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There's nothing easy about Tishona Riley's life. See what drives her.

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## Budget advances, no new APD cuts

By STEVE BAUER

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During a contentious meeting, which at one point had Councilman Joe Fink requesting a member of the audience be removed, the Arcadia City Council agreed to proceed to its Sept. 3 public budget hearing with an Arcadia Police Department budget set at \$1.4 million.

The move was perplexing considering that minutes earlier, a representative from the auditing firm Mauldin and

Jenkins told council the city is still in a deteriorating financial condition, with the firm finding significant weaknesses and deficiencies in the city's budget, including several noncompliance issues. The city's financial situation is currently under review by the state's Legislative Audit Committee, and Tuesday's news wasn't unexpected. What was a surprise to many, however, was the council's answer to the problem: raising taxes.

At an August 13 special meeting on the APD's budget, the council directed

Marshal Matt Anderson to trim his budget number from \$1.4 million to \$1.2 million, telling him the cuts were necessary to allow the city to place 17 percent of its revenue into reserves for 2013. Anderson's original budget number was \$1.67 million.

"There are two ways to get where we need to be, either reduce expenses or raise our revenue," said Mayor Keith Keene. "We have to hold to the standards this council has set for itself, and I think the public needs to give us credit

for working diligently to get Arcadia back on track financially."

Keene said dissolving the APD was not an option because a legal opinion by City Attorney T.J. Wohl concluded the city can't unilaterally relinquish responsibility for law enforcement within the city limits without a dual referendum by both city and county residents. The only feasible option the council has would be through an interlocal agreement with

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## Back to school in DeSoto County

Below: The office area is crowded with students who have many questions. Competent office personnel skillfully deals with the feverish pressure and the hectic atmosphere preceding the beginning of classes at DeSoto County High on the first day back to school on Monday. • Turn to page 12 for more photos.



Parker Bennett, Calleigh Bennet and Jacey Pella are off to class on the first day of the new school year at West Elementary.

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# Harsh internal e-mail highlights friction between city, APD

By STEVE BAUER

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An e-mail from city Finance Director Renee Green to Arcadia Police Department Marshal Matt Anderson has sparked questions about a possible fractured relationship between the city's administration and the APD.

The e-mail, dated August 13, was sent to Anderson prior to the city council's special meeting regarding the APD budget. It reads as follows:

**Matt:** Good morning!

*These are my thoughts and not Judi's. After a long night last night I guess I can only come to the conclusion that I am disappointed in you for not getting with Judi and myself to try and work out your budget to help the city.*

*I feel you totally ignore any suggestions or help. This police department is one of the most distant from the city staff and does not even try to participate in being part of the city administration.*

*You don't talk to us — you don't want to even consider working with us. I am so sorry that the public does not know the "whole" picture. You are constantly trying to get information from staff members but you will not discuss with Judi or myself.*

*No I am not your boss — don't want to be. I am going to be really sorry for this city tonight. It will be a circus thanks to you and your department. Quote me on that if you want.*

*From here on out I don't care what you do or your department. I will put all of these negative things in my memos and my documentation.*

*You have some very talented employees and hard workers. Tell me how you have improved this city? Tell me why the police department will keep their unheard of high pensions, when we have employees who have worked here for years for minimum wage.*

*If it means the city will only have a police department to secure four square*

*miles and nothing else, then so be it. I came here to help not to fight. And I will not fight in public with you or anyone else tonight.*

*When my time is up I will be gone. But I am proud to say I have done a good job, and tried to right the wrongs! I don't care what you think of me — we are way past that. We shall see what happens in the future, and I expect that will be known this time next year.*

Renee A. Green, CPA  
Finance Director  
City of Arcadia

When asked for comment on the e-mail, City Administrator Judith Jankosky was quick to defend Green's position, saying the e-mail represents the frustration the administration deals with in getting Arcadia's financial and physical condition back in order.

"There are legal issues that stem from the police department in which we cannot speak of yet, and financial issues that have come to the attention of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee that we can no longer ignore," she said. "Neither Renee, myself nor the current council created this situation, yet we are charged with fixing it or ultimately Arcadia could be unincorporated."

Jankosky says, when given the opportunity to work with the city, the APD has chosen to keep its distance and operate on its own.

"Why does Renee say the police department does not work with us? The police department has been invited to safety meetings for two years now, and they have shown up once," she said. "The police department was the majority of our worker's compensation claims this past year (three auto accidents), and in response our risk manager and I offered them free safety training information they have yet to accept."

Jankosky also noted Anderson has not been forthcoming with his budget numbers changes, pointing out an incident that occurred August 13, the day

the council met for a special meeting to discuss the APD's budget.

"I emailed Marshal Anderson Sunday, August 11, at 9:10 p.m. to provide me with any updates to his budget numbers," she said. "We received nothing all day Monday. Tuesday morning (day of the meeting) a council member comes in with some revisions to the police department's budget. Neither Renee nor I had received this information. The council member was shocked to hear we had not received a copy, and informed us he would go tell the marshal to send us a copy."

Jankosky said about an hour later, at 11:30 a.m., she received an e-mail with an abbreviated version of the APD's budget changes. She emphasized not all council members had seen the budget changes before that evening's meeting and it's her responsibility to submit the budget to the city council, not Anderson or Green.

"Of course the numbers the marshal calculated and presented at the meeting did not match mine or Renee's, so council was confused with two different reports in front of them," she said. "It appears the marshal and his staff spent their time on Facebook rallying the crowds rather than working with Renee and me to find numbers that not only match, but work to save the finances of the city. This puts much stress on the staff, which is ultimately responsible to oversee the finances and budget administration of this city."

## Anderson 'dumbfounded' by accusations

When reached for comment, Anderson said he didn't understand where Green was coming from with her criticism, and defended the APD's role in working with city staff.

"Her e-mail is so far from the truth it's not even funny, and frankly I'm dumbfounded by it," he said. "This department is being 100 percent cooperative with the

city, and I really have no idea where all this is coming from."

Anderson continued that he has had at least three meetings with Jankosky regarding the APD's budget, and has been open to all suggestions city administration has made to help him with potential cuts. "I think it's well documented I have been working closely with the city administrator on this, and will continue to do so in the future. My goal is to help not only the APD, but the city's financial future as well."

When asked to elaborate on specific claims Jankosky made regarding safety meetings, last-minute budget changes and other issues, Anderson refused to comment.

## Building a better relationship

Jankosky says she would like to see Anderson and the APD work more closely with the city to find a budget solution that appeals to everyone, but she says Anderson needs to make a stronger effort.

"We need to stop having Matt try to circumvent me and Renee, and work directly with us," she said. According to Green's e-mail and Jankosky, Anderson often calls city staff attempting to get information such as staff members' salaries and looking for information such as whether the city plans to move code enforcement under Jankosky's control.

"A city employee, elected or appointed, does not automatically get open access to all city records without going through the public records request," she said. "Rather than ask the Renee or me these questions, he would rather try to circumvent the system, and for what purpose? Does this represent staff working together for the better of the city? The easy answer is no, and there needs to be a high level of trust from both sides if we are going to create a bright future for this city. I believe we can get there, but we need everyone's cooperation to achieve it."

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DeSoto County, which Keene said would not be in the city's best interest.

"The terms of that agreement would be dictated to us, since the sheriff doesn't have to accept any agreement we propose," he said. "We'd be at the mercy of the county."

To help close the gap between Anderson's \$1.4 million budget and funds needed to fulfill the city's 17 percent mandate, the city transferred funds from several departments to make up the difference, along with using part-time seasonal employees to replace inmate services for road/lawn maintenance to save the city around \$40,000. After all adjustments, the city was still short \$22,600, a number Keene said could be made up by increasing the city's millage rate.

"We can adjust the millage rate between now and September 17," he said. "Even raising it slightly would give us the amount we would need to meet our goal. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we can come up with that \$22,000."

Fink disagreed with Keene's opinion,

and reminded the council the city was clearly still in the midst of a fiscal crisis. "When I look at this budget, the only change I can see is by cutting the APD," he said. Fink's remarks were quickly met by boos, hisses and name-calling from the audience.

At that point Fink directly challenged those in the crowd, requesting they give him the courtesy to speak. "I'd like to get my thoughts out before you all deride me," he said. After Fink continued, he was met with more jeers from the crowd, which prompted him to direct the marshal to remove any audience members who continued interrupting.

"If this is truly about public safety, why are we cutting officers and not administrative staff?" he asked. "It doesn't make any sense. If we don't fix this, the state is going to come in here and instead of 20 lost jobs, we'll be looking at 100. The state isn't going to have any care as to what the citizens want; they are going to make this city profitable one way or the other."

Councilwoman Alice Frierson quickly countered Fink, saying, "The public has told this council they want a police department, and they don't care what positions are removed to make that happen. We've done a poor job of handling

this issue this year, and we need to commit ourselves that we won't repeat the same mistakes next year," she said.

Keene then told Frierson she was being short-sighted on the issue by not considering raising the millage rate to bring in more revenue. "If we're going to commit ourselves to anything, let's work on starting talks with the state legislature about creating a revenue source strictly for the police department outside of property taxes."

Frierson responded that the city needs to have one focus when it comes to the APD, instead of tossing around several solutions. "On many occasions it was pounded into my head that if we don't disband the police department, that officials in Jacksonville will come down and take matters into their own hands," she said.

Bob Heine, who had been largely silent up to that point, exclaimed, "Hey now, you didn't hear that from me. That never came out of my mouth."

Keene told both that while the potential threat of state officials coming to Arcadia could be nothing more than smoke and mirrors, he wasn't comfortable testing them. "I chose to serve on this council to do my best for the city of Arcadia, and I don't want to see any

of our services get cut," he said. "That's why we need to meet these commitments we made for ourselves."

One member of the public who surprised many with his opinions on the matter was former city councilman Lorenzo Dixon. Dixon, who has openly questioned Anderson's budget numbers and the APD's effectiveness in past meetings, offered a completely different opinion Tuesday night. "I don't support carrying this debt forward for any time in the future, and I don't want to see us in the same position as Detroit," he said. "But I think Matt and his department are doing a fine job, and instead of asking them to cut any more, why don't you give up your annual income?" he said to council members. "You can give your council pay back and meet your 17 percent goal. It is something I did when I was on the council, and it's something you should do as well." Council members each make \$3,600 per year, and the mayor makes \$6,000 yearly.

The council concluded the budgetary portion of its meeting by agreeing to move forward with the current proposed budget, and will meet again on the topic at its first public hearing on the budget, scheduled for Sept. 3.

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# City OKs special assessment studies

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The Arcadia City Council unanimously approved nearly \$30,000 for studies to examine the feasibility of adding special assessments to both the city's storm water and fire.

City Administrator Judith Jankosky presented the proposals to the board, saying the studies were necessary to provide specific information on revenues each assessment is expected to produce. She continued that any future assessments would likely not lower the millage rate.

"That's something these studies will help us pinpoint," she said. "But we need to pursue this option to get a clearer idea of what these assessments would do for our bottom line."

The board approved both studies 5-0, and Jankosky said she would work on getting the projects started soon.

In other news, City Attorney T.J. Wohl presented the council with the first draft of a sample prayer policy for review. He said the policy was nearly identical to the one passed by the city of Sebring, and the members were welcome to make any changes to it as they see fit.

"It would also be wise for us to send this around to religious leaders, both in and around the county," Wohl said. "We should gather all the input we can from those in the community and surrounding areas so we have a good consensus on this before moving forward to formally approve this policy."

