The workshop was scheduled to give the commissioners a chance to view staff's revisions to the budget since the BOCC's previous workshop June 24, while also allowing departments such as public safety and the sheriff's office to

present their budgets to the board.

Things quickly ran off track, however, when after the first presentation by Emergency Services Director Doug Christ, Commissioner Bob Miller questioned Administrative Services Director Linda Nipper on several figures in the revised budget that did not make sense. Miller pointed out several pages where figures didn't add up correctly, were missing or were marked as increases when they were actually decreases. "I'm concerned because many of the numbers here just aren't adding up. I really have no confidence in the numbers I am

looking at," he said.

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield expressed his concerns as well, wondering why some figures that were placed in parentheses (typically indicating a negative in math) were being listed as positives. Nipper responded that although the figures in parentheses were correct, much of the confusion was due to her color coding system. "In the future I will not include the colors; they seem to be causing more confusion than they are helping and I apologize," she said.

Things then took another interesting turn when Public Safety Chief Glenn

Prescott presented his budget to the board, and for the first time publicly expressed his concern that passing the proposed Municipal Service Taxing Unit and Municipal Service Benefit Unit would potentially hurt his department. Prescott explained he was fearful that even with the proposed increases, his department would still be woefully thin. "We've cut it so bare bones, I'm afraid if we mess with the MSTU and MSBU rates that things would turn out even worse," he said. "Right now, if a washing machine

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July 4th Family Fun

ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN BLACK

An Arcadian family gets ready to enjoy the Independence Day Parade on West Oak Street on Thursday. The traditional Fourth of July parade opened the festive day, followed by a barbecue, ranch rodeo and fireworks. • Turn to pages 12 and 13 for more photos from the event.

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First look at next school district budget

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

The DeSoto County School Board had a first glimpse at next year's proposed budget, and it shows a slight decrease in the millage rate from last year.

The budget outline, presented by Lou McDonald, shows a tentative millage rate of 7.327 for the 2013-14

year, .351 less than last year's millage rate of 7.678.

Based on countywide assessable property values submitted recently by the Property Assessor's office, that millage is projected to generate \$10,479,646 for the district's portion of school funding. That amount contributes 22 percent to the overall school

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Bank of America gift supports local education

By **MARTHA JO MARKEY**
DeSOTO ED. FOUND.

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Inc. provided a \$2,500 grant to the DeSoto County Education Foundation for the Mini-Grant for Maximum Learning grant project sponsored by the foundation.

In the award letter to the foundation, a representative of Bank of America emphasized the importance of providing opportunities for the community. "Providing support to organizations like DCEF ... is key to our strategy to build capacities that truly make a difference."

DCEF receives an annual allocation from the Florida legislative process. This allocation must be matched,

dollar-for-dollar, through corporate and individual donations. These funds are then awarded to teachers in the form of mini-grants for the classrooms.

During the 2013-2014 school year, the allocation is expected to increase over previous years. "This is great news", said Bill Hackney, DCEF Treasurer, "because of the number of mini-grant applications that we receive from teachers has also increased. We are appreciative of Bank of America and the support they convey to DCEF."

Additional information about the foundation, a listing of the Board of Directors, the accomplishments and a donor form, may be found at www.desotoschools.com and click on Education Foundation.



Bill Hackney, DeSoto County Education Foundation treasurer, receives a check from Bank of America's representative Steve Muse, Banking Center Manager II.

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CORRECTION

To clarify one point in our July 4 story about DeSoto's animal services: When someone adopts an animal from the DeSoto County Animal Services shelter, they pay a fee of \$37 toward the animal's rabies shot and having the animal spayed or neutered. It will not cover the entire cost of the procedures, but will cover part of the costs. Most area veterinarians will honor the certificate, which acts as a discount, but the additional charge by the vet for these services must still be paid by the adopter. Anyone interested in adopting can call the office at 863-993-4855 for details.

Take a look at some historical artifacts

By **CAROL MAHLER**
DeSOTO Co. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Some wonderful historic artifacts that have been given to the DeSoto County Historical Society will be the focus of my talk at the Society's monthly meeting. Free and open to the public, the event is today at the Family Service Center Annex (old West Elementary School cafeteria) at the corner of N. Orange Ave. and W. Effie St.

At 11:30 a.m., lunch is available for \$6: vegetable or broccoli-cheddar soup with a half sandwich — choice of ham and swiss or turkey and provolone — fresh fruit, and dessert. At noon, President Bebe Jackson will conduct a short business meeting before she introduces me.

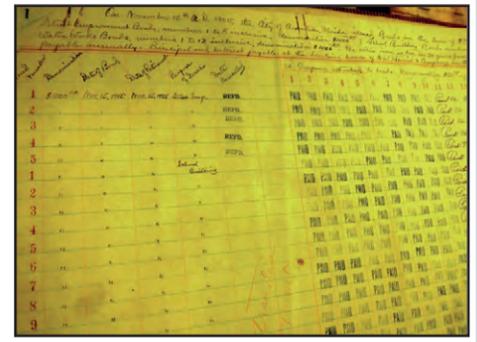
A member of the Society for 20 years, I currently serve as the coordinator of the Howard and Velma Melton Historical Research Library. I am also the author of three books as well as the "DeSoto County History Mystery" columns in this newspaper, a professional storyteller, and editor-designer of the Society's Recollections books.

The Research Library began as the collection of local historian and author Howard Melton. However, during the year it has been open to the public in the Ingraham Seed House, 120 W. Whidden St., many people have added historical treasures.

One is a showcase of medals and mementoes of Bill Seward, son of Arcadia merchant William H. Seward, donated by Hal Thompson. Seward's store on Oak Street, built in 1900, was one of the three brick structures to survive the November 30, 1905 fire that destroyed downtown.

Bill was a flight instructor at Dorr and Carlstrom fields during World War II, and he was a "barnstormer" in the 1930s. His father's store advertisements in the newspaper often included a notice of airplane rides at Bill's private airport east of Arcadia.

A photograph of the devastation of the 1905 fire, taken by photographer E. A. Sugg, was donated by Will Wetzler, and an issue of the December 1, 1905,



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY CAROL MAHLER

The first page of the City of Arcadia's Bond Book from 1905.

newspaper that reported the fire was presented by Frances Pooser. At the top of the front page, her grandfather signed his name — A. J. McLenon.

In the 1880s, McLenon worked on a dredge in the Caloosahatchee River, and Pooser also donated two photographs of the machine. It may have been owned by Hamilton Disston's Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal Company that worked to connect the river to Lake Okeechobee.

In exchange for draining the marshes around the Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee, Disston received ownership of half of the reclaimed land. In addition, he purchased four million "overflowed" acres for 25 cents each. This cash rescued Florida's Internal Improvement Fund from insolvency and allowed it to make land grants to railroads.

One of those was the Florida Southern Railway which arrived in Arcadia in 1886, the same year that the town was incorporated. Five years later, the city was incorporated. The present City Council has recently donated the city's old "seal press," city directories from the 1920s, the city bond payment book, and other memorabilia.

For information, call Bebe Bradbury at 494-6607 or email bebebradbury@gmail.com.



The Arcadia City Seal press.



Bill Seward's medals.

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McMillian receives mini-grant for education

By **MARTHA JO MARKEY**
DEsoto Ed. FOUND.

Karen McMillian is the recipient of a grant from the Florida Section of the Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration's Mini-Grants for Education program. This grant process is open to teachers in Polk, Hardee and most recently, DeSoto. The mission of SME is to support scientific, technical, educational and other activities that foster a responsible understanding and development of the world's mineral resources and the minerals industry. "With first graders, we try to teach by using all of the senses," said McMillian. "This grant will give us that opportunity. We are a rural agriculture

community and this makes the project 'real world' for many of our students. When we can see, feel, touch and then eat it ... it becomes real."

The project involves growing healthy food plants through hands-on, inquiry-based investigation that compares carrot growth in mineral rich growing medium versus carrot growth in clean play sand. "We hope to be able to make a carrot cake at the conclusion of the project," said McMillian. "The students will really enjoy that!"

The grant was awarded to Millian through the DeSoto County Education Foundation Inc. "It is wonderful to be able to partner with the business community and provide additional projects for our students," said Martha Markey,

executive director of the foundation. "We strive to expand our relationships with corporate business, professional organizations and individuals to offer new and exciting opportunities for our students."

For more information on the Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, visit their website at www.smenet.org and for more information on the DeSoto County Education Foundation, visit their website at www.desotoschools.com and click on Education Foundation.

Karen McMillian holds a mock check for \$1,280 which represents a grant award from the Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration's mini-grants program.



PHOTO PROVIDED

County puts Liverpool dock on hold

By **STEVE BAUER**
ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to deny a contract for the construction of a floating concrete dock at Liverpool Park. County engineer Mike Giardullo presented the board with a proposal from Marine Contracting Group in Punta Gorda to build a floating concrete dock at the toe of the existing boat ramp. Giardullo said MCG presented the lowest bid of \$110,000, more than twice the amount the board had expected the project to cost.

Giardullo told the board his department could cover the cost of the project by pulling money from other departments, specifically engineering. "We could get \$25,000 from a culvert restoration we were planning, and also from a railroad line item," he said.

Several commissioners questioned the high cost of the project, and asked what alternatives were available.

Commissioner Gabriel Quave asked Giardullo what cost savings would be available if the dock was made out of a different material than concrete, and Giardullo said it would be minimal.

"You could go that route but the savings would be around \$15,000, and then you will have issues with

wear-and-tear," he said.

Commissioners Bob Miller and Buddy Mansfield discussed the possibility of creating a fixed dock, and asked Giardullo if that was a feasible option.

"That's certainly something we can look at, but you have to keep in mind that the tide flow could overrun it at times, and as a fixed structure even with treated wood it won't last as long as the concrete," Giardullo responded.

Miller said the price tag for the project was never expected to be so high. "In retrospect, this is considerably more than the previous board had approved, and in my opinion we need to put this project on hold," he said.

County Administrator Guy Maxcy then said the ramp in its current condition isn't safe for visitors. "I think the ramp is a life safety issue," he said. "It's just a matter of time before somebody is going to get hurt down there pretty bad."

Commissioner Jim Selph agreed with Maxcy, stating, "If we do nothing today we should close the ramp since it's a public safety issue. It's just not a wise choice to leave the liability issue out there." County Attorney Donald Conn confirmed the board should take some action to ensure against liability, even if it meant closing the ramp temporarily. "There certainly is an issue there if we

have deemed it to be unsafe for use," he noted.

Commissioner Elton Langford said he understood the safety issues associated with the current ramp, but was hesitant to spend so much money to fix it. "We're in tough times here, and I think we need to postpone this for now."

Langford then moved to table the issue to give staff time to find alternatives for building a dock that would be closer to the \$50,000 figure originally discussed. The board voted 5-0 in favor, but took no action to close the ramp temporarily or make other arrangements to shelter the county from potential liability issues.

Utilities Director Eddie Miller described a wireless remote monitoring system he would like installed on the county's lift stations. The system allows utility workers to monitor conditions at each station via remote access on a computer, tablet or smartphone, allowing them to see potential problems and be proactive in fixing them. Currently, utility department employees must regularly check the tanks in person to ensure they are working properly.

Miller said the units would cost approximately \$81,000 to purchase and install, but would save \$76,000 in man hours, fuel and other costs in a year's time.

Commissioner Miller was impressed with the system, and thought the utilities department should pursue it. "The supplemental savings this system offers are the key for me," he said. "I think it's well worth looking into."

Commissioner Langford questioned Miller on the maintenance costs, which Miller said were minimal.

"You are looking at around \$30/month per unit to maintain them," he said. "These are designed to have a 10-year lifespan, so our savings would far outweigh any maintenance costs involved."

In other business, the board approved DeSoto County's Agricultural Environmental Services Director Alan Johnson to pursue an \$18,000 matching funds grant with the Florida Department of Agriculture for mosquito control in the county, and also approved the 2012/2013 tax rolls as presented by Tax Collector Kathryn Hill.

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OUR VIEW

Unwanted animal crisis can be reduced

Our view: Spay, neuter and adopt to help our furry friends

Dogs are called “man’s best friend,” but too often we’re not their best friend. Far from it.

Too many times, we’ve heard stories about how puppies or kittens were just dumped along the roadside. Even though it is a crime in DeSoto County, it’s rare for anyone to be charged with that because it’s rare for someone to be caught.

We have a big county with lots of highways and back roads where an animal could be dumped to fend for itself.

Most don’t, however. They can’t find enough food, or they’re eaten alive by ticks and fleas, or they fall victim to heartworm, mange or other diseases.

Those few dogs which do scrape out a living may join up with other wild dogs to form a pack. Just last week in DeSoto County’s animal shelter, two dogs were brought in who had been part of a larger pack that tried to attack a horse.

Cats don’t do any better. They too often succumb to one of the many diseases that attack unvaccinated cats: feline leukemia, feline AIDs, distemper or rabies. If they do live, it’s largely by preying on birds, mice and other small animals in the wild. According to the Huffington Post, one study produced by the University of Georgia in conjunction with National Geographic claimed that free-range domestic cats may kill up to 4 billion small animals annually, including 500 million birds.

Some animals don’t even get a fair chance: their owners, evicted or foreclosed from their houses, have simply left the animals behind. DeSoto’s Animal Services officers have many times rescued dogs or cats left tied up in the back yard or locked inside an empty house.

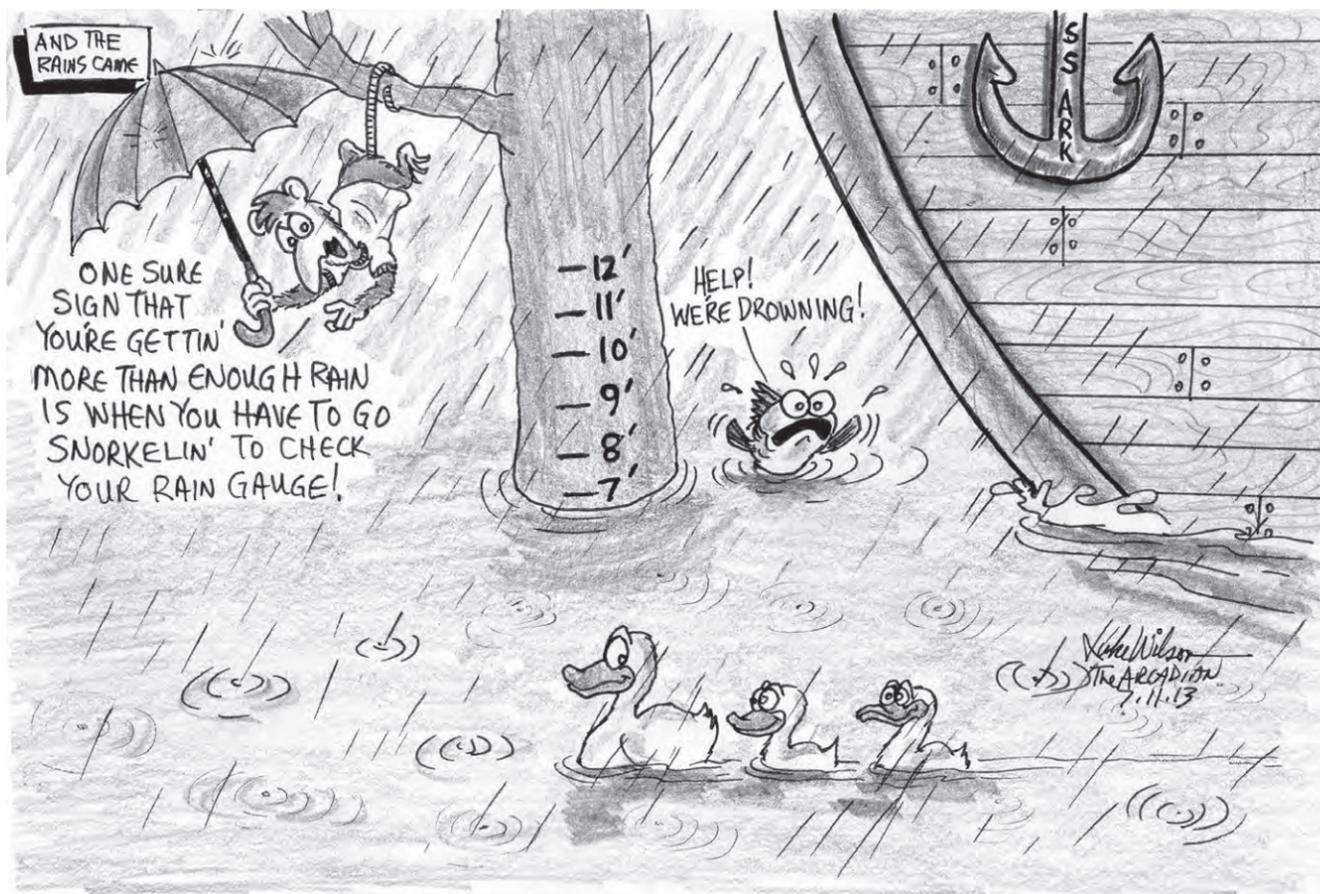
We have certainly not done those animals any favors.

Adoption is a wonderful thing when it happens, and it gives those unfortunate animals a second chance. Most adopted animals return the affection and kindness shown them. They offer their companionship, their fidelity and their love.

For anyone thinking about getting themselves or their family a pet, we urge two things: first, consider going to a shelter. Rather than pay hundreds or thousands of dollars for a purebred designer dog, visit your local shelter and see what it has to offer. In addition to the county facility on McKay Street, there are several local shelters and foster agencies, including Canine Castaways, All God’s Creatures, Venice Cat Coalition and others. And you can go online to Petfinder or any of the many breed-specific rescue sites to find your perfect Fido or Fluffy.

Second, have your animal spayed or neutered. If you allow two cats to breed, in a year they’ve given birth to an average of 12 kittens. When those offspring mature, and the grand-kitties mature, within six years those two cats could have a feline family dynasty of close to 75,000 cats. In eight years, those two cats turn into nearly 14 million.

Dogs allowed to breed indiscriminately also produce puppies that are not wanted and can’t be cared for. In fact, the day *The Arcadian* wrote its story, a couple brought in six puppies – the owner had taken the mother away and the



GRITS & PIECES

Gearing up for the season’s biggest game

I know it’s a little early in the year to be talking about high school football, but it’s never too early to be supportive of the DeSoto Bulldogs — ain’t that right?!

This year, our boys in blue will face their old adversary, the Hardee Wildcats, in the second-to-last game of the season, and for that contest, a very special commemorative product will be distributed by not only *The Arcadian*, but also Hardee County’s Herald Advocate. This large, handsome collector’s item will be dedicated to both schools, their history, and their rivalry.

There’ll be no shortage of special features about past and present teams, as well as all who have been associated with the match-up, from band boosters and cheerleaders to coaches and sportswriters. Many will be interviewed for their memories, and many photographs will illustrate the history of the Bulldog-Wildcat rivalry.

This match-up is said to be the oldest in the state, dating back to 1921. It was then that a much larger DeSoto County was subdivided to create four more counties — Hardee, Charlotte, Glades and Highlands. The line in the sand between DeSoto and Hardee was drawn then, and the battle has been ongoing ever since.

DeSoto was named for the famous



Grits & Pieces

Luke Wilson

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Spanish conquistador/explorer Hernando DeSoto in 1887, and at its creation, Hardee was named for Cary Hardee, then-governor of the state (1921 - 1925). As I recall, the feud between our counties was pretty fierce when I was in school 40 years ago, and it was commonly said that the name “Wauchula” was the Seminole term for “Buzzard Town.” We not only believed it, but gladly perpetuated it. Of course, it wasn’t true, and from what I’ve researched, it’s an odd spelling of the cry of the sandhill crane.

DeSoto and Hardee counties are not unlike fraternal twins, as both are the same size, and similar in population and industry. Arcadia and Wauchula were founded by basically the same pioneer families, and each grew with the coming of the railroad. Also, both had disastrous fires that destroyed their downtown sections; Arcadia in 1905 and Wauchula in 1908.

What we at *The Arcadian* would like

is some input from the community about the rivalry. Epic stories of the match-ups and photographs would be wonderful additions to this special section. If you’re a Wildcat-turned-Bulldog (Hardee native, now living in DeSoto), you can submit your stuff to *The Herald Advocate* in Wauchula by contacting them. Or if you know others who might have useful material, please let them know and encourage them to share.

This dog and cat fight has been going on for generations now, with the Wildcats having more wins and taking home the Buck Carlton Trophy more often than the Bulldogs. The game is always a heated battle and the fur flies, but only one team can emerge the victor. It is our wish that more people will turn out for the game and support their colors — the blue and white or the blue and orange. Community presence and encouragement go a long way toward inspiring a team to victory, so this is your chance to be a part of the team.

If you have stories, photographs, old newspaper clippings, or even items that can be photographed for this special publication we want to hear from you soon. Please call *The Arcadian* at 863-494-0030 today. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the game. Go, Bulldogs!

puppies were not yet able to eat on their own, and the couple who tried to care for them could not keep up with constantly giving them puppy formula.

We owe a responsibility to these animals to care for them as best we can. That means preventing them

from breeding indiscriminately, having them spayed or neutered, keeping their vaccinations current, and returning the love and affection they give to us.

Our story in the July 4 *Arcadian* touched some nerves. It was meant to. We wanted to wake up some

people to the fact that hundreds of healthy, affectionate animals have to be put down every year because we cannot afford to feed, house and vaccinate them all, and not enough of them get loving homes.

You know what they say about an ounce of prevention.

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THIS WEEK IN DESOTO COUNTY

1978:

• A large part of the sales staff at Barney Ford Inc. was named recently to membership in the Ford Society of Professional Sales. Salesmen Elma Brown, Bryon Barney and George Wood were each awarded portfolios with built-in calculators. In addition Brown won a plaque for his lengthy membership in the society. Local sales manager Roy Dixon became a member also of the Professional Sales Manger's Guild, where he was named Sales Manager of the Year. Society membership can only be obtained by those Ford salesman that display outstanding sales achievement during the calendar year.

• Dear Debbie: One of the wives in our group of older married couples dyed her hair blonde. Well, the rest of us girls think she looks awful, but the men are calling her "Marilyn" and making sexy remarks. She is eating it up and already another one of the wives is talking about dying her hair. How do I turn the tide before we become a bevy of blonde bombshells. BERTHA. — Dear Bertha: You don't have to turn tides or anything else. You allow whoever wants to believe "Blondes have more fun" believe it and take whatever action they feel like taking. Surely, you have enough problems in your own life without worrying about who wants to be a blonde and who doesn't.

• Richard "Dick" Lindsey at 41 has put 14 years into law enforcement, but his heart lies with his favorite past-time, being a gunsmith. Lindsey



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makes his living as a DeSoto County Sheriff's sergeant, but most of his time away from that is spent in his personal gun shop at his home. "I've always liked guns and 20 years ago I reached the age where I could have my own. I found out they were easy to repair." He keeps no regular hours because of his erratic schedule with the sheriff's department. It probably doesn't matter though because hunters in an emergency have been known to knock on his door at 3 a.m. for a quick repair. And he obliged them.

• DeSoto High School Coach Pat Carter has just returned from the Philippines where he served as assistant coach to the United States High School All-Star Baseball team. Carter was named as a coach to the 14 man American squad after compiling impressive credentials at DHS. Coach Carter has mounted a 44-12 record as head mentor for the Bulldogs. The Bulldog coach said the group experienced no difficulties during their stay in the islands and received genuine Filipino hospitality. Coach Carter extended sincere thanks to all the supporters who made this

unprecedented trip possible.

• DeSoto County Cattleman's Sweetheart Revae Mansfield, 17, competed recently in the Florida Cattleman's Sweetheart contest held at the Marco Beach Hotel, Marco Island. Miss Mansfield, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucky Mansfield, competed against 16 girls in the contest that spanned three days. The girls were interviewed privately, performed a dance together, competed in an evening gown contest and told the judges why they wanted to be the Florida Cattleman's Sweetheart. "I had a really good time while I was down there," said Miss Mansfield. "It would be a good experience for anybody. Two other DeSoto girls, Amy Welles and Libby Turner, have competed in past state Cattleman's Sweetheart contests.