The council agreed, and asked for the policy to be posted on the city's Web site for review and comments from the community.

The policy allows for a representative from a local religious congregation to recite the invocation before the meeting, and clergy would be rotated at each meeting.

The city also approved the second readings of two ordinances. The first, Ordinance 990, incorporates a requirement under a Florida statute for the regulation, administration and collection of local business tax fees. It also establishes a tax fee schedule for businesses, and allows for a fee increase for specific business classifications or types. The ordinance had already been in place, but the amendment was needed to keep it current with Florida statutes.

The second ordinance, No. 991, adopted a policy for inspection and

copying of public records in accordance with state statutes. The council amended the resolution to include what would be considered "extensive" time for city staff to conduct a records search, at

which point the statute allows for them to charge the petitioner for time spent used to produce records. The revised rule sets that time as 30 minutes for all public records requests.

## Bowers honored by county



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY STEVE BAUER

The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners presented "Coach" Richard Bowers with its third quarter Distinguished Citizen Award. After accepting the award, Bowers said, "I am honored to be recognized by the board, and I want to thank the community for allowing me the opportunity to teach your children," he said. "I believe there is a system: God, family and taking care of our children. I'm going to do my best to continue to care for our children any chance I get with the time I have left." Presenting the award to Bowers is Commissioner Bob Miller.

### COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEF

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east of S.R. 559/ Exit 44 in Polk County)

The SunPass Mini transponders retail for \$4.99, plus the applicable county sales tax. They can be purchased using cash or credit card and then activated, mounted and ready for use in a matter of minutes.

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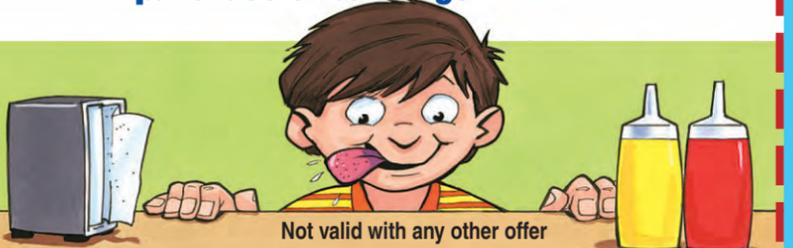
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## GUEST OPINION

Rural America and  
the Affordable Care Act

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On October 1, 2013, many Americans will begin purchasing insurance from health insurance marketplaces. As they begin to research and purchase insurance, millions for the first time, the cost in premiums for their choice of coverage will be a major consideration. Affordability will determine the success of the primary goal of the Affordable Care Act — enrollment in health insurance exchanges to increase insurance coverage and reduce the nation's uninsured.

The new healthcare law provides tax credits and subsidies to make health insurance more affordable for many. A new Center for Rural Affairs report (<http://files.cfra.org/pdf/ACA-subsidies.pdf>) summarizes these provisions, how they will work, and their importance to rural Americans.

Rural residents are responsible for nearly 22 percent more of their total health care costs (premiums and out-of-pocket costs) than are urban or suburban residents. Rural areas also have generally lower incomes. Combined with higher uninsured and underinsured rates, more rural residents are likely to be eligible for cost-sharing assistance and receive more valuable health insurance through the new health insurance marketplaces.

Cost-sharing and limiting out-of-pocket medical expenses will be crucial for many rural families. The proportion of rural residents with nearly every chronic disease or condition is higher than in urban centers. And rural residents receive fewer regular medical check-ups and routine diagnostic tests than they medically and statistically should. Cost-sharing will allow many rural Americans to obtain the tests and check-ups they should at lower cost, thus potentially enhancing their long-term health.

## OPINION

Boo-hiss on  
bad decorum

Although the public rarely sets foot in City Council chambers, the last two city meetings were pretty well packed with citizens wanting to express their views.

We're all for citizens speaking their minds — one of our *raison d'être* is to inform our readers so we can have an educated public and knowledgeable voters.

But that does not mean the public has a right to boo, hiss, shout, scream, speak out of turn or interfere with someone else's right to be heard. We saw a lot of that unseemly behavior Tuesday night at City Council, and it was disappointing.

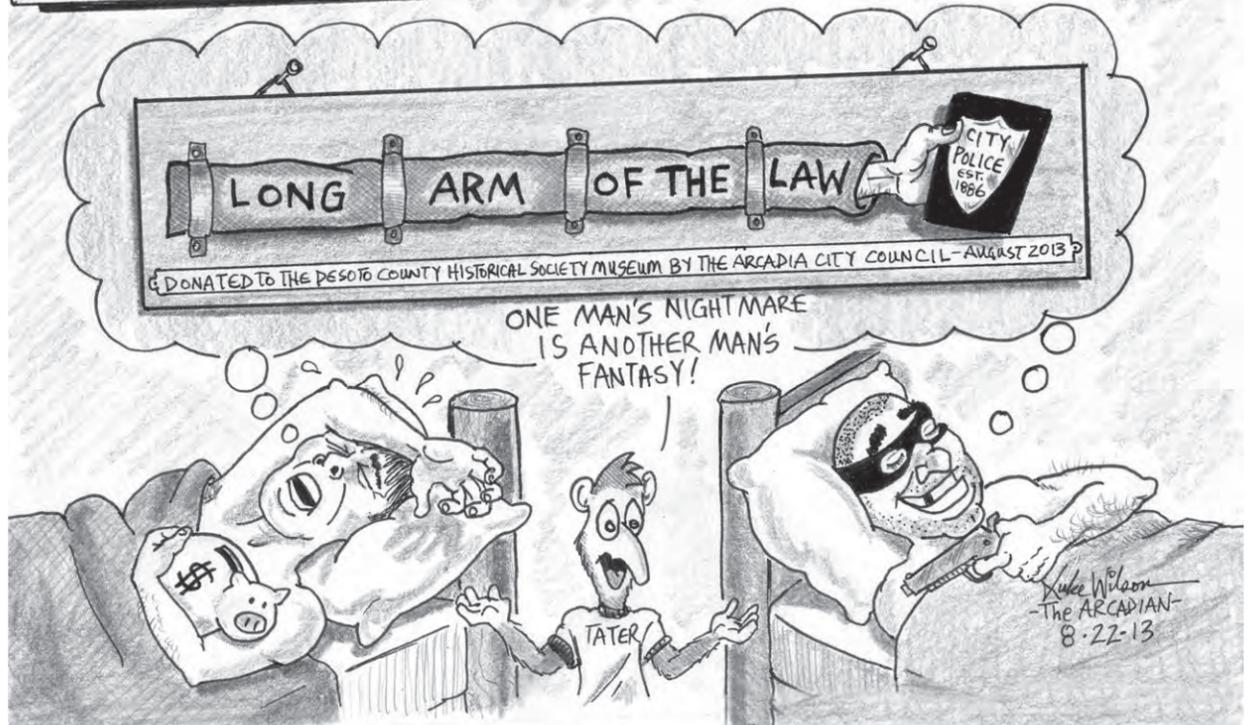
We should be able to conduct ourselves like adults, rather than playground bullies. The idea of public discourse is to allow our leaders to hear all sides of an issue so they can make informed decisions. People should not feel intimidated, and thus refrain from speaking their mind, because they're afraid of being booed or jeered. As adults, we should be able to agree to disagree and recognize each other's rights to their own opinions.

The behavior we saw Tuesday night was hardly civil; it was more like schoolyard bullies.

And where was the playground monitor? How did the Mayor let the booing and derisive remarks go on without gaveling the crowd back to order? Why did one councilman have to request Marshal Anderson to make the crowd behave in an orderly fashion?

Can't we do better than that?

NEWS ITEM: RECENT RUMORS OF  
POLICE DEPARTMENT DISSOLVEMENT  
ABOUND, REACTIONS VARY...



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How long for  
forgiveness?

Editor:

Recently my daughter and her fiance, after a long engagement, decided to tie the knot. SO being a Christian and also being baptized and a member of a local Baptist church of Arcadia, she had decided to have their vows

consummated at the church.

Due to the church's procedures, they were told they would have to have three counseling sessions with the pastor before their vows could be exchanged.

After the first counseling session, that lasted one-and-a-half hours, the pastor told them they were not Christians and they were living in sin, and could not be

married in the church.

I spoke with the pastor and asked him, "Is it not true that a person can repent and be forgiven by the Lord, no matter what the sin?"

His reply was, "Yes."

Then I asked him why my daughter and her fiance could not

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## GRITS &amp; PIECES

## A wise investment we need to make

Change has always been a part of life, from the dawn of time. Sometimes it's mandatory, sometimes it's optional, and sometimes it just happens all on its own. Public education is certainly not immune to this, as we all know and see more and more these days.

Some change has been great and some has not. We're definitely seeing a much smarter population of students than we did many years ago, with the advancement of technology and communication, and the embracement of diversity in culture. But I have to question the long-range outcome we'll someday see, when our schools discontinue or diminish some of its facets.

We all know that when the proverbial belt is tightened, the arts are generally the first things affected. Physical education is another subject that's being considered optional or even outmoded by some school systems these days. If our children and grandchildren are to have a decent shot at being able to express themselves and to develop physically, we can't afford to allow them to discover it only after they've graduated and are

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struggling to start their adult lives.

Book learning has always been a good thing, even though it's coming to students more and more on computer screens and via electronic libraries. Books seem to be on the way out. They're old-school, literally, but still effective and still have their place in the world for education and entertainment. Give me a beat-up, old frayed book with dog-eared pages and random scribbles in it any day over something on a glass screen that can disappear with the blink of the electricity or the failure of a battery.

Many are enraged over the Florida Comprehension Assessment Tests that first became statewide in 1998. It seems students spend their school years studying for test after test, as

though wearing blinders to anything else going on around them. Some even cry out cleverly for the "spaying of the FCAT." Professional test-takers are not what I want my grandchildren to be when they grow up!

School sure has come a long ways since I was there. In early years there was the repeating of The Lord's Prayer, corporal punishment and fire drills. Nowadays they observe a minute of silence, calls or texts to parents about their kids misbehaving, and school shooting drills. I am not exaggerating when I say I remember high school students' vehicles in the parking lot with gun racks that were not empty. The majority of boys carried pocketknives and I'm betting many of the girls had one in their purse as well. That may sound shocking to some young adults and children, but for the life of me, I don't recall children being massacred in their classrooms back in my day. The closest thing to an act of terrorism would've been some knucklehead dropping a cherry bomb down a toilet.

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## LETTER SUBMISSION POLICY

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# LETTERS

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be married in the church?

He told me that they would have to repent and pray for forgiveness not less than one week and not more than two months.

That's when I told him, "I guess the Lord is putting a time limit on someone repenting to the Lord and being forgiven by the Lord to be able to be married in his church."

I am also a Christian and a member of the church, and my daughter and her fiance are an interracial couple.

Read between the lines?

Sheila Avant  
Arcadia

## City leadership woeful

Editor:

I felt compelled to voice my opinion regarding the lead stories in the August 15 *Arcadian*.

The City of Arcadia's financial woes that have excelled during the last year are due to a lack of leadership by the administrator and the council. The excessive spending and the lack of financial control falls squarely at the feet of the administrator and the council.

The police department has been bullied into slashing their department budget for the upcoming budget year when, at the same time last year, the administrator requested a budget amendment increase for the current year budget of 2012/2013 so that a human resource manager, a public works manager, and several administrative staff be employed.