• The Senior Little League All-Stars of DeSoto County played their first games Tuesday and Wednesday night. The players are Billy McClelland, Rodney Deloach, Joey Leal, Kieth Crews, David Bothwell, Nathaniel Lee, James McClendon, Robert Row, Tony Hightower, Allen Hutchins, Ritchie Taylor and Reggie Callahan with Bob Simmons, Myron Vandergrift and Paul Tobias coaching.

1983:

• The nation celebrated another birthday Monday and once again, Arcadia relived one of the more colorful parts of American History. The summer edition of the Arcadia

All-Florida Championship Rodeo concluded on a picture postcard Fourth of July, having drawn an estimated 14,000 spectators Saturday through Monday. The festivities included the always popular Rodeo Parade and the Miller Beer Shootout, and attracted such luminaries as Governor Bob Graham, on horseback in the parade, Congressman Andy Ireland, and State Representative Vernon Peeples.

• Up until two weeks ago Scott Carnahan found himself unemployed. At the age of 20 and a year out of high school, things weren't going as well as they might have for him. Not that this is unusual. The economic times are playing havoc with a lot of those just starting out on their own these days. Scott's predicament, however, was compounded by the fact that he was born with cerebral palsy. So far, with one major exception, this has not hampered his dreams, nor his mother's hopes for him. Doctors' predictions were left moot in the face of Scott's resiliency. His mother will relate, with a stern face, of one who has proven the professionals wrong, how they overcame grim prognoses: "They said when he was born that he'd never be able to walk or talk, that he would only be a vegetable." She tried to immerse Scott in many activities as she could. She didn't want to deny him from any experience, from golf carting to welding.

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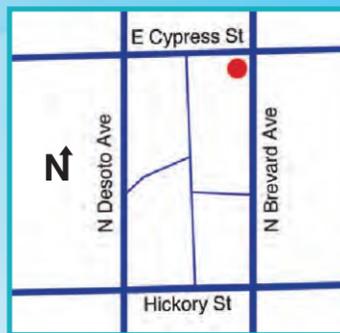


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Lewellyn Cassels ARNP will be providing the skin cancer screening.

Arcadia's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All area codes are 863 unless otherwise indicated.

TODAY

- 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 desoto-habitat@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.
- ## FRIDAY
- The Sarasota Dog Obedience Club will have trials on Friday through Sunday at the Turner Agri-Civic Center. Free and open to the public — for details call 993-4807.
 - The Photography Group of DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council meets the second Friday of each month 3:30 – 5 p.m. at the DeSoto Public Library. Free and open to the public. For more information contact Karen at ksmoke@embarqmail.com.
 - Peace River Civil War Round Table meets at 1:30 p.m. second Fridays monthly at the Emerald Pointe clubhouse, 25188 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. Lunch available. For more information, call 941-575-4269 or 941-639-0782.
 - 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

- Links2Success Leadership & Career Exploration Art Reception & Award Ceremony is held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Martin Art Gallery, 207 E. Magnolia St. See an art exhibit by local DeSoto Middle School students in the Links2Success Summer Leadership Program. Artwork created with the guidance of the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council. For more information, call Ashley Coone at 990-0527 or visit www.links2success.org.
- The Sarasota Dog Obedience Club will have trials today and Sunday at the Turner Agri-Civic Center. Free and open to the public — for details call 993-4807.
- A kitten adoptathon will be held at the Venice Petco store, 1651 U.S. 41 Bypass South, sponsored by the Venice Cat Coalition and Petco. Many of the kittens and cats they have come from DeSoto County. For more information and to see some of the available kittens online, visit www.venicecatcoalition.com or call call 941-525-4568.
- MainStreet Farmer's Market is held the first and third 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.
- Classic car show in downtown Arcadia, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. the third Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Team Arcadia. Trophies, door prizes, and 50/50 jackpot. For more information call 494-2020.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.

SUNDAY

- A reunion will be held at Ivey Chapel A.M.E. at 4 p.m. on July 14. Come and celebrate, and commemorate those young and young-at-heart who worked as Y.P.D.'ers through the years. It is a history and legacy which they are proud to share.
 - The Sarasota Dog Obedience Club will have trials today at the Turner Agri-Civic Center. Free and open to the public — for details call 993-4807.
 - Telephone Reassurance and Friendly Visitors available to those over 55 and homebound. Phone Senior Friendship Centers at 863-494-5965 to sign up for these free services, staffed by trained volunteers who have had background screenings. Phone also if interested in becoming a volunteer for either program.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.
- ## MONDAY
- The DeSoto County Republican Executive Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's.
 - The DeSoto County Fair Association meets at 7 p.m. third Mondays monthly in the fair office on Heard Street, Arcadia.
 - AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
 - Artist Group of DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council meets every Monday 9 a.m. to noon at Arcadia Village Cantina Clubhouse, 2692 SR 70 East. Free and open to the public. For information, call Linda at 494-7734.
 - Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.
 - A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St.

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

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

TUESDAY

- Arcadia City Council meets at 6 p.m. at the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia.
- DeSoto Memorial Hospital offers free blood pressure screenings from 3 to 4 p.m. in the DeSoto Memorial Hospital McSwain room. Call 494-8432 for details.
- The AA Intergroup Business meeting is held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church, 4200 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port.
- The AA District 5 committee business meeting is held at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church, 4200 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port.
- DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. third Tuesdays monthly at DeSoto Restaurant on S.R. 70, east of downtown Arcadia. For information, contact PIO officer Marge Rikcer, call name KG4BWF.
- Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday (except the third Tuesday) of the month, on the 147.075, W4MIN repeater with a pl of 100. All amateurs are invited to participate.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- DeSoto County Library holds story time at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Peace River Woodcarvers meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Speer Center, U.S. Highway 17 North, Arcadia. For information, contact Bill Morse at 207-418-4687 or mamorse1953@gmail.com.
- ACCESS office is open from 9 a.m. to noon today at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Call for appointments at 494-0320.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.
- Prescription Assistance holds walk-in office hours at the DeSoto Center for Health and Disease Management from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday at 519 W. Hickory St., Arcadia. For more information, call 491-7580.
- Suncoast Community Blood Bank is open from noon to 6 p.m. today at 710 N. Brevard Ave. (U.S. 17 North), Arcadia. For more information, call 993-9366.

WEDNESDAY

- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- The DeSoto County Veterans Council meets the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. For details, call Don Finkle at 494-1465.
- DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council monthly meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, but this month they will meet on Thursday instead, at 4:30 p.m. at the office of The Arcadian, 108 S. Polk Ave., to carpool to the Punta Gorda Art Walk.
- The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council's Writers Group meets from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Clubhouse in Arcadia Village. Free and open to the public. Call Sarah Hollenhorst at 244-1663 for more information.
- DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Mobile Pantry is on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Smith Brown Gym starting at 9 a.m. until the food is gone. The only requirement is to be a DeSoto County resident. Sponsored by the All Faiths Food bank of Sarasota.
- The First Marine Division Association meets at 11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday at Family Table Restaurant, 14132 Tamiami Trail, North Port. Call Carl Jones, 941-493-1408 for more information.
- Heartland Rural Health Network's Food Stamp Outreach grant program will have Angela Hendry come every third Wednesday to help seniors submit

applications for food stamps. She will be at the Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center, 1425 Martin Luther King St., Arcadia, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Households should have at least one senior resident. Bring your ID, information on your income, assets, and expenses including medical. For more information call 863-452-0638.

- The Juvenile Justice Council of DeSoto County meets at 11 a.m. at the Family Service Center, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia. For more information, call Rick Blonshine at 727-423-1713.
- Community for Seniors meets from 12:30-1:30 p.m. every third Wednesday at TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care administration building on Arcadia Avenue. Open to anyone interested in being a new member. For more information, call Lori Coker at 990-1340.
- DeSoto County Traffic Safety Team meets at 1:30 p.m. third Wednesdays monthly at the DeSoto County Commissioners room, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- Free blood pressure and glucose screenings from 11 a.m. to noon on third Wednesdays monthly at Senior Friendship Centers' neighborhood site at Mount Zion AME Church, 256 S. Orange Ave. Open to the public, regardless of age.
- Hearing Loss Association demonstrates amplified listening devices from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. third Wednesdays monthly at Charlotte County Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte. For more information about HLA meetings, call 941-624-2947.
- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- The Arcadia Eagles, 150 S. Polk Ave., now offers Bingo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak Street.
- "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.
- Prescription Assistance holds walk-in office hours at the DeSoto Center for Health and Disease Management from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday at 519 W. Hickory St., Arcadia. For more information, call 491-7580.

THURSDAY

- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center, 2200 Roan St., Arcadia. Anyone interested may attend. Talk in for the meetings is at 147.180+ DARC repeater.
- Family Safety Alliance for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties, sponsored by Department of Children and Families, meets at 4 p.m. third Thursdays monthly at Lakewood Ranch Northern Trust Bank's community room, 6320 Venture Drive, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call Kerri Gibson at 941-316-6129.
- Drop-in Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m.-5:15 p.m., registration and yoga tea; 5:15-6:15 p.m., yoga class. Come enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
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- Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.
- Weight Watchers meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1509 E. Oak St. For details visit www.weightwatchers.com and "find a meeting" or call 800-651-6000.
- Prescription Assistance holds walk-in office hours at the DeSoto Center for Health and Disease Management from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday at 519 W. Hickory St., Arcadia. For more information, call 491-7580.
- ACCESS office is open from 1-4 p.m. today at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Call for appointments at 494-0320.



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Happy birthday



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Happy birthday



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Happy 5th birthday to my little boy Izaiah LaShay Chambers on July 10. I miss you so much and I wish I was here to celebrate it with you. But remember I'll always be there with you and I'll always love you.

Your granddaddy,
Cornelius (Con) Anderson

Happy 5th birthday on July 10 to Izaiah LaShay Chambers! God has blessed us with the special gift of having you. You have been such a precious little boy! You have also brought much love and joy to this family these years. We love you so much. We give thanks to God for this great blessing.

Love,

Your Daddy (Robert, Keisha, Bookie), grandparents Melissa Luther Anderson and PaPa Delshay Turner, great-grandparents Nate and Joyce Lee, Joe and Erlene Jones, godmother Belinda Guice (Sean and kids), aunts and uncles Shay, Melvin, Sharika, Snuggle, Dionte, D, TaShara, Pam and Tootie

Arcadian mourns the loss of Kaia Cross

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

The *Arcadian* mourns the loss of our colleague, Kaia (Johnson) Cross, who worked for the newspaper for several years.

Kaia started out writing feature stories and personal profiles for us, taking photos with her little camera.

She showed an interest and talent in photography, so we encouraged her to learn more about it.

She did a lot of reading and learning, and let her passion lead her to develop her skills into an art. Once she learned all her camera could do, she wasn't content to set it on "Auto" and hope for the best: she took control. As a result, she created excellent images, using her camera's technical capabilities to get the most out of her assignments.

Kaia's bubbly, outgoing personality and her genuine interest in others led her to excel in portrait photos — not just the stiff, posed formal poses of an indoor studio, but the destination shoots that highlighted the subject's personality. She did it without gimmicks or Photoshop trickery, but let her eye follow her heart to reveal a true portrait of a person or family.

No wonder she was voted DeSoto County's Best Photographer for the first two years the *Arcadian* ran the contest.



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Our readers saw what we saw — a woman who was passionate about her craft and dedicated to doing the best she could.

Kaia especially excelled shooting pageants, weddings and special features. The spread she created for our Oct. 25 issue, "Butterfly skin," featured her story and photos about Ben Wiley Jr., a toddler afflicted with Epidermolysis Bullosa, a terrible condition causing his skin to break out in blisters. She followed the baby's parents, Ben Sr. and Sirena, as they went through the tedious tasks of cleaning and bandaging the little boy's skin. Yet Kaia also managed to capture Ben's million-dollar smile, a photo his mother treasures as one of her favorites. Kaia's sensitivity and compassion gave her the ability to write and photograph an informative and personal story about this remarkable family.

The staff at the *Arcadian* is stunned and saddened at her sudden death.