At the time of the budget

amendment, the 2012/2013 budget within the general/operating fund was passed with a \$330,000 deficit by the current council. The administrator and council decided to fund the deficit by spending the already low city reserves. The budget amendment for those new administrative positions was approved by the council for \$180,000.

So, the current year budget will reduce reserves by \$510,000, leaving the city on October 1, 2013 with enough reserves to operate for several months. The administrator and council have asked the residents to sacrifice with higher water, sewer, trash, administrative fees, and property taxes. The administrator and council have asked the police department to sacrifice by slashing staff.

What have the administrator and council sacrificed? Nothing. The sad truth is that the administrator still has two years remaining on her \$70,000 annual contract and the council just extended their terms for one more year. The administrator and council will be in charge when my prognostication that the City of Arcadia will go bankrupt well before Sept. 30, 2014 comes true.

Simply go back to the June 28, 2012 *Arcadian* headline: "Santana: City could face bankruptcy" and the July 5, 2012 *Arcadian* headline: "Sparks fly over city budget issues."

I am not incompetent as Administrator Jankosky portrayed me during my termination and appeal. One wonders if I were still the finance director and the council would have listened to me a year ago, would the city be in the current financial mess it finds itself in?

Jorge Santana  
DeSoto County

## Column was way off base

Editor:

I normally enjoy Mr. Wilson's wit and style but was appalled at his recent attack on learning. This was even more distasteful in an issue loaded with educational inserts and framed above by a cartoon on hungering for knowledge.

Surely Mr. Wilson knows diagramming a sentence is a visual and graphic tool to teach the role of nouns, verbs, prepositions and modifiers in speaking and writing proper English. And yes, I have used math and geometry since graduation. In addition math teaches the brain to function logically. My degree in engineering helped me make a good living and to support my family and no engineer can function without math.

Dissection again is a visual tool to see and understand organs and their function. Apparently he didn't pay attention to the lessons taught in biology either. As a senior citizen that understanding is most beneficial in my many doctor visits. His attack on shop class demeans the crafts learned and practiced by the many skilled trades workers. Not all can go to college, especially if they listen to Wilson, and there is no shame in working with your back and hands. Physical education helps provide exercise, particularly helpful to our obese game TV watchers of today as well as stimulation to wake up and pay attention in class.

All of the lessons taught in school provide the required foundation to any child seeking an all important college education. Mr. Wilson, you should be ashamed of yourself!

Bill Hempel  
Lake Suzy

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# Arcadia's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All area codes are 863 unless otherwise indicated.

## ■ TODAY

• Physicals will be available for high school and middle school athletes at 4:30 p.m. August 22 at the high school gymnasium. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and must bring a birth certificate. For more information, call the Athletic Office, 863-494-3434, ext. 224.

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

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

• 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.

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

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

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

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

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

## ■ FRIDAY

• Calusa Dog Agility Club will hold an AKC Trial August 22-25 at the Turner Center. Judges are Bonnie McDonald of Brooksville Fla. and Daniel McDonald of Fort Myers. Free admission for spectators. Visit <http://www.calusadog.org> for more details.

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

• 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.

• Fit DeSoto meets the fourth Saturday of the month for a free exercise class and run/walk at Morgan Park. High energy and fun! Arrive by 10 a.m. in workout clothes, running shoes with a towel and water. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## ■ SATURDAY

• Calusa Dog Agility Club continues AKC Trials August 24-25 at the Turner Center. Judges are Bonnie McDonald of Brooksville Fla. and Daniel McDonald of Fort Myers. Free admission for spectators. Visit <http://www.calusadog.org> for more details.

• The NAACP meets at 6 p.m. every fourth Saturday of the month at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave.

• Antique Fair takes place in downtown Arcadia the fourth Saturday of every month starting at 8 a.m. Dozens of dealers line the sidewalks on and around Oak Street. For information, visit [www.ArcadiaFLAntiques.com](http://www.ArcadiaFLAntiques.com); to inquire about booth space, call 993-5105.

• 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

• Calusa Dog Agility Club continues AKC Trial today at the Turner Center. Judges are Bonnie McDonald of Brooksville Fla. and Daniel McDonald of Fort Myers. Free admission for spectators. Visit <http://www.calusadog.org> for more details.

• 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

• DeSoto County Historical Society board meets at 5:30 p.m. fourth Mondays monthly at the Ingraham Seed House on W. Gibson St., Arcadia.

• The 4-H Stitch in Time sewing club meets every fourth Monday at 5 p.m.

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

• 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](http://www.district13soflal-anon.org).

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

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

## ■ TUESDAY

• Mandatory Swine sign-up for the 2014 DeSoto County Fair will be held at 6 p.m. August 27 at the DeSoto County fairgrounds.

• DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in room 103, County Administration Building, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.

• DeSoto County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday in the School Board meeting room, 530 La Solona Ave., Arcadia.

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

• The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday (except the third Tuesday) of the month, on the 147.075, W4MIN repeater with a pl of 100. All amateurs are invited to participate.

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

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

• The Peace River Woodcarvers meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Speer Center, U.S. Highway 17 North, Arcadia. For information, contact Bill Morse at 207-418-4687 or [marmorse1953@gmail.com](mailto:marmorse1953@gmail.com).

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

• Suncoast Community Blood Bank is open from noon to 6 p.m. today at 710 N. Brevard Ave. (U.S. 17 North), Arcadia. For more information, call 993-9366.

## ■ WEDNESDAY

• The AA Serenity Group Anniversary Night is held at 8 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church, 1004 W. Oak St.

• DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council Artist Group is now meeting on Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon at the Arcadia Village Cantina Clubhouse. Call Linda at 494-7734 for more

## ■ JEWISH HOLY DAYS

• Temple Beth El, North Port Jewish Center, 3840 S. Biscayne Drive, has listed information for the upcoming Jewish holidays: Erev Rosh Hashanah service begins at 8 p.m. Sept. 4. First and second day services for Rosh Hashanah begins at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 5 and Sept. 6. Sabbath Service begins at 8 p.m. Sept. 6 with Oneg Shabbat to follow. Sabbath service begins at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 7 with Kiddush to follow. Kol Nidre service begins at 6:45 p.m. Sept. 13. Yom Kippur service begins at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 14 and Yizkor will be recited; break the fast after Shofar Blowing. Sukkot second day service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 19. Sabbath service begins at 8 p.m. Sept. 20, with Oneg Shabbat to follow. Sabbath service begins at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 21 with Kiddush to follow. Shmini Atzeret service begins at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 26; Yizkor will be recited. Sabbath service begins at 8 p.m. Sept. 27 with Oneg Shabbat. Sabbath service begins at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 28 with Kiddush to follow. For more information, call 942-423-0300 or visit [www.templebethel-np.org](http://www.templebethel-np.org).

information. Free and open to the public.

• Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.

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• 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.

## ■ THURSDAY

• A retirement party for Glenn Prescott will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Turner Center Exhibit Hall.

• Habitat for Humanity's August class will be on Staying Healthy and Pain Free, on Aug. 29 at 6:15 p.m. at the SunTrust Bldg., Second Floor. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments served.

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

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- Salary Secretary & Accountant \$3,900.00
- Salary Clerk Circuit Court \$360.00
- Salary Supervision Registration \$1,200.00
- Salary Attorney to Board \$1,200.00
- Tax Assessor's Commission \$5,000.00
- Tax Collector's Commission \$5,500.00
- Coroner's Inquest and Jurors \$100.00
- Maintenance Courthouse \$5,000.00
- Salary Janitor Courthouse \$2,600.00
- Lights and phones \$2,000.00
- Legal advertising and Expenses \$1,000.00
- Administrative Supplies, Expenses \$5,500.00
- Salaries and Expenses, Juvenile Judge and Counselor \$2,295.00
- Tubercular Hospital \$1,500.00
- Mothers Pensions & General Welfare \$5,800.00
- Insanity Inquests \$500.00
- Recreation Youth Center \$300.00
- Chamber of Commerce \$3,360.00



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**Hayley Mercer**

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- Fair Association \$2,500.00
- Soldiers Relief & Rehabilitation \$2,000.00
- Salary County Judge \$1,800.00
- Salary Prosecuting Attorney \$600.00
- Maintenance of County Jail \$2,300.00
- Feeding and care of prisoners \$7,000.00
- Salary Road Superintendent \$4,160.00
- Salary Convict Guards \$13,000.00
- Free Labor \$29,000.00
- Feeding and care of inmates \$8,000.00
- Release of convicts \$500.00
- Road & Bridge Materials \$25,000.00
- Pay to incorporated City \$6,500.00

- The new Florida Highway Patrol Station recently completed on North Brevard Avenue opened yesterday morning although the activities are somewhat on a limited scale. It was

an auspicious morning for former Trooper C.J. Hutches, who has served this area as the highway patrolman for many months, as he suddenly blossomed out with Corporal chevrons. The promotion was made early this week; he will be in charge. George B. Cunningham and Robert L. Jones have been assigned as dispatchers for the station and are also on duty.

- Just in case you want to do a bit of riding around this weekend and see DeSoto County's finest bridge, this will inform you that the new bridge spanning the Peace River west of Fort Ogden is now open for traffic. Starting Tuesday morning it became the official bridge into Fort Winder and other communities in the southwest part of the county. Commissioner S.N. Smith said the new structure could be reached by going all the way through Fort Ogden, then turning right at the first clay road south of the town. People who have never visited the bridge are in for a real surprise, as it spans the river at one of its more beautiful spots along its course. The majority of DeSoto County people are familiar with the circumstances surrounding the new bridge, but for the benefit of those who are not, the structure spans the Peace River at the site of an old railway trestle, formerly used by the old East and West Coast Railway for the operation of trains between Arcadia and Bradenton. The railway company didn't exist for very long and the commissioners purchased the old trestle back in 1950, paying \$4,025 for it, then later spent several more thousand more dollars

before the State Road Department took over. Opening of the new bridge means the passing of another pioneer structure, the old steel bridge that has served the Fort Winder area for over 50 years. It was closed yesterday and no announcement made about what would happen to it. The bridge was built in 1907 and, naturally, was never intended for the present day traffic. It has been closed several times for repair during recent years and was generally impassable when the river was at a high level. A few years ago it was declared unsafe. All heavy traffic, including school buses, will be routed over the new bridge.

- Have a correct reading by Madame Marie, Palmist Advisor - I will tell you just what you want to know about your friends, enemies or rivals; whether your husband, wife or sweetheart is true or false; how to gain the love of the one you desire the most, control or influence the actions of anyone, even though they are miles away. You will find me superior to any other advisor you ever consulted. I give never failing advise. Lucky Days and numbers, also upon matters of life, such as love, courtship, marriage, divorce, business, lawsuits, speculations and transactions of all kinds. I never fail to unite the separated, cause speedy and happy marriages, overcome enemies, rivals, lovers quarrels, stumbling blocks, and bad luck of all kinds. Permanently located on Highway 17 one block south of Arcadia General Hospital.

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

- Bandomiano Alejo, 51, 1100 block of S.E. Fourth Ave., Arcadia. Charge: assault. Bond: \$500.
- Regina Marie Damico, 34, 4500 block of N.E. Cubitis Ave., Arcadia. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.
- Olaf E. Flinkman, 32, Bradenton. Charge: failure to support child or spouse. Purge: \$3,000.
- Melissa Mae Jones, 26, Punta Gorda. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Eddie Lopez, 30, Ellenwood, Ga. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Daniel Ross Pelham, 29, 1500 block of Carnahan, Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment, sale of synthetic narcotics, aggravated battery when offender knew or should have known victim was pregnant, felony battery and domestic battery by strangulation. Bond: none.
- Morgan Horton Reed, 31, 1400 block of S.E. Airport Road, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Michael Anthony Rogers, 31, 1700 block of Floridian, Arcadia. Charges: violation of probation, possession or use of drug equipment and possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell or deliver. Bond: none.
- James Travis Scott, 32, 4300 block of S.W. Aster Ave., Arcadia. Charges: driving while license is suspended or revoked, resisting an officer without violence, and habitually driving while

**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.*

- license is suspended. Bond: \$2,970.
- Bobby Ray Thigpen, 22, 3500 block of S.W. U.S. Highway 17, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$500.
- Andre DeLouis Thomas Jr., 31, Perry, Fla. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,500.
- Ines Cedros Vargas, 46, 4800 block of 1st Ave., Arcadia. Charges: disorderly public intoxication and violation of probation. Bond: none.
- William Hardy Whidden, 49, Punta Gorda, Charges: two counts of failure to appear and one count of violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Barry James Bowman, 34, Lehigh Acres. Charges: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000, and dealing in stolen property. Bond: \$2,000.
- Katie Rose Buongiorno, 27, Lehigh Acres. Charges: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000, and dealing in stolen property. Bond: \$2,000.
- Jennifer Marie Collins, 26, 2200 block of N.W. Garvin Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$120.
- Maurice Allen Hurst, 34, 100 block of W. Myrtle St., Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$120.
- Telesforo Moran Martinez, 50, 200 block of N. Volusia Ave., Arcadia.

- Charge: disorderly conducts (public brawling). Bond: \$220.
- Joan Ochoa, 42, 1400 block of S.W. Rosebud Drive, Arcadia. Charge: DUI with BAC .15 or higher or with person under 18. Bond: \$1,500.
- Patrick Leo O'Neal, 27, 11200 block of S.W. Crenshaw Blvd., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$4,000.
- Rufino Villa Ortega, 32, S.E. Highway 31, Arcadia. Charges: possession of methamphetamine with intent to see or deliver; driving while license is suspended and failing to register motor vehicle. Bond: \$2,740.
- Roger Wayne Powers, 64, 2500 block of N.E. Turner Ave., Arcadia. Charges: two counts of hit-and-run leaving the scene of an accident, DUI with alcohol or drugs, and DUI with property damage. Bond: \$6,000.
- Brandy Michelle Stone, 30, 10500 block of Park Ave., Fort Ogden. Charge: driving while license is suspended or revoked. Bond: \$120.
- Nicolas Villafuerte, 30, first block of Sevilla Ave., Arcadia. Charges: two counts of fraud by uttering a false bank note or check, and two counts of grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$6,000.
- Scotty Lynn Whatley, 25, 1600 block of 4th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: aggravated battery where offender knew or should have known victim was pregnant. Bond: \$10,000.
- Melinda Sue Rouse, 24, 400 block of W. Oak St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of

- probation. Bond: none.
- Judgie Ware, 42, 2400 block of N.W. Garvin Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- William Joseph Whidden, 42, Bartow, Fla. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Regina Marie Damico, 34, 4500 block of N.E. Cubitis Ave., Arcadia. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.
- Tina Marie Lopez, 44, 6400 block of S.W. Shores Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
- Cris Michael McLean, 48, 4800 block of S.W. Norton Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

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

- Hossain Joshua Nga, 34, 10000 block of S.W. Madison Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$2,000.
  - David Michael Scott, 31, 800 block of Arcadia. St. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
  - Rodney Vaughn Williams, 41, 7200 block of S.W. Ogden Acres Road, Arcadia. Charge: knowingly driving while license is suspended or revoked. Bond: \$500/
  - Chase R. Robinson, 24, 4500 block of S.W. State Road 31, Arcadian. Charge: grand theft from a dwelling, between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$2,500.
  - Nicole Christine Krebs, 23, 4500 block of S.W. State Road 31, Arcadian. Charge: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$2,500.
- Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

**THIS WEEK**

**FROM PAGE 7**

• The Same Old Problem ~ Council Halts Permits for Homes Without Indoor Toilet Facilities. City officials continue to be concerned about the number of backyard toilets in Arcadia and according to a complaint received at the Monday night meeting of council, the number is rising. The building inspector was directed to issue no more permits for homes unless provisions were made for indoor toilets in the building. This

was a temporary measure and will be effective until the September meeting of city council. F.E. Hanson, city building inspector, pointed out that some of the homes are very poorly constructed from shoddy material. It was pointed out that some of the homes did not contain arrangements for inside toilets and once they were sold, it was barely possible that the owners would put them in. The city airport came up for some discussion when Larry Drake submitted plans for plane housing to the board. It is doubtful that any shelters will be built, as the airport is being operated at a loss at the present time.

**ROADWATCH**

**U.S. Highway 17 from the Charlotte/DeSoto County line to SW Collins Street** — Work is nearing completion to widen this four-mile segment of US 17 from two to four lanes. Motorists traveling on US 17 in both directions should expect intermittent daytime lane closures as crews lay sod and perform roadside maintenance. Two lanes on US 17 in both directions are open throughout the work zone. Motorists are reminded to observe the posted speed limit and to drive with caution. Law enforcement is patrolling the construction zone and speeding fines are doubled when workers are present. Project completion is expected this summer. The contractor is Better Roads Inc.

**US 17 from south of SW Collins Street in Fort Ogden to County Road 760A south of Nocatee** — Work is under way to expand US 17 to four lanes. Work will include clearing land for two new travel lanes to the east of the existing US 17 travel lanes, starting drainage activities and relocating overhead power transmission and

distribution lines. No lane closures will be required for this work. Motorists are advised to be aware of work vehicles entering and exiting the roadway throughout the week. Motorists are reminded to observe the posted speed limit and to drive with caution. Project completion is expected at the end of 2015. The contractor is Ajax Paving Inc.

**US 17 from County Road 760A to north of Flanders Street in Nocatee** — A crew will be trimming and removing trees ahead of FPL, who will be installing new power poles and removing existing power poles and lines. Intermittent daytime lane closures may occur while crews are working. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

**State Road 70 from Oak Street west to Robert Avenue** — Crews will be working on storm drains along the roadway in this area. Lane closures are expected and motorists are advised to use caution while traveling in the area.

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**Gladys O. Blocker**

Gladys O. Blocker, 95, of Port Charlotte, Fla., and formerly of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013.

She was born Dec. 14, 1917, in Jennings, Fla., to Henry and Essie Westberry Herndon.



They moved to Arcadia when Gladys was 3 months old. Gladys graduated from DeSoto County High School, and spent her working years as a waitress. She married Troy Blocker and together they raised a daughter. Gladys had been a member of North Hillsborough Baptist Church, until she moved to the Royal Palm Retirement Center in Port Charlotte in 2008, at which time she transferred her church membership to First Baptist Church of Port Charlotte. Gladys was very active in the Arcadia community, and is considered a social butterfly by family and friends. She was a member of the Women's Club, American Legion Post K11, the DeSoto County Historical Society, the Arcadia Garden Club and, most recently was the President of Royal Palm's Resident Club. In her spare time she enjoyed reading, hiking, fishing and gardening.

Gladys is survived by her sister, Edna Baker of Arcadia; former son-in-law and caregiver, Charles (Amanda) Webb; grandchildren, Lorna Payne, Amy Webb and Josh Nga; seven great-grandchildren; nephew, James (Loretta) Smith; niece, Audrey (Roy) Gainous; and nephew-in-law, Carl Musselwhite. She was preceded in death by her parents; an older sister; her daughter, Marge Webb; husband, Troy Blocker; granddaughter, Sandra Nga; grandson, Robbin Levens; and niece, Gladys Musselwhite.

A visitation and the funeral service were held Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013, in the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia, officiated by Pastor J. Stamey. Burial followed at Oak Ridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Tidewell Hospice, 919 N. Arcadia Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266. Online condolences can be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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

**Melvin L. Maiden**

Melvin L. Maiden, 75, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013, in Arcadia, Fla. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

**Robert Frederick Sadler Sr.**

Robert Frederick Sadler Sr. passed away Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013, in Arcadia, Fla.

He was born Aug. 11, 1933, in Milton, W.Va., moving to Arcadia, in 1976.

Robert retired as a grove supervisor in the agriculture industry. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and anything outdoors. Robert was also an avid NASCAR fan. He especially enjoyed spending quality time with his family. Robert was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was of the Baptist faith.

Robert is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Anna T. Sadler of Arcadia; four sons, Robert F. (Cindy) Sadler Jr., Emery Dale (Darlene) Sadler Sr. of Fort Myers, Fla., Billy Joe (Laurie) Sadler Sr. of Spartanburg, S.C., and James Andrew "Jimmie" (Misty) Sadler of Lakeland, Fla.; two daughters, Tammy Teresa Perez and Lillian May (Mark) Elam, both of Arcadia; sister, Jean Lundsford of San Miguel, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, James A. and Thelma Wilson Sadler; seven brothers and sisters; grandson, Steven Elam; and great-granddaughter, Zakiyan Luther.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, 2013, at the Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, Fla., with the U.S. Army rendering military honors. Burial will be in the Sarasota National Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [pongerkaysgrady.com](http://pongerkaysgrady.com).

Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Arcadia.

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**Shirley Lea Walker**

Shirley Lea Walker, 78, of LaBelle, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013, in LaBelle.

She was born Feb. 23, 1935, in Winter Haven, Fla., to Buddy Turner and Martha Dulcena (nee Whidden) Ponder. Shirley was a member of High Haven Baptist Church in Clewiston, Fla.

She is survived by her sons, Johnny Norris (Debby) Walker, Robert (Denise) Walker and Tommy (Regina) Walker; daughters, Sharon (Johnie) White and Shirley Ann Walker; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Walker; son, Donald Walker; and her parents, Buddy and Martha.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, at Felda Cemetery in Felda with the Rev. Jerry Atkins and the Rev. George Bryant officiating. Interment followed in Felda Cemetery. You may view the online obituary and leave condolences to the family at [www.akin-davis.com](http://www.akin-davis.com).

Arrangements are by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.

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# Satisfying carbs ... once a week

Some of our favorite meals are pasta-based, or carbohydrate-laden, so, in meal planning, I try to limit us to one carb meal per week.

Our favorites are spaghetti, chicken alfredo (with linguini), or lasagna.

And our special favorite seems to be lasagna, which, fortunately, now has one new ingredient, which makes it much easier to assemble. In fact it's the easiest lasagna recipe I've ever created, thanks to a company named Barilla.

One of my past most un-favorite chores was pre-cooking those long,



## From a Senior Viewpoint

Lois Hendricks

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unwieldy lasagna noodles, but now Barilla has changed all that. They now offer oven-ready, 3-inch by 7½-inch noodles. That's a perfect size for three to fit, side by side, in my 9-inch by

12-inch baking dish.

Now it's simple. First make the sauce: combine ½ pound ground turkey with ¼ cup chopped onion and 1 teaspoon of chopped garlic. Saute, stirring, until lightly browned, then stir in ½ can of Hunt's 25 ounce pasta sauce (freeze the other half for a future pasta meal). Simmer.

Then make cheese sauce: Mix one small container of low-fat cottage cheese with one cup of shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese. Set aside.

Now it's assembly time: Spray the bottom of the baking dish with

nonstick vegetable coating, and add enough marinara sauce to cover bottom (about ¾ cup). Then place three noodles in bottom, add a third of the cheese mixture on top of the noodles, then add a third of the meat mixture on top. Repeat twice more (you'll use nine of the prepared noodles).