With the rest of the community, we offer our thoughts and prayers to her family, especially her husband Aaron and daughter Shania whom she loved dearly. It is tragic

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Kaia Cross was both talented and beautiful.



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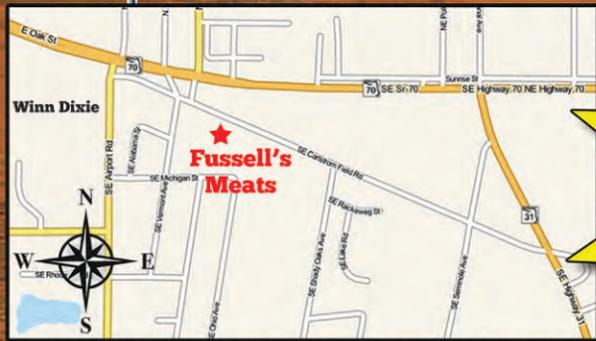


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Murder charge against Clark dropped

ARCADIA — Second degree homicide charges against Keith Lamont Clark were dropped last week, according to court papers filed by the State Attorney's Office. Clark, 30, had been charged with homicide in connection with the shooting death of Rashard Watson June 9.



CLARK

Assistant State Attorney Cliff Ramey said after reviewing evidence and talking to witnesses, his office concluded Clark met the requirements of the so-called Stand Your Ground law, because Watson reportedly entered the house on Pleasant Circle where Clark's

girlfriend lives.

Clark, however, remains in custody in DeSoto County Jail because of a weapons charge against him filed when he was arrested. The morning after Watson's death, Clark was apprehended when he was found in the back seat of a car, crouched low on the passenger seat, with a gun under the seat in front of him. The gun reportedly was the murder weapon, according to Arcadia City Marshal Matt Anderson. Clark's mother and father were in the front seat; one of them was driving and they were nearly



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into Charlotte County when the car was stopped.

Clark was charged with possession of a weapon by a convicted felon. He also reportedly has an outstanding warrant in Lee County for violation of probation.

Anderson said another man, Jeremiah Davis, 30, was arrested in connection with the incident. According to Anderson, Davis turned himself in to police because he was present when Watson was shot, and he admitted his gun discharged at the time. However, Davis, who has a concealed weapon permit,



WESLEY

said he did not hit anyone, and evidence indicates Watson was not struck with a bullet from Davis's gun. Davis was charged July 1 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, and he is free on \$10,000 bond.

Arcadia Police are also looking for Aaron Wesley, who has an active warrant for assault with a deadly weapon. Wesley was also believed to be involved in the June 9 shooting. According to APD, Wesley had possession of a firearm during the incident where it is believed a shootout occurred. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Wesley should immediately contact APD at 863-494-2222.

Arcadian man charged with domestic abuse, false imprisonment

ARCADIA — The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office arrested Alfredo Aguilar, 24, on domestic battery and false imprisonment charges after he allegedly beat his live-in girlfriend and tried to keep her and another victim from calling for help.



AGUILAR

According to the arrest report, on Thursday afternoon deputies arrived at a residence in the 6100 block of N.E. Roan Street responding to a physical altercation between a man and woman. Aguilar was found standing by the doorway at the residence, as a woman ran out toward them.

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.

She said an altercation started when he became enraged over some Facebook messages she received from a friend. Aguilar had called his mother on the phone and demanded his girlfriend speak to the mother, which she refused to do. The girlfriend's daughter ran to the master bedroom, and Aguilar allegedly ran after her and kicked the door down. He then grabbed the girlfriend by the hair and dragged her down the hall.

Aguilar reportedly tried to lock the two females inside, but the daughter managed to get out. Aguilar then kneeed the woman in the throat, punched her, grabbed a knife and threatened to kill her.

When deputies arrived, Aguilar ran into the house and tried to hide between the bed and the wall. Deputies took Aguilar into custody on charges of aggravated domestic assault with a deadly weapon, two counts of battery, two counts of false imprisonment, tampering with or harassing a witness or victim, and resisting an officer without violence. He is being held on \$79,000 bond.

DeSoto man charged in Charlotte with selling ED pills

The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office arrested an Arcadia man, Elbert Lee Butts, 48, after he reportedly tried to sell prescription Viagra pills on Tuesday to an undercover cop.



BUTTS

According to CCSO, Butts advertised on Craig's list that he had "blues" for sale. While "blues" usually refers to Oxycodone pills, said CCSO, when the detectives met up with Butts they discovered he was selling the well known erectile dysfunction drug instead.

Butts offered to sell three 10-packs of Viagra pills for \$150, CCSO said. After the buy was made at a Winn-Dixie parking lot on Bermont Road, detectives made the arrest. They found 11 more 10-packs of the drug, as well as hydrocodone pills and Clonazepam

Butts, who lives in the 3000 block of Tony Drive in Arcadia, was charged

with sale of a prescription drug, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession of prescription medication without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on \$9,000 bond.

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

- Kanadyra Tryventay Kohliem, 24, 100 block of S. Alabama Ave., Arcadia. Charge: shoplifting, second offense. Bond: \$120.
- Ruby Jane Recklaw, 46, Troy, AL. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$1,120.
- Gary John Brandt Jr., 28, 1300 block of N.E. Oak St., Arcadia. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.
- Laurie Jeanne Brown, 37, Port Charlotte. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.
- Cheryl Lynn Hodges, 40, 2500 block of N.W. Pine Creek, Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, grand theft \$300-\$5,000, and dealing in stolen property. Released on \$9,500 bond.
- Andy Mendoza, 33, Zolfo Springs. Charges: two counts of failure to support spouse or child. Purge: not stated.
- William Philip Baucom, 48, address not given, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: \$625.
- Neptali Gonzalez Hidalgo, 32, 1600 block of Pleasant Circle, Arcadia. Charges: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, hit and run - leaving scene of accident with property damage, and driving without a valid license. Bond: \$10,620.
- Nathaniel Lee, 31, 1000 block of S.W. Prince Terrace, Arcadia. Charges: aggravated battery where victim was pregnant, felony battery and false imprisonment of adult or child under 13. Bond: none.
- Alejandro Gopar Rios, 24, 6200 block of S.W. Sable, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: \$950.
- Jason Charles Ross, 34, 1800 block of S.E. Maple Drive, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$5,000.
- Charlie Daniel Tootle, 27, 7000 block of N.E. U.S. Highway 17, Arcadia. Charge: illegal use of credit card to obtain more than \$100. Bond: \$1,000.
- Jonathan Lee Tyson, 24, 5200 block of Dill Road,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida will consider the adoption of an ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room 103, Administration Building 201 Eat Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXTENDING IMPOSITION OF THE FIVE (5) CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX UPON EVERY GALLON OF MOTOR FUEL AND SPECIAL FUEL SOLD IN DESOTO COUNTY AND TAXED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 206, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF ARCADIA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A complete copy of the draft ordinance may be inspected and copied at the Office of the County Administrator in Suite 201 of the above-stated address between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Members of the public are advised that if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at a board meeting or hearing, he or she may need to ensure that verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record included the testimony and evidence upon which, the appeal is made.

If special accommodations are required in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals should contact the County Administrator's Office by calling 863-993-4800 at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

A word to the wise ... from Sheriff Wise

DE SOTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Last week, the city of Prescott, Ariz. suffered a terrible loss when 19 members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, an elite group of the city's firefighters, were killed while fighting a tremendous fire. If history repeats itself, as we have every expectation it will, after this devastating tragedy, the criminals will be out in full force soliciting contributions, supposedly for the families of the lost firefighters.

The usual pattern is for these unscrupulous individuals to contact us by mail, phone and via internet, usually e-mail, using sound-alike names and offering authentic appearing

documentation. The content of the solicitation usually tries to play on our sympathies for the loved ones left behind. Frequently, the request will be made that your donation be by credit card, naturally providing the number, or by cash.

Should you be inclined to make a donation to benefit the families, as most of the men were fathers as well as husbands, an official fund has been established. The United Phoenix Fire Fighters in conjunction with the Prescott Fire Fighters Charities has set up a relief fund. Donations may be made at any Chase Bank, mailed to UPFFA, 61 E. Columbus, Phoenix, AZ 85012, or via PayPal.

OBITUARIES

Garry Paul Finley

Garry Paul Finley, 47, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2013. Arrangements are by Ponger Kays Grady Funeral Home of Arcadia.

Murray Albritton

Murray Albritton, 88, of Bartow, Fla., passed away Thursday, July 4, 2013, in Wauchula, Fla.



He was born in Lily, Fla., Aug. 29, 1924, and had been a lifelong resident of Bartow and Hardee/DeSoto counties.

Murray was a member of Union Baptist Church in Lily, and was a retired ranch manager for Doyle

Carlton Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Gwen Albritton of Bartow; stepsons, Tommy Keen of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Rusty Keen of Lake Placid, Fla.; stepdaughter, Diane Reschke of Zolfo Springs, Fla.; brothers, Sidney Albritton and Carl Albritton of Arcadia, Fla.; sisters, Hilda Roberts of Sebring, Fla., and Juanita Lewis of Arcadia; seven step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren. Murray was preceded in death by his first wife, Estelle Bray Albritton.

Visitation was held Monday, July 8, 2013, at Robarts Garden Chapel in Wauchula. Funeral services were on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at Union Baptist Church, with the Rev. Albert Blum and Duck Smith officiating. Interment is at Lily Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Robarts Family Funeral Home, Wauchula.

Kaia Patrice Cross

Kaia Patrice Cross, 31, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Wednesday, July 3, 2013.

She was born March 4, 1982, in St. Louis Park, Minn., and moved to Arcadia in 2002. Kaia married her longtime boyfriend, Aaron Cross, in 2011, and together they were raising their 3-year-old daughter, Shania. She was a professional photographer and was voted DeSoto County's Best Photographer for 2012 and 2013. Kaia was once the Event Coordinator for Fantasy of Flight Aeronautical Museum in Polk County, Fla., and most recently was a press reporter for the *Arcadian* newspaper.

Kaia's beauty and talent earned her the title of "Miss Southern States," a competition across Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and North and South Carolinas. She currently holds the title of "Mrs. Arcadia." Kaia also enjoyed horseback riding. Nothing compared to her love for her family, life and faith. She attended North Hillsborough Baptist Church. Kaia's contagious smile and caring ways will be forever and deeply missed.

She is survived by her husband, Aaron Cross of Arcadia; daughter, Shania Cross; parents, Pamela and William "Bill" Slipka; brothers, David Johnson Jr. and Lucas Johnson, both of Minnesota; sister, Annie (Eric) Dahlheimer of Minnesota; best friend, Barbara Hooten of Minnesota; uncle, Wayne Edward Johnson of Arcadia; grandmother, Patricia Kathleen Johnson of Arcadia; father- and mother-in-law, Ellis and Denise Cross; and Aaron's grandparents, Arthur and Mildred Dyal.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, July 9, 2013, in the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, 50 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Online condolences can be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com. A memorial fund in Kaia Cross' name has been established at Seacoast National Bank, 1601 E. Oak St., Arcadia, FL 34266.

Joseph Anthony Woolever

Joseph Anthony Woolever, 46, of Safety Harbor, FL, born October 29, 1966 in Ft Knox, KY, passed July 5, 2013 in Richmond, IN.



He grew up in Arcadia, FL and moved to Tampa, FL at the age of 18 before moving to Safety Harbor at age 21.