Cover the dish with foil. Bake for 45 minutes in a 350-degree oven. Remove from oven, remove foil and let stand a few minutes to cool, then slice down the center (the 12" length).

You now have six serving pieces waiting to be sampled. Enjoy!

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEF

### Certain sterile products recalled

The Florida Department of Health, in partnership with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Texas state health officials, is currently monitoring the voluntary recall of all sterile products produced and distributed by Specialty Compounding LLC in Cedar Park, TX. At this time there is no evidence that these products were distributed in the state of Florida and the Department is working to verify

that the products were not shipped into the state.

The recall was initiated after Texas officials were notified of bacterial bloodstream infections potentially related to the company's calcium gluconate infusions used to treat low calcium levels. Specialty Compounding distributes products to hospitals, physicians' offices, as well as directly to patients. At this time, there is no known risk to Floridians, but DOH is working vigilantly alongside the FDA, CDC and Texas officials to assess the extent of the potential contamination.

## You're some body



Roger Campbell

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In her article, "Anorexia Nervosa: I Almost Starved to Death," appearing in Family Life Today, Dianne Lawson tells about being so addicted to dieting that she counted every calorie she consumed, including those in the toothpaste she was using. Sometimes she would go two or three days without food to make up for eating a meal she couldn't avoid. Dianne had started dieting to lose a few pounds, wanting to get down to 108. But before her life-threatening ordeal was over she weighed only 70 pounds and had to be hospitalized to save her life.

At the time she entered the hospital, Dianne was having severe circulation problems and was fainting frequently. She says her skin had become ashen gray and her blood pressure was very low. Her fingernails had ceased to grow; her body had begun consuming her own muscles for nutrition and in the process had damaged her heart.

Thankfully, Dianne recovered and as a result of her experience entered into a new relationship with God. While she once thought of Him as a supreme taskmaster, she now knows that He loves her and understands her every need. Others who have not made Dianne's life-changing discovery in time have permanently damaged their health through anorexic behavior. Some have died.

Writing in "Family Circle," Caroline Adams described her seven-year nightmare as a victim of bulimia. She explained that she had come to blame society for expecting women to be not only bright, witty, exuberant and beautiful, but also able to fit into size four designer jeans.

Trying to live up to the expectations of others seems to be the common thread running through most of the stories of those who jeopardize their health and risk their lives to be thin or popular. They often feel they must

conform to the pressure of their peers, their families, society, a gang; even if it destroys them.

Interestingly, when we choose to please people or ourselves rather than God, it often affects our bodies. Consider the broken health of many who have become addicted to alcohol or other drugs while trying to be popular with a particular crowd.

We need to understand that our bodies are important to God (Romans 12:1).

A group of teens broke into a church building and vandalized it. They poured paint over the organ and pulpit and generally desecrated this house of worship.

The community was understandably outraged, demanding justice. According to the Bible, however, the body of each believer is a temple of God (a sanctuary) and deserves special care (1 Corinthians 6:19).

Pastor Knute Larson, of "The Chapel" in Akron, Ohio, taught this important lesson to his congregation through the following note in the church bulletin: "Thank you for bringing the sanctuary into the church building. We have brought our sanctuaries, God's dwelling places, into the building set aside for the church to meet."

Many who have tried to break free from health-destroying bondages found they were unable to do so in their own strength. In pleasing God, we gain the power to overcome things that adversely affect our bodies. But without faith it is impossible to please Him.

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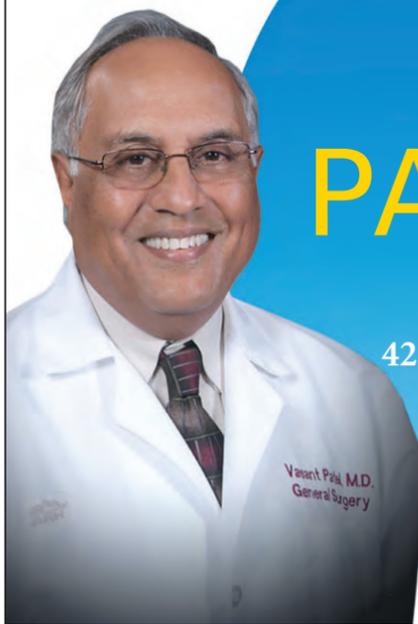
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# Historical Society visits Fort Meade museum

Outside the museum, a pole barn houses an antique tractor, wagon, and other vehicles, plus a collection of old-fashioned tools and spare parts.



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The museum features a locomotive and cars to house workers — plus a caboose. Warren Conley, Arlene Conley and Gladys Douglas toured the dining car. It and the sleeping car are used as meeting rooms and as a studio by local artists.



Twenty-one members of the DeSoto County Historical Society visited the Historical Museum of Fort Meade on August 13. Members of the Fort Meade Historical Society posed with the group. First row, from left, Betty Speer, Warren Conley, Gladys Douglas, Cynthia Upton, Candy Reid, Margaret Way; second row, Bill Bass, Don Marchman, Dorothy Westberry, Arlene Conley, Ruth Dunn, Elizabeth Kenney, Joyce Acuff; third row: Ray Speer, Violet Sheffield, John Reynolds, Forest Reynolds, Karen Chancey, Jamie Chancey, Betty Hopkins, and Ray Acuff; fourth row: Janet Hancock, James Westberry, Sammi Chancey, James Chancey, and Dave Hutchinson. Not pictured: Leta Wright who presented the history of Fort Meade for the group.

The Historical Museum of Fort Meade was originally the Fort Meade Academy school. It is now located near the railroad track. This view is looking south toward the red brick train station, with the gazebo/bandstand in the foreground.



Along with 100-year-old dresses, the sewing room has a collection of vintage women's hats, including this unusual one made of pine needles.

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# School bells ring in DeSoto County for new school year



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY THOMAS SIMMONS  
Transfer student Ariana Washington waits with her dad Dee Washington, to enroll for classes. She is in 9th grade and has moved to Arcadia from Covington GA. Welcome to DeSoto High School, Ariana!



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The door to the office at DeSoto County High is open for students on the first day back to school on Monday. The DeSoto Bulldog proudly invites high school students to enter for their new year of learning experiences.



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Mary Ann Smith, veteran DeSoto Middle School staffer, appears in the hall to direct the activity and see that all things are dealt with properly.



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George and Jamie Mootispaw escort daughter Maggie to her first day of school as she enters first grade at West Elementary School in Arcadia. Maggie said she was excited, and wondered what her parents had put in her backpack.



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Traffic backs up on Gibson as buses and vehicles line up to deliver students to DeSoto Middle School on the first day back on Monday. While slow, the delivery of the youth went smoothly and they were delivered in plenty of time for the start of the first day of the 2013-14 school year.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY THOMAS SIMMONS

Bus 123 arrives and students are greeted by Kayee Mays and Carolyn McKinney, Special Education teachers. These pupils are welcomed with love and special attention for their first day back to school experience.



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7:20 a.m. - Waiting for their "First Day Back to School" bus ride to DeSoto High School, Tristian Duncan and David Cogswell wave to motorists passing by their bus stop on Highway 72. Monday was a foggy morning for all the children waiting for school buses.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN S. BLACK

Savannah Ballard steps off the school bus as she returns for the first day back at school.



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Children file off the school bus Monday as they head toward their classrooms for the first day of the new school year.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN S. BLACK

Mrs. Yager welcomes the Ramoa family back to West Elementary for the new school year.



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From bus to school, children file into the building on Monday.



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Parents, caregivers and students, on Monday come to the office area at DeSoto Middle School. They gather to get answers to questions, find out about schedules, and get direction to locations around the buildings of the school. The first day back to school can be hectic, but the office personnel are calm.



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The walkway in front of DeSoto High School is filled with students who prepare to enter the buildings on Monday, for the first day of the 2013-14 school year.



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DeSoto County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Jose Vitali assists in keeping calm in preparation for the beginning of classes on Monday. His presence has a calming effect for office staff and students alike.

# DeSoto SPORTS EXTRA

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## Living the life of Riley

The expression “living the life of Riley” means a good, pleasant and easy life. It is thought to have come from World War I as many soldiers had it better in the Army than they did at home so they were “living the life of Riley.” Nobody knows who “Riley” was but whoever it was had a nice life. There even was a 1950s TV show called “Life of Riley” starring William Bendix.

DeSoto County High School senior Tishonna Riley is experiencing what some people would call “living the life of Riley.” The popular student-athlete has been named to the Charlotte Sun All Area team in volleyball every year except as a freshman. Riley hasn’t missed a beat in basketball, making the Sun’s All Area team every year of her high school career.

During last year’s powder puff football game, she was dominating on both sides of the ball. There is no doubt she could play high school football. If the school had a hop scotch team she would probably be the star there, too. There doesn’t seem to be any sport she wouldn’t be able to do well in.

She has an athletic build and is blessed with speed, strength, endurance and coordination. She has a work ethic that has helped her rise above others, as she is constantly trying to improve her game. Riley’s attitude is that she plays for the name on the front of the shirt (school) rather than for the name on the back (player’s name).

You won’t ever find her questioning an official. In three years of playing sports at DeSoto High, she may have rolled her eyes on one or two calls, but never says anything to an official or displays any outward reactions that would show her disapproval of a call. Riley does not showboat or put any opponents down. She knows one point or one basket is not enough and quickly gets back into the game instead of a prolonged celebration. She is a gamer!

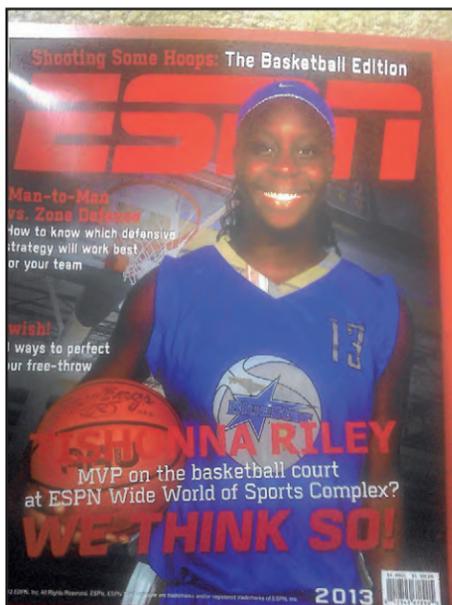
In one particular basketball game last season, Riley showed her strength and skill. As she drove toward the basket, she split through two defenders.



**On the Bench with Big Daddy**

**Steve Knapp  
Arcadian Sports Writer**

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**Tishonna Riley on the cover of ESPN the magazine? You never know what might happen!**

Both of the players went sprawling to the floor as Riley continued her move, and with the grace of a ballerina got off the shot.

When she gets off a good kill shot in volleyball, the defenders tend to look like a bull fighter as they quickly try to get out of the way of the speeding ball. You really don’t want to be on the other end of that ball coming at you.

“She is definitely the ultimate package that you as a coach love to have on your team,” said DeSoto County varsity volleyball coach Laura White.



**Tishonna and her father, Victor Blandin, get together before a basketball game this summer. Riley’s mother Taneisha, along with Victor are at all of Tishonna’s games and spent their summer at camps and tournaments with her as well.**

PHOTOS BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

### No rest for the weary

Riley just turned 17 and will be playing college ball before she reaches her 18th birthday. Just imagine if she had started school before she turned 6; she’d only be a junior this season and that would make a huge difference against her opponents.

Riley has a 3.8 grade point average and hopes to pursue a career as a registered nurse after graduation. She is being recruited by several colleges and universities in both volleyball and basketball. It appears she has it made, with several schools lined up to get her to commit to their programs. White says the best is yet to come in terms of Riley’s potential both on and off the court.

“Even though she is a senior she still is learning the game and developing her physical ability as a volleyball player,” she said. “I’m not sure if she realizes how good she could be in the future if she was to stick with playing volleyball in college.”

There are many athletes out there with great physical talents. What separates those who seem to peak in their abilities in high school and those who continue to improve and play at the next level? It’s the desire to actually work at getting better and not just settling by relying solely on natural talents.

When asked why she didn’t use her last summer in high school just spending time with friends, at the mall or beach or just hanging out, Riley’s response was telling: “I want to be a better athlete,” she said.

Riley spent her summer doing just that, improving her skills as she attended numerous camps and played for several teams in both volleyball and basketball.

Riley attended the Florida Southern College camp and played in tournaments in Orlando, Tampa and Fort Lauderdale. She then returned to Tampa for the Tampa Slam tournament and then back to Orlando for the Florida Regionals and the AAU Nationals. And that was just for volleyball!

In basketball, she played in tournaments at the University of Tampa (her team finished first). She also played in

the Florida Girls Basketball Classic at Florida Southern College. That was followed up by agility testing at D1 sports facility in Lake Mary. She also played in the Peach State Hoops Exposure tournament in Atlanta, followed by the Southeast classic (also in Atlanta). She displayed her skills at the Disney Wide World of Sports Spring Fling II, along with the AAU Super Showcase in Orlando. She continued with a tournament in Augusta, Georgia, and placed third in the Music Madness tournament in Nashville, Tennessee. Riley also managed to attend three basketball camps at Florida Atlantic University, North Florida University and the Blue Star Boot Camp.

The Bulldogs begin their volleyball season August 27 at home against North Port. When you watch Tishonna playing you might be tempted to think how easy she makes the game look. You might even think she is living the “life of Riley.” Maybe she is, but it didn’t come easy. There were a lot of camps, tournaments and practices involved just to get to where she is today.



**Tishonna Riley listens to instructions during preseason volleyball practice.**

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# DeSoto defeats Hardee to open DCY flag football season



"Get the flag!" seemed to be the defensive theme of the day for the DCY Bulldogs.

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The DCY Bulldogs get some quick advice before the ball is put into play against Hardee.



The DCY DeSoto Bulldogs flag football team opened their season August 17 with a 20-18 victory over the Hardee Hurricanes. • Turn to page 16 for more photos.

### Free physicals offered for athletes

Free physicals will be offered again this year at DeSoto County High School for all high school and middle school athletes. Several community health professionals will be volunteering their services to insure that the physicals can be conducted as quickly as possible. Every student athlete who will be participating in a sport for the 2013-2014 school year must have a physical on file.

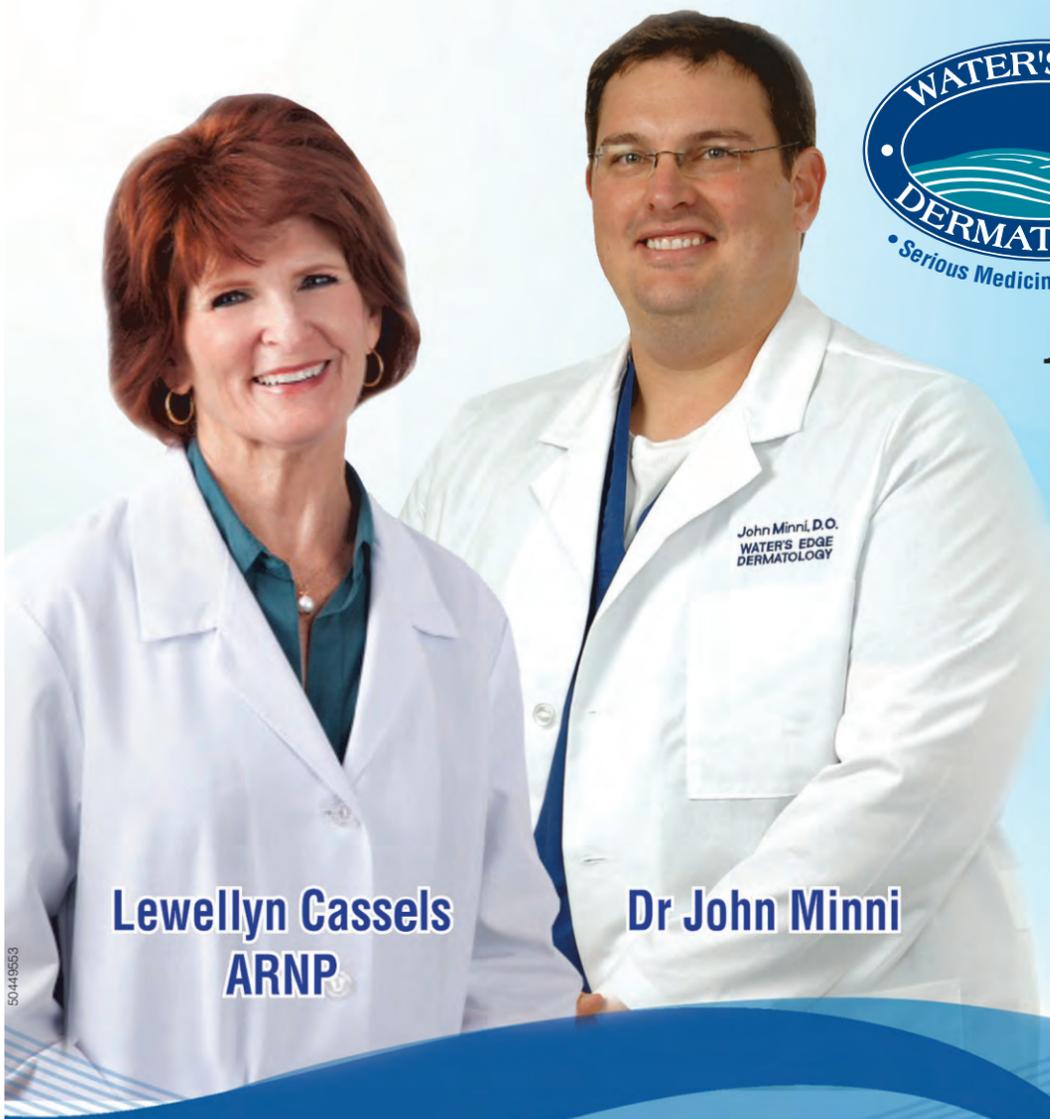
Physicals will be offered at 4:30 p.m. on August 22 at the DeSoto County High School Gymnasium. Athletes must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to complete the required paperwork, and must bring a copy of student's birth certificate.

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# DeSoto competes in flag football action



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It's all style points for Jamaal Blanden Jr. as he heads to the endzone for a touchdown.



The DCY DeSoto Bulldogs Cheerleaders showed their spirit throughout the game.



Jamil Brown takes the corner in last Saturday's DCY game against Hardee.



Willie Ivery III is in hot pursuit of a Hardee Hurricane player during an August 17 DCY flag football game.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEF

### Broadband speeds ahead in South Central Florida

Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative Inc. announced broadband services in Okeechobee County are now a reality, with services in DeSoto, Glades, Highlands and Hendry counties and the community of Immokalee to follow soon. This first connection in Okeechobee is one of many that will be linked together to provide broadband services in Okeechobee County and the South Central region. The plan for a broadband network is clearly coming into focus for the area, through the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance. Spurred by the growing need to converge technology and infrastructure, the leadership team at FHREDI is setting the stage for a very powerful set of circumstances and tools to attract an entire

offering built around broadband speed and capacity.

Reliable infrastructure that enables speed to market and the ability to reach more markets is the key to future growth. But that infrastructure must include another powerful component of the infrastructure platform, and that component is a broadband network. Broadband enables a higher quantity and quality of information to be transmitted and provides a surplus of capacity to upload and download multimedia content to meet today's networking needs. Broadband has become so vital to local community and economic development that it is being termed a necessary utility (along with electricity, water, natural gas and telephone). It is not only a question of addressing our ever-expanding network needs but it is also being utilized as the real catalyst for job

creation in South Central Florida.

FRBA is a limited liability company formed in March 2010 between two non-profit economic development corporations, FHREDI in South Central Florida, and Opportunity Florida in Northwest Florida. FRBA's project is a \$34 million investment in these two regions and is quickly taking shape. The idea behind the investment, funded in large measure by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Broadband Technology Opportunity Program grant, is to provide broadband coverage to unserved or underserved areas of the two regions and to create a local network that will deliver superior broadband capacity within the coverage areas. Doing so will allow the communities to attract companies due to the broadband capacity, to create more efficient communication, enhance public safety, improve delivery of healthcare services, enhance emergency services, promote educational opportunities, and more.

FRBA will offer service to anchor institutions, such as schools, libraries, hospitals and local governments as well as Internet Service Providers. FRBA's service area includes DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Highlands and Okeechobee counties and the community of Immokalee.

The network will bring a new focus and promise to rural Florida

with a renewed excitement about the potential to connect the anchor institutions and create dynamic broadband service in the area. One new emphasis for communities will be determining how to best use the new capabilities to achieve its goals and address the digital divide—bringing super high speed Internet capabilities to advance education, healthcare, economic development, safety and security amongst other key areas. This will be crucial to the next leg of the journey to create new jobs and a higher quality of life. According to Gina Reynolds, the CEO of FHREDI and co-manager of FRBA, "Broadband brings strong potential for businesses and citizens in the region. Our region's next generation of empowered students, engaged workers and satisfied visitors look for services and capabilities that will be driven best by a next generation broadband network. Our future is being delivered today."

The broadband service in Okeechobee is a new reality and a testimony to FRBA's and FHREDI's commitment to bringing new infrastructure and innovation to South Central Florida. Indeed, that service also serves as a reminder that matching vision with new opportunity allows the region to stand tall and distinguish itself now and in the future.

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# Frugal gardeners' guide to repurposing tools for the garden

**G**arden catalogs offer lots of nifty but pricey gardening tools. We've found some of our favorite tools by repurposing or recycling items for use in the garden.

Our favorite repurposed tools are two large tubs we call drag buckets. We saw some supersize large planting tubs abandoned at a landscaping job. We stopped and asked if we could have them. With the addition of a length of rope and a wood handle, they are easy to drag about the yard and perfect for gathering lightweight materials such as leaves or grass clippings to add to our compost piles. In the winter, we use them for moving firewood for our woodstove. If not overfilled we can even pull them up our broad stairway.

Next on the indispensable list are at least a couple of 5 gallon pails. They're handy when pulling weeds, setting transplants, or just about any chore in the garden. Add a padded lid to one and you have a handy portable seat for gardening. Store small tools and seeds inside. To make it even more versatile, you can buy a fancy "bucket buddy" with pockets to go around the pail, or if you're handy with a sewing machine, make your own.

Essential for measuring fertilizer and other soil additives is a one quart grain scoop or a one quart sauce pot. Either will hold about two pounds of fertilizer; the scoop is especially great for distributing fertilizer evenly along a row. Always apply fertilizer at the recommended rates, or split the amount into two or more applications over the growing season, to avoid using too much fertilizer which often winds up polluting our waterways.