Preceded in death by Lawrence Archer Woolever Jr. (father)

and survived by Dolores Anntoinette Nowaczyk Woolever (mother) of Sebring, FL, his life partner Donald E. Thornburg of Safety Harbor, FL; son, David Thornburg of Esperance, Western Australia; daughter, Angela Thornburg and granddaughters Aiyana McKinley, Gabriella McKinley and Delaney Kavanagh, all of Tampa, FL; uncle, Anthony Joseph Nowaczyk of Sebring, FL; sisters, Michelle Renee Woolever Woodhall (Lee Anderson) of New Port Richey, FL, Kimberly Anne Woolever Woodham of Sebring, FL, Lorraine Annette Woolever (Helen Standley) of Vero Beach, FL, Bernadette Marie Woolever Holland and husband Samuel Holland of Sebring, FL, Jeanette Adair Woolever Braddock of Wauchula, FL; brother, Lawrence Archer Woolever III and wife Dixie Woolever of Williamsburg, KY; nephews, Richard Dean Woodham Jr. and wife Amy of Sebring, FL, Matthew Woolever and wife Judy, Lawrence Archer Woolever IV and wife Brandy, all from Williamsburg, KY, Johnathan David Braddock and wife Loni of Wauchula, FL; nieces, Amanda Lynn Woodham of Sebring, FL, Mary Elizabeth Braddock and Victoria AnneMarie Braddock, both of Wauchula, FL; great-nephews, Ethan Woodham and Logan Woodham of Sebring, FL, Landon Wood of Wauchula, FL, Lawrence Archer Woolever V of Williamsburg, KY; great-nieces, Danielle Woodham and Alyssa Woodham both of Sebring, FL, McKenzie Meadows and Madison Woolever both of Williamsburg, KY.

Joseph was an exuberant addition to our world; he followed his dreams and did things that many of us would only dream of. He had just begun a new career as a long haul truck driver for TransAM Trucking, Inc. out of Olathe, Kansas and was traveling across this great country of ours. He has been a florist, decorator, caterer, bartender, and he had various jobs in the food industry. He always seemed to be taking care of others. He shared the last 25 years with his soul mate, Donald, traveling to exotic places and enjoying life. You would be hard pressed to find a single person who did not appreciate him. And the line of us that loved him is endless. He will be sadly missed by all.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 11, 2013 at Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home, 2853 Sunset Point Road, Clearwater, FL. Online condolences may be left at Sylvanabbey.com.

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Facing and fixing personal problems

The long-distance call from a minister facing a problem in his church was different from most I've received. Usually these contacts for counseling and requests for prayer by pastors have to do with problem-prone people in their congregations who are giving them trouble. This honest preacher had concluded he was the problem.

"I've been watching what's been happening in my church and see that I'm the reason for it," he said, adding, "Pray that I will be revived."

"You're halfway there," I replied.

The moment we face up to our faults and start doing something about them, we're on our way to greater effectiveness and better relationships with others. This minister was determined to remove any roadblocks to spiritual awakening in his church by enlisting some long distance praying for the needed breakthrough in his church to begin in him.



Roger Campbell

The world known evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, once said he faced his worst enemy each morning while shaving. Moody didn't mean he hated his image in the mirror before him, but in confronting his weaknesses early and overcoming them before they spoiled his day, he increased his potential to make a difference in the lives of others and the world. We're still reaping the benefits of his early morning honesty and prayers.

A woman with whom I shared a dentist's reception room told me about her former addiction to smoking. Her

husband had urged her to quit many times but to no avail. As we continued our conversation while awaiting our dental appointments, she described finally ending her bondage to nicotine. This new freedom was like a breath of fresh air and she was eager to talk about it.

"Stopping smoking was one of the easiest things I have ever done," she said.

Why then had she been bound by this addiction for so long? She'd been unwilling to face her problem and pray for deliverance from it.

The power to stop smoking had been within her since the day she had come to faith but had been untapped until she accessed it. Prayer made her freedom possible.

Several months had passed since I had seen a longtime friend. At our last meeting he had been overweight and having health problems. Now he appeared athletic, trim and healthy. He

was clearly on a different course in life and was enjoying it.

What happened? He had faced his problem and decided to fix it.

Early mornings now found him on long walks during which he spent time praying and reflecting on his relationship with God. While in the past he had thought he didn't have time to be away from his office, he had discovered these active quiet times exercised his mind, body and soul; improving both his health and his productivity.

Facing personal problems can be frightening but without facing there's no fixing.

And here's the good news: God loves us and cares about those pesky problems that plague us ... so we don't have to face them alone. Consider this unconditional call: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Whatever our problems, His grace is sufficient for them all.

First Baptist Church welcomes new pastor

By CHARLOTTE NYMARK

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ARCADIA

On May 19, First Baptist Church Arcadia elected Rev. Matthew Clayton as their senior pastor. Pastor Matt, as he likes to be called, came to FBC after serving 14 years in Central Asia as a missionary with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. During his time in Asia he served as a church planter, co-pastor and team

strategy leader.'

Pastor Matt is a graduate of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. Before serving overseas, Pastor Matt was a youth pastor in North Carolina, where he was ordained to preach the gospel.

Pastor Matt and Christine, his wife of 22 years, with their children, Victoria and Joshua, have recently settled

into the Arcadia area and are excited to become part of the community.

Both Pastor Matt and the members of FBC Arcadia are eager to see how God will continue to use the church to share His love and hope with the local community and to other countries around the world. In a recent sermon, Pastor Matt reminded FBC Arcadia of the church's purpose to Reach Up to God in worship and prayer; Reach In toward one another

in fellowship, discipleship and service; and Reach Out to others through sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and helping the needy.

First Baptist Church Arcadia holds Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. It is located at 1006 N. Brevard Ave. and can be reached at 863-494-3622 for more information. The church invites you to visit and see what God is doing at FBC Arcadia.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Pastor Matthew Clayton was elected as First Baptist Church Arcadia's new pastor.

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to have someone so young wrenched from our community suddenly, without warning, and even more so because she was so well liked.

As someone said on the Facebook page created in her tribute, "It's often hard to find peace or comfort in times of such deep sorrow and pain, but seeing the outpouring of love is encouraging and offers hope that her memory will live on and the light she shone during her time here will continue to shine."



Kaia Cross with her husband, Aaron, and daughter Shania.

BUDGET

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district budget, which is projected at \$64,360,489.

State payments make up just over half the budget, at 53 percent. McDonald noted several areas in which state contributions to school districts will increase this year, including \$808,590 to the DeSoto County school district for teacher raises, and money for a new ID badge system for outside contractors. Teachers and certain other staff can expect a raise of \$2,500 to \$3,500 next year. Another 23 percent of the budget comes from fund balance.

Student enrollment is projected to drop slightly for the 2013-14 year, with an expected 4,769 students (compared with 4,788 last year).

The proposed \$64 million budget includes approximately \$44.5 million for general operating expenses, \$3.8 million toward debt retirement, \$9.3 million for capital outlay, \$3.4 million for food service, and \$3.3 million for other federal programs. About \$33 million of the \$44.5 general operating expenses covers salaries and employee benefits.

The School Board approved advertising the proposed budget this month and scheduling a special meeting on July 30 for public input. The figures would then be provided to the Property Appraiser's office to be

included in TRIM (Truth In Millage) notices to be sent out to taxpayers in August. A special hearing would be scheduled for Sept. 10 to finalize the 2013-14 budget.

Disputes over staff, spending

Superintendent Dr. Karyn Gary announced Christina Britton will serve as the new Assistant Superintendent and Phillip Nedley will be the new Human Resources Director.

Board Chairman Rodney Hollingsworth questioned whether both individuals met all the requirements of their respective positions. For instance, he noted Britton did not have experience negotiating in collective bargaining, although that was included in the list of job duties.

Gary pointed out that she met the requirements, such as having a doctorate and experience in school administration. "She has excellent references and great potential; the committee felt she was a great candidate," Gary said.

Board Attorney Bucky Waldron interjected that there was a difference between job qualifications and a list of expected job duties, and confirmed both candidates met the published qualifications.

Hollingsworth also questioned the \$50,000 spending limit that was recently revised (from \$25,000), allowing the superintendent to make expenditures without needing specific board approval or going through the

bidding process.

His discussion was triggered by expenses over the prior \$25,000 mark to renovate offices when Gary took over as superintendent.

Gary explained the limit was raised because the \$50,000 level was authorized by state law, and noted 16 out of 19 nearby counties also raised their limits to the state-approved level. "The counties we're in a purchasing consortium with use the \$50,000 level," she said, and it makes things easier for DeSoto to work with the consortium to get better prices. In addition, it saves staff time from having to prepare and go through a bidding process for projects over \$25,000.

Nevertheless, Hollingsworth wanted to revisit the \$50,000 spending limit. Board Members Ronny Allen and Karen Chancey also wanted to revisit it, while Board Member Debbie Snyder did not, adding the Board should consider what it might do to staff workloads. (Board Member Bill Stanko was not present.)

Waldron said it would have to be advertised for public comment, so it will be reconsidered at a future meeting.

Finally, Hollingsworth said he had confirmed with Chancellor Pam Stewart of the State Board of Education that DOE is now conducting its own investigation into the alleged grade-changing issue that resulted in Gary's removal of three employees (former Principal Shanon Fusco and Assistant Principals Paul Curtis and Karen Pella).

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From a Senior Viewpoint

Lois Hendricks

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What's for dessert?

No meal is complete without it. Following is one of our favorites, especially tasty in warm weather. Desserts usually suggest too many calories with few pluses, so how about one that actually enhances your diet?

Start with a package of sugar-free Jello (we like the peach flavor). Put in a bowl. Then select a 15-ounce can of sugar-free fruit (fruit cocktail, or peach slices or mandarin oranges). Drain the liquid from the can of fruit into a one-cup measuring cup and add enough water to make a full cup. Heat to almost boiling and pour over the Jello. Stir until well mixed.

Then select a 6 ounce container of fat-free yogurt (the Harvest Peach is a favorite). Stir the yogurt into the Jello mixture until absorbed, then add the can of fruit. Stir thoroughly.

Top with miniature marshmallows and refrigerate. You have an attractive finish to your meal.

And satisfy your particular tastes — perhaps you prefer orange flavor, so use orange Jello and yogurt with a can of mandarin oranges. Be creative, select three things: Jello, fruit and yogurt — you choose the flavor, and enjoy.

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Have questions? Come to an information meeting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 22 at the Safe Children Coalition office, 925 Mills Avenue, Arcadia. RSVP to Eddie at 941-371-4799 ext 158.

ARRESTS

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Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment, two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Ernest Stanley Bristol, 41, 600 block of S. Dade Ave., Arcadia. Charges: habitually driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$2,000.
- Maria Christina Cerda, 34, 1400 block of S.E. Peach Drive, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$1,000.
- Kim Marie Fontanetta, 55, Sarasota. Charges: DUI with BAC of .15 or higher or with person under 18, and

DUI with property damage. Bond: \$3,500.

- Geovany Ryvas Hernandez, 26, Wauchula. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120,
- Ruby Jane Recklaw, 46, Troy, Ala. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$1,120.
- Jim Lee Bolyard, 39, 6700 block of S.E. Pensacola Ave., Arcadia. Charges: domestic battery by strangulation and felony battery. Bond: none.
- Jerry William Ezell, 30, 1000 block of S.W. Prince Terrace, Arcadia. Charge: resisting an officer/obstructing by a disguised person. Bond: \$750.
- Dian Long Wright, 55, 1100 block of S.E. Olive St., Arcadia. Charge: aggravated battery causing bodily harm or disability. Bond: none.

- Janice Sharmice Bartell, 25, 200 block of W. Myrtle St., Arcadia. Charge: hit and run leaving scene of accident involving property damage. Bond: \$500.
- Ellen Evelyn McDonald, 47, Toby's RV Resort, Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.
- Dwayne Patrick Royce, 51, 1600 block of S.E. West Ave., Arcadia. Charges: two counts of failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$300.

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

- Lee Herschel Miller, 28, 1000 block of S.E. Mahon Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

THIS WEEK

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After attending various schools where he was at one time relegated to hall monitor so the teacher wouldn't have to deal with him, Scott finally graduated from DeSoto County High School in 1982 right along with his peer group. Since that time he has been trying to open his own business. He makes signs for restaurants, merchants, musical bands, ranches,

whatever you need a sign for. One of his favorite signs graces the Reef and Beef where he works part-time. Scott has adapted well to life with a handicap. He is able to good-naturedly joke about it. He sometimes wears a T-shirt that says "I am not drunk, I have cerebral palsy." He doesn't mean to call attention to the fact that he has a neuromuscular disease, but wants to defuse the nervousness that some people might feel, a nervousness that sometimes erupts in laughter. Scott isn't reluctant to confront such callousness. He'll explain how easily

a misfortune could put them in a similar situation.