Gardeners all seem to have their own favorite way to mark out rows for planting seeds. Some lay out the row with stakes and string and then draw the corner of a hoe along the ground to make a furrow. Others use the edge of a flat board, pressing it down into the soil and pulling it back and forth along the length of the row. Our favorite tool is a plastic tent stake. Simply use the pointed end to draw a row in the soil. For large seeds such as beans, use the rounded head to make evenly spaced depressions for seeds. Use the stake too as a measuring tool to space plants. A tent stake will also make a perfectly sized hole for setting transplants. And the little hook on the stake makes it easy to hang the stake on the fence within easy reach. Tent stakes have lots of uses in the garden — use for holding guy lines for trellises, or to hold down the bottom of protective netting.

Trellises can increase your garden area, and are essential for crops such as pole beans and cucumbers. For the vegetable garden you'll want a trellis



Over the Garden Gate

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that is sturdy but easily moved. We came up with a combination of PVC pipe and metal electrical conduit that works well. Buy 90 degree 3/4 inch elbows and some 3/4 inch pipe. Cut two lengths of pipe about 5 inches and glue into each side of the elbow. The metal tubing will fit nicely into the pipe corners, and is very durable. It is a good idea to add guy lines to your trellis or it may blow over in strong winds once it is covered with vines. To add a bottom bar for stringing your trellis — use "T" fittings extended with 5 inch lengths of plastic pipe.

String your trellis with cotton string, which will last about two seasons, or nylon which will last several years. We buy inexpensive nylon trellis netting with about 6 by 6 inch mesh. It lasts several years, and is easy to hang from the trellis top bar. For tying tomato and other plants to stakes, we've found surveyors tape to be ideal.

Bamboo stakes are handy in the garden for many purposes. Years ago we planted bamboo just to have a free supply of garden stakes. Cut lengths of green canes and trim off side shoots, and cut to desired length. To make them last longer, cure the canes flat for several months. If you grow bamboo, remember even non-running types can become a problem just because the clump grows so large. Bamboo varieties that have a distinctive flat section on one side of the cane (so that a cross section looks like the letter "D") are running types. Canes that are fully round in cross section are found on types that don't spread by underground runners.

Make your own plant markers by cutting the top and bottom off a plastic bleach bottle. Cut the mid section in 3/4 to 1 inch wide strips and use a permanent marker to write on them. Cut rings from smaller bottles to make collars to keep cutworms from eating plants.

The kitchen yields lots of good gardening tools. A couple old large spoons are handy for transplanting,



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The frugal gardener can find lots of uses for household items in the garden. Kitchen tools, recyclable containers, pails and more can be turned into helpful gardening aids. A little ingenuity in the garden can save you money, and keep some materials out of landfills.

and a two-tined meat fork makes a good weeding tool. A set of measuring spoons is essential for mixing soluble fertilizer. Use separate measuring tools for weed killer and pesticides. Spray bottles are good for misting plants; just be sure to clean them well of anything that could be harmful to plants.

Some gardeners use egg cartons, and even egg shells for starting plants. The deeper cell packs made for starting plants offer more room for a healthy root system. They are inexpensive, but you can re-use ones from plants you have purchased. Knock out all the old potting mix and dip them in a bleach solution to kill

any disease organisms. Allow to dry before refilling with seed starter mix.

Newspapers, cardboard, and even old rugs can be used in the garden to hold down weeds. Use several layers of paper beneath mulch. To kill grass or weeds before planting — tile the area with flattened cardboard boxes, or use scraps of discarded rugs. After several weeks, remove the covering and the dead plant matter can be raked away or tilled into the ground. Compost the cardboard; old rugs eventually will need to be disposed of properly.

A little ingenuity in the garden can save you money, and keep some materials out of landfills.

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# Wet fields slow work across the state

FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 18

## Weather Summary

This was the sixth week the U. S. Drought Monitor map showed Florida completely drought-free. According to Florida's Automated Weather Network, Marianna (Jackson County) received the most rain with 9 inches. In Carrabelle (Franklin County) 5 inches of rain was received, five stations received 4 inches of rain, and five stations received 3 inches of rain. Fifty percent of the state received one inch or below of rain. Marianna (Jackson County) FAWN station reported the minimum temperature of 68 degrees while the Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) station reported 76 degrees as the minimum temperature. Maximum temperatures ranged from 90 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 100 degrees in Bronson (Levy County).

## Field Crops

Peanut crop condition was 2 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Due to rain, farmers in Jackson County were not able to get equipment in peanut fields to spray. Levy County producers have



started peanut harvest. Haying is still a problem due to excessive water around the state. Some farmers in Gulf County had worms in their hay and spoilage was evident. Corn harvest was active weather permitting.

## Fruit and Vegetables

In south Florida, farmers continued preparing land and laying plastic for fall crops. A few early plantings of tomatoes and peppers went in the ground. Some farms in south Florida were using throw-out pumps to drain off excess water. Sweet potatoes were being harvested and replanted in Miami-Dade County. Vegetables and fruits marketed included avocados,

okra and sweet potatoes.

## Livestock and Pastures

Statewide, the pasture condition and cattle condition were mostly good across the state. Pasture condition ranged from poor to excellent with most in the good category. In the Panhandle, the pastures were in fair to good condition and cattle were in good condition. In the northern area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. Parts of north Florida inundated by heavy rain made getting cattle to market next to impossible. Cattle cannot be brought in as the water was too high. In the central area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. In the southwest area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. Pasture quality started seasonal decline in south Florida.

## Citrus

Typical afternoon showers three to four days last week brought various amounts of rainfall to the citrus growing area. Three stations received more than three inches, with Lecanto (Citrus County) getting the most at 3.67 inches. Sixteen stations received more than an

inch, while two, Fort Pierce (St. Lucie) and Kenansville (Osceola County), received none at all. Temperatures were warm all week, and on occasion reached the mid 90s. The citrus growing area was completely drought free at this time. There was adequate soil moisture in all areas; main canals and ditches had sufficient water for irrigation. A few grove roads were still flooded requiring four wheel drive vehicles for passage, but most were dry enough to allow easy access. Some owners were grading roads that were drying out after several weeks of very wet weather. A few in the drier areas were irrigating to maintain proper grove moisture.

This season's new crop is progressing well. Regular bloom oranges were larger than golf balls and grapefruit were between baseball and softball size. Tree foliage looks healthy in cared-for groves. Grove activity included resetting of new trees, young tree care, herbicide application, brush removal, and psyllid control.

# GRITS & PIECES

FROM PAGE 4

Am I hearing right that schools are getting away from cursive writing now?

If so, then everyone would be printing like a child, and the beauty of good penmanship would go away. Then, I guess, so would everyone's signature. What's next, a hash tag to identify yourself? Sounds to me like olden times, when illiterates would make an "X" as their

mark on documents.

Dual enrollment (taking college classes in high school) has been a wonderful thing. Now I'm hearing that may be diminished somewhat, and all the while, universities and community colleges are said to be raising their prices, pushing education even further from the grasp of many. Dual enrollment may be the only college many students get, and I hope it never goes away.

Thank goodness for free breakfasts and lunches for the students here in DeSoto County. Most of us know that what they're fed in school is the only meal some students get each day, leaving me to wonder what they do over the weekends and during the summer. We take so much for granted, don't we?

I saw a cartoon on the internet recently, depicting a "then and now" situation. The first drawing was of a dozen kids going strong, enjoying playground equipment to the fullest as the "then" picture. The "now" one showed a dozen kids sitting all over the playground equipment, silently texting on their phones. That was funny in its own way, but quite serious in another — a sign of the times. Makes me question today's generation, and how much of their imaginations are even being used like we did when we spent afternoons and summers outside with nothing electronic to divert our attention.

At any rate, while there is much still being taught in school, much has fallen by the wayside along the way. It's up to us as parents and grandparents to share as much of that as possible with young minds today — not just to preserve it as our heritage, but to better equip them for their future.

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Arcadia Stockyard sales for the week ending August 14

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<b>Steers – Light and Medium Frame</b>	
175-275	\$180-250 (avg. \$218.62)
275-350	\$175-225 (avg. \$203.64)
350-425	\$155-177.50 (avg. \$167.06)
425-500	\$134-165 (avg. \$150.07)
500-575	\$127.50-147.50 (avg. \$136.21)
575-700	\$120-140 (avg. \$129.80)
<b>Heifers – Medium and Large Frame</b>	
175-275	\$185-260 (avg. \$197.57)
275-350	\$180-205 (avg. \$189.18)
350-425	\$150-180 (avg. \$159.03)
425-500	\$142.50-157.50 (avg. \$146.86)
500-575	\$135-165 (avg. \$142.07)
575-700	\$130-162.50 (avg. \$136.14)
<b>Heifers – Light and Medium Frame</b>	
175-275	\$165-190 (avg. \$176.71)
275-350	\$150-182.50 (avg. \$169.43)
350-425	\$135-152.50 (avg. \$143.57)
425-500	\$130-145 (avg. \$136.70)
500-575	\$125-135 (avg. \$130.31)
575-700	\$117.50-130 (avg. \$124.81)
<b>Slaughter Classes</b>	
<b>Cows:</b>	
Boners	
1100-1900	\$81-95 (avg. \$83.97)
Lean	
850-1200	\$73-80 (avg. \$76.28)
<b>Low Dressing:</b>	
800-1100	\$68-77 (avg. \$73.66)
<b>Shells:</b>	
650-800	\$42-64 (avg. \$57.53)
<b>Bulls:</b>	
<b>High Dressing:</b>	
1300-2000	\$100-111 (avg. \$104.67)
1000-1299	\$87-91 (avg. \$94.25)
<b>Low Dressing:</b>	
under 1100	\$85-91 (avg. \$88)

**Totals:** – 2,564; calves – 2,210; cows – 329; bulls – 25  
Slaughter cows and bulls were steady. Feeder steers and heifer calves under 350 pounds were \$10 to \$15 higher; feeder steer and heifer calves over 350 pounds were \$3 to \$5 higher. Good demand on all classes of cattle.

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v. ANN PELHAM, A SINGLE WOMAN, PETER J. BOUGHTON, DECEASED LEONARD BOUGHTON, JOHN BOUGHTON, JUNE HERNANDEZ, JANICE DOZIER  
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CASE NO.: 2013 DR 0488  
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF PETER PLEIJSANT, Petitioner/Husband

and MARY ROSE JARO PLEIJSANT, Respondent/Wife.