Scott seems to be without self-pity. He's confident that his wood-working business will take off. In the meantime, he has a summer maintenance job with the school system. "I do good with what I've got," he said. While he admits that when he was younger he used to be "stumble city," he is more physically agile now. Both his body and life have become more coordinated. He'll probably still stumble, as we all do, but what runner doesn't stumble.



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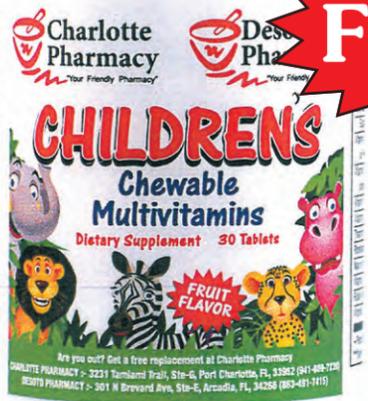
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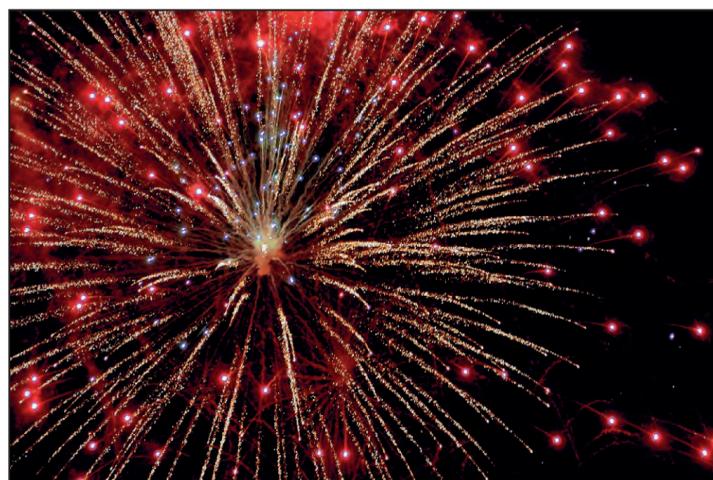
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Community gathers for annual 4th of July celebration



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The Paniagua family — Alexa, Andy, Adam, Aleyda, Sylvia, Dylan and young Sylvia — settle into a good spot along the curb where they can see the parade as it passes by.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JULIE CINCOTTA

Fireworks explode overhead at the Turner Center to celebrate our nation's independence.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JULIE CINCOTTA

Flags wave freely on the Open Road's patriotic float during Arcadia's Independence Day Parade.



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Marty Dow, Kay Wise, Sheriff Will Wise and Carl Skinner are ready to celebrate our nation's freedom during the Independence Day parade.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN BLACK

Fireworks light up the night skies over the Turner Center, capping off a fun Fourth of July celebration.



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Don Finkle's familiar truck decorated in honor of area veterans makes its way down West Oak Street in the Independence Day Parade.

Crowd members are silhouetted as fireworks take off during the Fourth of July celebration Thursday in Arcadia.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN BLACK

Bailey Sands loops a steer during the Ranch Rodeo held Thursday indoors at the Turner Center.



Twice as nice — fireworks are reflected in a pond at the Turner Center as the Fourth of July comes to a close.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN BLACK

Ava Eggers looks a bit scared to be up on the big horse, while Macy Hunt is determined to stay on during the Independence Day parade.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN BLACK

Judges Patty Daughtry, Mary Skinner, Marcella Beckwith and Ruth Mixon have tough choices to make as the parade entrants pass the reviewing stand.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN BLACK

The DeSoto County Historical Society, dressed in period costumes, poses along the West Oak Street parade route.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN BLACK

A wide view of West Oak Street shows the crowd gathered to watch the annual Independence Day parade.



After dispatching San Antonio in the first round of tournament action, the Bulldogs met their match against Bartow.

State championship tournament held in Arcadia

It was quite an accomplishment for the board members of DeSoto County Youth Baseball to be able to host the Dixie Youth Majors baseball state championship tournament.

The governing board that selects the tournament sites has rigid criteria for an organization to host a tournament of that size. There are qualifications on number of fields, concessions and rest room facilities. They need a certain number of seats for the fans along with press box requirements, including having adults running all score books and score boards.

There is quite a list of requirements, but the members of the DCYB have taken the time and finances provided to them to make the baseball complex at Brewer Park an outstanding site for these games.

The board members, including President Ben Adams, Vice President

On the Bench with Big Daddy

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Wes Roe, Baseball Commissioner Matt Evans, along with coaches and volunteers were on hand for the opening ceremonies of the 2013 Dixie Youth Baseball State Championship tournament July 5.

The effects of this tournament puts Arcadia on the map, as 11 district champions from across the state came to Arcadia Friday night and filled every hotel and bed and breakfast room in Arcadia for the weekend. Many teams stayed in Port Charlotte.



In the race around the bases, Casey Daniels touches home as Caleb Fillingim takes off. Behind him is Steven Ames. The Bulldogs finished in third place.

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As the teams are eliminated in this double elimination format the number of visitors to Arcadia will lessen. While they were here, for at least the weekend, they spent money at local restaurants, stores and gas stations along with the hotels. It results in a nice economic boost for Arcadia. The results of this tournament could

provide the opportunity for other baseball leagues and divisions to consider Arcadia as a place to run a tournament.

The tournament also provided the opportunity to help one of our local families. The Strader family consists

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Myron and Lucinda Strader stand next to their son Obadiah at the opening ceremony for the Dixie Youth League State Championship Tournament. Five-year-old Obadiah is undergoing brain surgery later this year and the profits of t-shirt sales from the tournament will go to the Strader family.



The DeSoto Bulldogs celebrate as they become the tug-of-war champions with a win over Bushnell.

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Bulldogs' big inning gets win in state championship tournament

By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto Bulldogs Majors team took their first step towards the state championship at Brewer Park Sunday with a 6-1 win over District 6C champion San Antonio.

The Bulldogs took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Casey Davis knocked in Peyton Dodd with the first run. That lead held until the Bulldogs scored five times in the fourth inning to take a commanding 6-0 lead. San Antonio scored their only run on a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning.

The Bulldogs' rally was aided by two hit batters and three wild pitches as they finally broke through after squandering two earlier scoring chances. That included a bases loaded, one-out opportunity in the third inning. That scoring threat died as two Bulldogs fanned to end the inning.

Jacob Orr started the fourth inning rally with a leadoff single. He was replaced on the base paths by pinch runner Steven Ames. Pacyn Pickle followed with a base knock to put runners on the corners and no outs. After a strikeout, Michael Daniels drew a free pass to load the bases. Ames scored what proved to be the winning run on a wild pitch.

Alex Muse was hit in the thigh by a pitch to reload the bases with Bulldogs. After another Bulldog whiff, it appeared as if the DeSoto boys were



Steven Ames, who ran for Jacob Orr after Orr's leadoff single in the fourth, scores on a wild pitch as the pitcher covers the plate. Ames' run was the first in a five-run rally and also was the winning run as the Bulldogs won 6-1 in the first round of the state championship tournament.

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going to squander another excellent scoring opportunity. Cameron Day drove in Pickle when he was plunked with a tight pitch. Daniels, Muse and Day all scored on wild pitches before the final out was recorded.

The Bulldogs struck out for all three outs, but in between those whiffs they picked up five runs on two hits, one walk, two hit batters and four wild pitches.

The Bulldogs ended up with seven hits in the game, but it was their strong pitching and defense that carried them to the win. The San Antonio

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Braden Steele drew the starting nod for the DeSoto Bulldogs and picked up the win in the Bulldogs' 6-1 win over San Antonio.



Cameron Day's single in the third led to a Bulldog scoring threat with runners in scoring position and just one out. The next two hitters struck out and the Bulldogs weren't able to pad their slim 1-0 lead.



Tyler Mansfield takes a good cut at a pitch but just misses it in second inning action in the DeSoto 6-1 win over San Antonio.

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Bulldogs fall behind early, can't catch Bartow

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

On Sunday both DeSoto pitchers Braden Steele and Casey Daniels looked like they were throwing aspirins to the plate. On Monday the pitches must have looked like beach balls as the Bartow team touched them up for eight runs in their 9-1 win over the Bulldogs.

Steele only lasted one-third of an inning and gave up four runs on two hits and four walks. Daniels also gave up four runs in his two innings of work. Between the two right-handers, south-paw Tyler Mansfield pitched a nice game. He came on with just one out in the opening inning and got out of a jam to keep the Bulldogs in the game. Mansfield went two and two-thirds innings and gave up just one run.

The loss was the first in the state championship tournament for the Bulldogs, while Bartow remained undefeated. Bartow has a good combination of speed, defense and they hit the ball

well, none of which the DeSoto team had as they managed just four hits and had a couple of errors in the Monday night game.

Manager Dennis Day said, "I didn't like the way we started. We can't give them four outs an inning and expect to win. We have to make the routine plays. Take away that first inning and it could have been a different game. We were behind 4-1 with runners on second and third with just one out but couldn't get the big hit to make it a game. Bartow is a good team. They have speed and defense and it showed tonight."

The lone Bulldog tally came in the third when Caleb Fillingim led off the inning with a walk. Mansfield and Steele both drew free passes to load the bases with one out. Cameron Day bounced out on a fielder's choice to second as Fillingim scored. That made the score 4-1, but Bartow answered that run with one of their own in the third, along with another run in the fourth and blew the game open with three more in the fifth.



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Caleb Fillingim crosses the plate with the only DeSoto run in the third inning. He scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Cameron Day in the 9-1 loss to Bartow.



Lefty Tyler Mansfield fires to the plate in the loss to Bartow. Mansfield did a nice job coming in the game in relief of the starter in the first inning. He kept the game close but the Bulldogs were never able to close the gap and lost 9-1. Mansfield gave up just one run in two and two-thirds innings against the hard-hitting team from Bartow.



Infielder Alex Muse stares at the ground as the DeSoto team makes their final out to give them their first loss in the double elimination tournament.

What would a game be without ball park food. These ladies worked the concession stand during the Monday night game. From left are Beth Carsten, Sharla Padgett, Kelli Santos, Moriah Hill and Kathy Heitman.



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team had rocked Baker the day before 15-0, but were unable to solve the pitching slants of the Bulldogs' hard throwing right-handers. Braden Steele started on the hill and allowed just one hit in his three innings of work. Steele got the win as reliever Casey Davis mowed them down over the final three innings allowing just a pair of hits. Together the Steele/ Daniels duo struck out a dozen San Antonio hitters.

Infielder Alex Muse lead the strong defense with several nice plays. The one that got the large crowd's attention was when he threw a runner out at first while sitting on the ground at third base. Muse, who is a quarterback on his football team, fielded the ball and fell to the turf. Without enough time to stand and throw, he rifled it across the diamond to nip the runner by a step.

After pitching the final three innings, Casey Davis said, "I was glad to get them out before they scored any more runs. My curve ball was working really good for me today."

Manager Dennis Day said, "We

wanted it more than they did. We kept pounding on the door. Our execution was great, we had outstanding play all day. We won that game on pitching and defense. We squandered two scoring opportunities but we capitalized on the third chance."

DeSoto Bulldogs' manager Dennis Day gives the signs to a batter during the first round of games in the Florida Dixie Youth State Championship Tournament. The Bulldogs beat San Antonio 6-1.



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The DeSoto baseball team digs in and pulls hard in their contest with the team from Ponce De Leon. Alex Muse, at far right, said, "Coach (Day) put me up front because he knew I'd never quit and the rest of the team would see that and keep pulling no matter what happened."

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of parents Myron and Lucinda along with their eight children. Five-year-old Obadiah has a medical condition that is causing his brain to grow into his spine and needs brain surgery this year. Vice President Roe introduced the family at the opening ceremonies and told about the t-shirt that was being sold at the tournament with all of the proceeds going to help the family as they prepare for Obadiah's upcoming surgery.

After the opening announcements and introductions, there were three skill-based contests for the teams to participate in.

In the tug-of-war the DeSoto team beat all the other teams to claim the championship in that event. DeSoto Manager Dennis Day said, "I knew nobody would beat our big and strong corn-fed boys!"



Braden Steele slams this pitch over the fence for his only home run in the contest. Steele and Michael Daniels hit homers for the Bulldogs, but the championship was won by a Bushnell player nicknamed "The Predator" with six homers.

In the team base running event, the Bulldogs placed a respectable third while our home run hitters failed to make the top three. At the very worst the Bulldogs can claim the state championship in the tug-of-war!

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HARDEE COUNTY WILDCATS

Fava, an unfamiliar bean

When we were visiting family in New Jersey in early June we went to a farmers market and saw huge piles of what looked like colossal bright green pea pods. Fava beans, *Vicia faba*, are a popular bean in many areas of the world, but they are just enjoying a resurgence in the United States. They were a common springtime crop in colonial America, but later fell out of esteem in this country. We weren't surprised to find them in New Jersey, which has a diverse ethnic population, but we were surprised to see them in Arcadia at K & J Produce. Instead of shying away from this unfamiliar vegetable, we bought some to try.

They're also known as broad bean, English bean, Winsor bean, horse bean, tick bean, field bean and pigeon bean. Favas are a versatile bean. They may be eaten as a green bean when very young, or as a shell bean when the pods are completely filled out, or they may be allowed to fully mature and harvested as a dry bean. But Fava aficionados agree the fresh shell beans are the best.

Fava beans are a long cool-season crop. Probably few favas are grown in Florida. Although seed catalogs list them as requiring 75 to 90 days from planting to harvest, Jim Stephens of the University of Florida says they require four to five months. They should be planted at the same time you would plant English peas, October to February. The variety 'Broad Windsor' is said to be hardy to 12 degrees, so they should survive our winters unscathed. Seed germinates best at 60 to 65 degrees. Plant seed 1 to 2 inches deep, 6 inches apart. Favas prefer a heavy soil, and will benefit from plenty of manure or other organic matter.

The leaves of fava bean resemble pea leaves more than bean leaves. The plants are bushy and upright, but they may require some staking. Expect plants to grow 24 to 30 inches tall. Small flowers are borne on spikelets, and each plant may set 10 to 15 pods. The pods are at first held upright; when they droop they are ready for harvest. Pods vary in length from 2 to 12 inches, and may contain 2 to 8 seeds.

Fresh fava beans are typically only available for a few weeks in late spring. When buying favas, select plump green pods. Flavor is best when picked as soon as the pods have fully filled out. Older pods showing streaks of brown may be less flavorful. The flavor of favas is more like peas than beans, with a sweet nutty flavor with musky earthy taste. Older seeds may become bitter.

Split open the oversize pods. Inside



Over the Garden Gate

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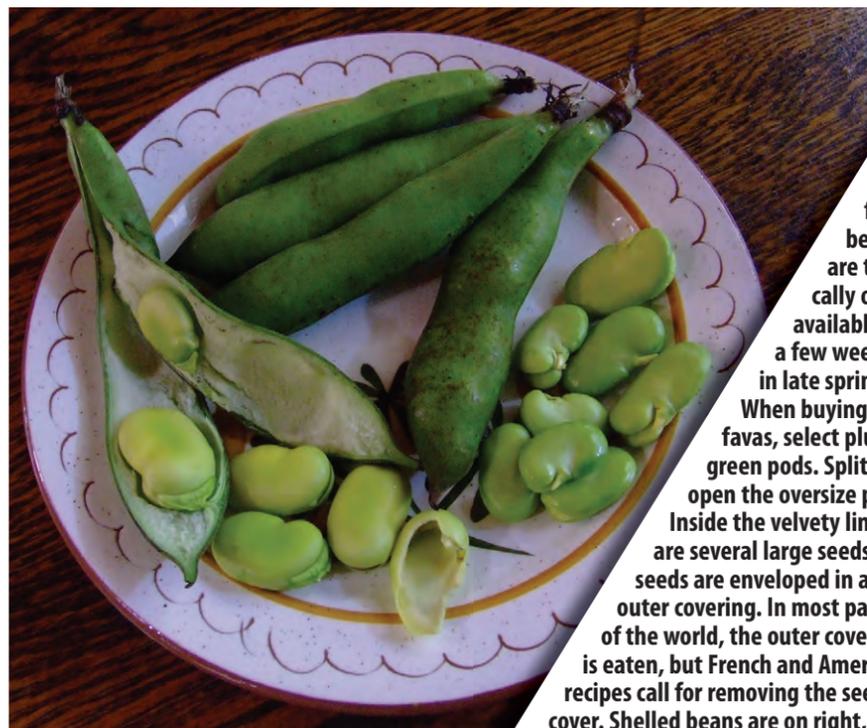
there is a velvety lining and several large seeds. The seeds are enveloped in an outer covering. In most parts of the world, the outer covering is eaten, but French and American recipes call for removing the seed cover. It is a tedious job, but the cover is easy to peel off. Or blanch the seeds in salted boiling water for 30 seconds and then plunge into ice water. Drain and pop the outer cover off. We found them delicious either way. One pound of fava pods will yield about a half cup of shelled beans.

Favas are high in carbohydrates and protein, and are a good source of B vitamins. They also are an excellent source of iron and contain high amounts of magnesium, manganese and phosphorus.

A word of caution is necessary because when these beans are eaten regularly as the main diet, a paralytic condition known as favism has occurred. Favas contain alkaloids that may cause health problems in individuals with a certain genetic enzyme deficiency when eaten raw. But when consumed as an occasional meal, they don't present a problem.

Fava bean pilaf is made by cooking favas with olive oil, onions and garlic and mixing in with cooked rice. For a Middle Eastern flavor, toast coriander seeds and grind to a coarse powder and add to the onions and garlic and cook until the flavor is released, then stir into the pilaf. Young tender favas are good seasoned with pancetta or prosciutto and onions and garlic. Garnish with chopped parsley and mint. In Italy, broad beans are traditionally sown on Nov. 2, All Souls Day. Favas are consumed fresh in early spring as the first product of the garden. Roman families traditionally eat fresh fava beans with Pecorino Romano cheese. Dried favas are good in soups and stews.

Having tried these delicious nutritious beans, next we will try growing them in our garden next winter.



Fresh fava beans are typically only available for a few weeks in late spring. When buying favas, select plump green pods. Split open the oversize pods. Inside the velvety lining are several large seeds. The seeds are enveloped in an outer covering. In most parts of the world, the outer covering is eaten, but French and American recipes call for removing the seed cover. Shelled beans are on right, split seed cover at bottom center.

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NOTICE OF ACTION 3116

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 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
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 14-2013-CA-000348
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOYCE E. BACKER, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **JOYCE E. BACKER**
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Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Sacramento Garcilazo
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DATED June 25, 2013.
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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

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 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,
as Personal Representative of the Estate of JOSEPH RICHARD HERBERT, Deceased
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Arcadia, FL 34266 Published 7/4/13 & 7/11/13 172158 2911398

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 142008CA001301
BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.
JOHNNA L. RIPA, et al
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated July 2, 2013, and entered in Case No. 142008 CA 001301 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO COUNTY, Florida, wherein BANK

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OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., is Plaintiff, and JOHNNA L. RIPA, et al are Defendants the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11am at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 20th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT I, OF ORANGE PARK, AN UNRECORDED PLAT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SE CORNER OF NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE, 25 EAST, THENCE

SOUTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES WEST ALONG SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 25.0 FEET TO P.O.B.; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE 140.0 FEET; THENCE PH # 2900 NORTH 82.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST 140.0 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 82.86 FEET P.O.B. TOGETHER WITH A DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME ID# FFL2AE31337538 - FFL2BE31337538, and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiffs mortgage. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated at Arcadia, DESOTO COUNTY, Florida, this 3rd day of July, 2013

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerks Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Published 7/11/13 & 7/18/13 336737 2914092

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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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.
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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

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:

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

CASE NO.: 2010 CA 000974
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
FRANCISCO E ORTEGA A/K/A FRANCISCO ORTEGA; KB HOME FORT MYERS, LLC; PEMBROKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; SUNTRUST BANK; 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 26th day of June, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2010 CA 000974, of the Circuit Court of the 12TH Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR

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MORTGAGE, LLC. is the Plaintiff and FRANCISCO E ORTEGA A/K/A FRANCISCO ORTEGA; KB HOME FORT MYERS, LLC; PEMBROKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; SUNTRUST BANK; 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 30th day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 17, BLOCK 2 OF FIRST REPLAT IN PEMBROKE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 80 THRU 80-C, 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
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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:

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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.: 2012 CA 000100
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.
DEBRA JEAN HOLLINGSWORTH A/K/A DEBRA J. HOLLINGSWORTH; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBRA JEAN HOLLINGSWORTH; 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. 2012 CA 000100, of the Circuit Court of the 12TH Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is the Plaintiff and DEBRA JEAN HOLLINGSWORTH A/K/A DEBRA J. HOLLINGSWORTH, SUNTRUST BANK, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBRA JEAN HOLLINGSWORTH and 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 30th day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 3 AND 10, TOWNSHIP 38, RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 46' 48" E ALONG SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 3, 777.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 29' 58" E, 421.90 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 51' 29" E, 260.51 FEET; THENCE S 01 DEGREES 08' 31" W, 850.76; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 51' 29" W, 252.27 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 40' 24" E, 428.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO COUNTY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (BREWER ROAD) ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE AND ALSO SUBJECT TO SIXTY (60') FOOT EASEMENT ALONG THE EAST SIDE. 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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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; UNKNOWN TENANT ; 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 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.

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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 follow-

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ing described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 4 AND THE NORTHEAST-ERLY 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
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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 355805 2911579

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 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.

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NOTICE OF SALE 3130

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2010-CA-000455
DIVISION: I

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2012-CA-000249

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

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, GRANTEES 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 & GACHE, 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

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

DIVISION: I Bank of America, National Association Plaintiff, 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.

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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 Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (561) 998-6700 (561) 998-6707 Published 7/4/13 & 7/11/13 118683 2911598

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 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, 580.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

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 OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 14-2012-CA-00186 SUMMITBRIDGE CREDIT INVESTMENTS III LLC, Plaintiff, vs.

AMERICAN HOME THERAPY PROVIDER, INC., a Florida corporation, EDGAR C. PENANO, an individual, GRACE M.L. PENANO, an individual, UNITED STATES c/o DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and ANY UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Consent Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 4, 2013, and entered in the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit, In and For DeSoto County, Florida, Case No. 14-2012-CA-00186, wherein SummitBridge Credit Investments III LLC ("SummitBridge"), is the Plaintiff and American Home Therapy Provider, Inc., Edgar C. Penano, and Grace M.L. Penano, are the Defendants, that the subject real property identified below shall be sold to the highest and best bidder for cash at the courthouse located at 115 East Oak Street, in DeSoto County in Arcadia, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on the 13th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Consent Final Judgment of Foreclosure.

PARCEL 1 Lots 16 and 18, Block F, Gilchrist and Baldwin's Addition to 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 66.

PARCEL 2 Lot 17, LESS the South 40 feet thereof, and all of Lot 18, Block 170, PUNTA GORDA ISLES, Section 14 as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 8 page 9A through 9Q of the public records of Charlotte County, Florida. Dated this 3rd day of July, 2013. Respectfully submitted, BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY, P.C. Attorney for Summitbridge Credit Investments III LLC Miami Tower 100 S. E. Second Street, 35th Floor Miami, Florida 33131 Telephone: 305-347-4080 Facsimile: 305-347-4089 /s/Carl T. Williams Florida Bar No. 529990 carl.williams@bipc.com Sarasota, Florida 34236 Published 7/11/13 & 7/18/13 362569 2913864

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 142012CA000548XXXXX U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION, 2008-FTI TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-FT1, Plaintiff vs. OLIVIA TAVIRA, at al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION, 2008-FTI TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-FT1, 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. 142012CA000548XXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION, 2008-FTI TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-FT1 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 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 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

TAX DEEDS 3132

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

TAX DEEDS 3132

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 Publication Dates: 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13 & 7/18/13 112132 2908444

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OTHER NOTICES 3138

Blue Head Farms, LLC Notification of Received Application

Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Florida Water Management District has received an application for a water use permit to withdraw water from wells and/or surface waters from Blue Head Farms, LLC, 2600 Marguerite Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Application Number: 20009226.007. Application received: June 10, 2013. Predominant Use Type: Agricultural. Total Requested Withdrawal Average Daily Gallons Per Day: 2,013,100 gpd. Peak Month Average Gallons Per Day: 8,406,000 gpd. Maximum Daily Gallons Per Day: 66,948,000. From 23 wells. Location: Sections 1 and 2, Township 38S Range 27E; Sections 35 and 36, Township 36S Range 27E in DeSoto County. The application is available for public inspection Monday through Friday at Tampa Service Office, 7601 U.S. Highway 301, Tampa, FL 33637-6759. Interested persons may inspect a copy of the application and submit written comments concerning the application. Comments must include the permit application number and be received within 14 days from the date of this notice. If you wish to be notified of agency action or an opportunity to request an administrative hearing regarding the application, you must send a written request referencing the permit application number to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Regulation Performance Management Department, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 or submit your request through the District's website at www.watermatters.org. The District does not discriminate based on disability. Anyone requiring accommodation under the ADA should contact the Regulation Performance Management Department at (352) 796-7211 or 1-800-423-1476: TDD only 1-800-231-6103 Published 7/11/13 303693 2914042

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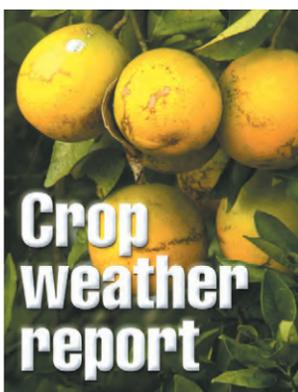


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Rains persist

FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 7

Weather Summary

Moderate to heavy rains fell on Florida this past week. According to Florida's Automated Weather Network, Marianna (Jackson County) received the most rain in the state with 7 inches. Quincy (Gadsden County) received the second highest amount of rain at 6 inches. Defuniak (Walton County), Mayo (Lafayette County), North Port (Sarasota County), Carrabelle (Franklin County) and Citra (Marion County) received more than 5 inches of rain. The majority of the state received one inch or more of rain. Minimum temperatures ranged from 66 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) and Defuniak (Walton County) to 74 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). Maximum temperatures ranged from 86 degrees in Carrabelle (Franklin County) to 93 degrees in Bronson (Levy County).

Field Crops

The threat of disease to crops due to moisture accumulating in fields was present across the state. Farmers in the Panhandle were finishing up the planting of soybeans. Harvesting of hay has been delayed due to excess rain. Peanut crop condition was 1 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 31 percent excellent. Peanut pegging was currently at 50 percent.

Fruit and Vegetables

Watermelon harvesting continued in central Florida but was completed in north Florida. Vegetables and fruits marketed included okra, tomatoes, and watermelons.

Livestock and Pastures

Statewide, the pasture condition was good. Disease and flooding were the limiting factors to forage growth. The cattle

Rotary installs new officers



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New Rotary officers for 2013-14 are Terry Moe, Vice President; Lorel Reinstrom, Secretary; Debbie Markham, President-Elect; Julie Neeley, Treasurer; and Paul Bennett Seusy, President.



Paul Bennett Seusy gives an award to Bebe Bradbury.



Paul Bennett Seusy congratulates Julie Neeley for her award.



Paul Bennett Seusy poses with Judy Kirkpatrick as she accepts her award.



Rotary members Dr. Ted Simon, Rhonda Nixon and Don Knoche.

COSTLY

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breaks, I don't know how I'm going to find the funds to fix it."

One item Prescott did increase in his budget, however, was \$1,650 for travel expenses for a proposed trip to a chief's conference. "I haven't been there in three years, and it's a good opportunity to network with other chiefs."

The proposed MSTU/MSBU rate increases, which the BOCC has been discussing for several months, are supposed to generate more than \$1 million in revenue for the Public Safety Department to be funded on its own without transfers from the board's general fund. However, a state-mandated increase in how much the county must contribute to employee retirement funds and health insurance would effectively use up the funds intended for Prescott's department.

Miller echoed Prescott's concern, wondering if the rate increase was really the best route.

"I'd rather have you work out of two check-books instead of one," he said.

County Administrator Guy Maxcy explained to the board that because of the state-mandated increases, the financial cushion the board was expecting has vanished.

"Because of the mandates, the surplus we were expecting, poof, it's gone," he said. "I think we need to keep the rate increase proposal in place, because we are going to need it."

After a presentation by Shawn Edwards of the Roads and Bridges Department, Mansfield expressed his concern over the cuts the department was proposing. "There are three things we have to take care of in this county, and they are public safety, the sheriff's office and our roads and bridges," he said. "We can't skimp on things like infrastructure. Our roads for example, if we keep this up they're going to start looking like the ones in Arcadia."

New year, same budgets

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Elton Langford turned heads when he proposed that, since the budget was so confusing, each department operate under the same budgets as last year.

"I've looked through this and get confused very easily. I'd like to see everyone go back to where they were in 2012," he said. I don't see the need for anybody's budget to change from last year. Take your budget, add the state-mandated increases and let's just move forward."

Several commissioners agreed with Langford's suggestion, with Commissioner Gabriel Quave praising the resourcefulness of departments to assist each other when needed.

"I'm astonished at how many departments borrow from the others to fill holes in staffing," he said. "Besides reusing staples, I don't know where else we can cut."

Mansfield disagreed with Langford, however, noting the county

departments cannot continue to operate on outdated budgets while the cost to do business continues to rise. "It's costing everyone more to do business today than it did last year," he said. "We have departments that just can't operate status quo, and a perfect example is Animal Control. They need help over there, and we just can't ignore it and hope it will resolve itself. We keep doing this, at some point we're going to have nowhere to go but up, since we will have dug ourselves into such a deep hole."

After further discussion, Maxcy presented the board with the staff's proposed changes for the next budget workshop. Among those, the three percent pay increase for county employees would need to be eliminated, and if the MSTU/MSBU rate is not approved, then a hike in the millage rate to approximately 8.8643 would be needed to present the state with a balanced budget. With the current millage rate at 6.8987, Maxcy wasn't even sure if the county could raise the millage that much in a year. "We'll check on that and have an answer for you next workshop," he said. One mill equals \$1 of tax on every \$1,000 of taxable value.

"Please don't shoot the messenger, we are just giving you the bare facts as we have them," he said. "This board is going to have to make some tough decisions shortly. If you don't want to eliminate the pay raise, then we need to cut other areas. Things like supplemental insurance,

eliminating positions, sharply reducing the funding for economic development, or even staff cuts if you want to go that route. It's up to you, we will adjust this budget in whatever direction you would like us to, but no matter what direction we go, it's going to hurt. If you thought last year or 2011 was bad, they were nothing compared to the storm we face now." Maxcy even went as far as to point out specific positions and individuals that would be moved to part-time or simply terminated. "We could just go the route that the last 20 in (hired) would be the first 20 out," he said.

Langford then reiterated his belief that every department can operate off last year's budget. "I really don't see the difficulty in going that route," he said. At that point, Sheriff William Wise addressed the board, voicing his dissatisfaction with how the commissioners were approaching department budgeting.

"My operation is totally different from the rest of the county," he said. "We operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, weekends, holidays, we are always there. It's a Crackerjack box in terms of who is going to walk through my doors in terms of medical needs, etc. I don't know what my expenses are going to be, but I have serious doubts if I can operate on the same budget as last year."

Then, in another surprise in a meeting full of them, Wise directly challenged the commissioners to address the substandard conditions at the jail. "I need you to adequately fund it or

staff it, or you guys can just run it yourselves," he said. "You can run it for the same amount of money that I have to run it, which is zero. Keep in mind that this is your jail: you own it, I'm just here to watch over it. It's your responsibility to ensure there is enough funding and staff to run it properly. This is a headache I don't need."

The workshop ended with Maxcy telling the board staff would return with a budget that would be more simple and provide alternatives to the currently proposed cuts.

Commissioner Jim Selph also asked why Arcadia city officials had

not yet said whether they would allow the proposed MSTU/MSBU rate increases to be collected within city limits.

Maxcy said there had been informal talks between county and city officials, but nothing had been formally passed by the city council. Selph told Maxcy he wanted a formal response from the city before the next workshop. "We haven't heard from the city so far and I'm not going to hold my breath," he said. "We need to get them to give us an answer now."

The next budget workshop is scheduled for July 23 at 9 a.m.

WEATHER

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condition was mostly good 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. In the northern area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. In the central area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. In the

southwest area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition.

Citrus

High temperatures reached the upper 80s to low 90s in the citrus growing area. Rainfall was widespread and heavy, as all stations received some precipitation. North Port recorded the most, with 5.30 inches, while Okahumpka recorded the least, with 0.14 inches. Two new FAWN stations

came online in the citrus area this past week: Lecanto in Citrus County, and Wellington in Palm Beach County. This brings the number of FAWN stations within the citrus growing area to 27. A sensor error prevented Wellington from recording rainfall data this week. Okahumpka was the only station to record less than a half inch, 16 stations recorded more than two inches, and three of those recorded more than four. The citrus growing area is completely drought-free, as per the U. S. Drought

Monitor, last updated July 2. Main canals and ditches were sufficiently full for irrigation purposes, and were overflowing in some areas. Harvest of grapefruit and late oranges is essentially over for the season. Growers are now concentrating on next year's crop progress. Field workers are 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.

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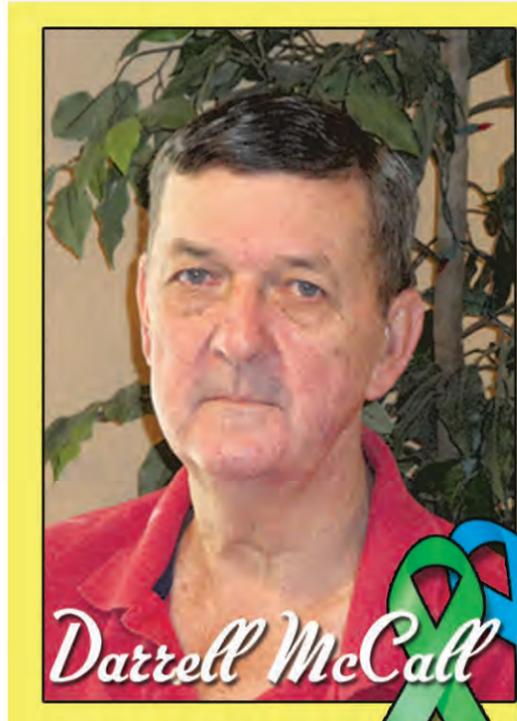
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Guess Who?

Born on June 25, 1963, I am a British singer who had a few hits with my band in the 1980s. But I attained more success as a solo artist with songs, like "Faith" and "One More Try."

Answer: George Michael

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in the word to spell something pertaining to roses.

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Answer: Craft

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Patience is necessary this week, Aries. Without it, you will grow frustrated quickly over the course of several days. Relax and make the most of the situation.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Expect to feel energetic and enthusiastic this week, Taurus. You may not know the source of all this energy and optimism, but that's irrelevant as long as you enjoy these feelings.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
You may be feeling a little psychic lately, Gemini. Give your insights the



benefit of the doubt and try to understand the message that is being conveyed.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Some intellectual conversation has you aiming for bigger and better things, Cancer. You may start a few creative projects as a result of these discussions.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, don't be surprised if some changes regarding your career come your way this week. A raise, promotion or a new job may be on the horizon. Embrace these changes.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, a release of tension is just what you need. You may find that something that has been restricting you and holding you back disappears in a few days.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, sheer luck that brings strange and wonderful things is in the big picture this week. The things that you have been wishing or dreaming of just may come true.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, a business or romantic partner brings good news your way. This news erases a funk that you have been in. The news may help you resume a goal you had abandoned.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, don't worry about an upcoming doctor's visit. You may just get a clean bill of health from your doctor this week. This will definitely ease up some stress.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
You are full of creative energy,

Capricorn, and must turn it into projects that may help you to earn some money in the near future. Get started while you are motivated.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Expect some news that sheds light on a difficult issue that you have been trying to resolve, Aquarius. You may feel so relieved that a celebration is in order.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Exciting changes are coming, and they all center around you, Pisces. It may be embarrassing being the center of attention, but try to enjoy it.

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