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DIS-SOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

TO: MARY ROSE TARO PLEIJSANT  
Physical Description of MARY ROSE TARO PLEIJSANT, Philippine Female, Height 5'4" Weight 115 lbs. Black Hair and Brown Eyes. Born in 8/27/1978.  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Petitioner, PETER PLEIJSANT whose address is, 7304 W. Country Club Dr. Sarasota FL 34243 and/or to the Petitioners' Attorney, Philip J. Schipani, Esq., whose address is, 2033 Wood Street, Suite 200, Sarasota, FL 34237, on or before September 6, 2013 and file the original with Desoto Clerk of Court, 115 East Oak Street, Room 101, Arcadia, FL 34266, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in this petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office. Dated: August 6, 2013 MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: /S/ M. Harris  
Deputy Clerk Published 8/15/13, 8/22/13, 8/29/13 & 9/5/13  
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122**

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

CASE NO. 14-2009-CA-000332  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR RAMP 2003RS7, PLAINTIFF, VS. BRUCE A. CARVER, ET AL, DEFENDANT(S).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 11, 2013 and entered in Case No. 14-2009-CA-000332 in the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR RAMP 2003RS7 was the Plaintiff and BRUCE A. CARVER, ET AL the Defendant(s), that the Clerk 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 5th day of September, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**ALL FRACTIONAL LOTS 54 AND 55, BLOCK 20, DAUGHTREY'S ADDITION TO ARCADIA, 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 22. TOGETHER WITH A FIFTEEN (15') FOOT STRIP ALONG THE WEST SIDE THEREOF. AND BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 20 OF DAUGHTREY'S ADDITION TO ARCADIA FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 20 DEGREES WEST ALONG THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LEE AVENUE, 143.0 FEET THENCE N 78 DEGREES WEST, 135.25 FEET; THENCE N 01 DEGREES 10'05" WEST, 175.52 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF OAK STREETS THENCE S 69 DEGREES 27'45" EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY, 197.32 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

**Tax ID: EXTERNALDATA** 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. This 8th day of August, 2013, s/ Joseph K. McGhee  
Joseph K. McGhee  
Florida Bar # 0626287  
Bus. Email: JMcGhee@penderlaw.com  
Pendergast & Morgan, P.A.  
115 Perimeter Center Place  
South Terraces Suite 1000  
Atlanta, GA 30346  
Telephone: 678-775-0700  
PRIMARY SERVICE:  
fffc@penderlaw.com  
Attorney for Plaintiff

**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 8/15/13 & 8/22/13 355805 2927040

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

CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-00630  
DIVISION:  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2004-36CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-36CB, Plaintiff, vs. DAVID G. FAN A/K/A DAVID GIA FAN, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 18, 2013, and entered in Case No.

09-00630 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida in which The Bank Of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank Of New York, as Trustee For The Certificateholders Of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2004-36CB Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-36CB, is the Plaintiff and DAVID G. FAN a/k/a DAVID GIA FAN, MYLOAN THI NGUYEN, are defendants, the DeSoto County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266; www.desotoclerk.com, DeSoto County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 13th day of September, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

**ALL OF LOT 5 AND THE NE 1/2 OF LOT 4, BLOCK H, 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.**  
**A/K/A 235 MACON RD, 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 60 days after the sale. Dated in Hillsborough County, Florida on this 15th day of August, 2013.  
By: /s/ Zach Herman  
Zach Herman, Esq.  
FL Bar # 89349

Albertelli Law  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 23028  
Tampa, FL 33623  
(813) 221-4743  
eService:  
servealaw@albertellilaw.com

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 Court's ADA Coordinator at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876 for voice or (800) 955-8771 for hearing impaired, within two working days of your receipt of this document. TDD users may also call 1-800-955-8771 for the Florida Relay Service. To file response please contact DeSoto County Clerk of Court, 115 E. Oak Street, Room 101, Arcadia, FL 34266, Tel: (863) 993-4876; Fax: (863) 993-4669. Published 8/22/13 & 8/29/13 272484 2928684

**NOTICE OF SALE 3130**

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

CIVIL DIVISION  
Case #: 2009-CA-001043  
DIVISION: I  
Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") Plaintiff, vs. Amelia J. Lyons; James P. Lyons; Citibank, N.A. Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated August 8, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-001043 of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida,

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wherein Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff and Amelia J. Lyons 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 December 19, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 1, OF SUNNYBREEZE OAKS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 76, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. **ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in 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  
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:  
SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHÉ,  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF  
THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA, IN AND FOR  
DESOTO COUNTY  
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.  
14-2010-CA-000284  
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ASSAD SHAH; SILVIA SHAH; IF  
LIVING, INCLUDING ANY  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID  
DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED,  
AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPEC-  
TIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISEES, GRANTEES,  
ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS,  
LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND  
ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING  
BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR  
AGAINST THE NAMED DEFEN-  
DANT(S); JOHN DOE; JANE DOE;  
Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Desoto County, Florida, described as:

**LOTS 14 AND 15 OF DESOTO ACRES SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 9 AND RE-RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING THREE PARCELS OF LAND: PARCEL 1: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 14 OF DESOTO ACRES SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE N 57 DEGREES 47'09" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 14, 145.00 FEET; THENCE S 17 DEGREES 01'06" E 160.00 FEET; THENCE S 57 DEGREES 40'08" W, 143.92 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 14; THENCE N 17 DEGREES 25'11" W ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 160.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND PARCEL 2: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 14 OF DESOTO ACRES SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE N 57**

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**DEGREES 47'09" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 14, 145.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 145.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 14; THENCE S 16 DEGREES 37' E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 14, 160.00 FEET; THENCE S 57 DEGREES 40'08" W, 143.92 FEET; THENCE N 17 DEGREES 01'06" W, 160.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND PARCEL 3: FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 14 OF DESOTO ACRES SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, RUN S 16 DEGREES 37'00" E ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 14, A DISTANCE OF 160.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 10 DEGREES 50'49" W, A DISTANCE OF 94.22 FEET; THENCE N 81 DEGREES 28'39" W, A DISTANCE OF 105.03 FEET; THENCE N 57 DEGREES 40'08", A DISTANCE OF 143.92 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, South door of the courthouse facing Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 33821 at 11:00 AM, on September 26, 2013. 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. Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 5th day of August, 2013. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

By /s/ B. Wynn  
Deputy Clerk  
Law Offices of  
Daniel C. Consuegra  
9204 King Palm Drive  
Tampa, FL 33619-1328  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
**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.** Published 8/22/13 & 8/29/13 107236 2929907

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA, IN AND FOR  
DESOTO COUNTY GENERAL  
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 2011-CA-000777  
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
TERESA E. CLINE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TERESA E. CLINE; ROLLAND HOFACKER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROLLAND HOFACKER; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK; AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, OWNERS, AND OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, including, if a named defendant is deceased, the personal representatives, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants, Defendants.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**  
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order or Final Judgment entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of DeSoto County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in DeSoto County, Florida, described as:  
**LOT 18, BLOCK 8, DAUGHTREY'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 22.** at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front steps of the DeSoto

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County Courthouse, 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266 at 11:00 a.m. on October 1st, 2013. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. DATED this 14th day of August, 2013. MITZIE MCGAVIC  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: /s/ B. Wynn  
Deputy Clerk  
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the A.D.A. Coordinator not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding via the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771. Published 8/22/13 & 8/29/13 107024 2928708

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

Case #: 2012-CA-000016  
DIVISION: I  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Successor in Interest by Purchase from the FDIC as Receiver of Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA Plaintiff,  
-vs-  
Maritza Perdigon; Maximo Perdigon  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated July 15, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000016 of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Successor in Interest by Purchase from the FDIC as Receiver of Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff and Maritza Perdigon 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 September 24, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:  
THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO A FIFTY FOOT EASEMENT ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY.

**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  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN  
AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY,  
FLORIDA  
CASE NO.:  
14-2012-CA-000574  
SEC.:  
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
MITZI C. PEARSON ; ANY AND  
ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM-  
ING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND  
AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED  
INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO

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ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT N/K/A MARY CARROL, , Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 16, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 14-2012-CA-000574 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 29th day of August, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the South door of the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit: LOTS 20 AND 21, QUAIL HOLLOW ESTATES, AN UNRECORDED PLAT ALSO BEING DESCRIBED AS: LOT 20- BEGIN AT THE NW CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST; THENCE N 82°32' E ALONG NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 340.0 FEET; THENCE S 0°24' W AND PARALLEL TO WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 416.0 FEET TO P.O.B.; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 104.0 FEET; THENCE N 82°32' E, 290.0 FEET; THENCE N 0°24' E, 104.0 FEET; THENCE S 82°32' W, 290.0 FEET TO P.O.B., LESS DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON THE EAST SIDE AND:  
LOT 21- BEGIN AT THE NW CORNER OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST; THENCE N 82°32' E ALONG NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 340.0 FEET; THENCE S 0°24' W AND PARALLEL TO WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 312.0 FEET TO P.O.B.; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 104.0 FEET; THENCE N 82°32' E, 290.0 FEET; THENCE N 0°24' E, 104.0 FEET; THENCE S 82°32' W, 290.0 FEET TO P.O.B., LESS DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON THE EAST SIDE TOGETHER WITH A 1984 CHAD. MOBILE HOME I.D. NOS. GAFL2AE29056674 AND GAFL2BE29056674, FLORIDA TITLE NOS. 22631863 AND 22631862, PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

**ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
**If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: DeSoto County Clerk's Office 115 East Oak Street Arcadia, FL 34266 Phone: (863) 993-4876**  
DATED AT ARCADIA, FLORIDA THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2013  
BY: /s/ B. Wynn  
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Published 8/15/13 & 8/22/13  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR  
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No. 2012 CA 000742  
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 SALE, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 8, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012 CA 000742 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Cir-

**Owner Occupied Rehabilitation:**  
Funds will be available for the rehabilitation of dilapidated single family structures which is the primary residence of the homeown-

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cut in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein **LIBERTY SAVINGS BANK, F.S.B. is Plaintiff, and 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,** are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the front steps of the DeSoto county Courthouse located at 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266 at 11:00 on the 24th day of September, 2013, all as provided by Chapter 45 of the Florida Statutes, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**

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

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
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.

Dated at DeSoto County, Florida this 19th day of August, 2013.  
By: /s/ James D. Gibson  
Florida Bar No. 0709069  
GIBSON, KOHL, WOLFF & HRIC, P.L.  
400 Burns Court  
Sarasota, Florida 34236  
Telephone: (941) 362-8880  
Facsimile: (941) 362-8881  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

**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.** Published 8/22/13 & 8/29/13 171364 2929759

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DeSoto County  
Public Notice of Availability of  
FY 2013-2014 SHIP Funds  
DeSoto County has been allocated its calculated distribution of State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program funds from the State of Florida for the state FY 2013-2014 in the amount of \$350,000. The SHIP Program was created for the purpose of providing funds to local governments as an incentive for the creation of local housing partnerships, to expand production of and preserve affordable housing, and to increase housing-related employment. A portion of these funds will be used to assist persons with special needs or developmental disabilities with an emphasis on home modifications, including technological enhancements and devices, which will allow homeowners to remain independent in their own homes and maintain their homeownership.  
**PROGRAM STRATEGIES AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:**  
**Down Payment / Closing Cost Assistance program:** This strategy outlines funds to be provided to homebuyers for the purchase of an existing home. The maximum award is \$10,000 with the maximum purchase price of \$150,000.

**Owner Occupied Rehabilitation:**  
Funds will be available for the rehabilitation of dilapidated single family structures which is the primary residence of the homeown-

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er. Eligible home repairs include but are not limited to Energy Efficiency and Green housing related repairs: The maximum award is \$50,000 per unit.

**Owner Occupied Replacement:**  
Funds will be available for the replacement of dilapidated single family structures which is the primary residence of the homeowner. This strategy is designed to perform general code related repairs and improvements. The maximum award is \$80,000 per unit.

**Foster Youth Housing/Rental Assistance Program:**  
This strategy is designed to provide the stability of safe and affordable housing to young adults who leave the child welfare system. Funds can be used for the first month, last month and security deposit for an eligible rental property. The maximum award is \$2,000 per person.

**INCOME LIMITS:** Eligible households must qualify under specifically mandated income limits adjusted to family size as distributed by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for DeSoto County and in accordance with the specific guidelines created for each strategy.

**APPLICATION AVAILABILITY:**  
Applications for the above Programs can be picked up at the 201 East Oak Street, Suite 202, Arcadia, Florida, 34266. Application period will begin September 23, 2013, and continue until the funds for the strategies are exhausted.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**  
To obtain additional information concerning any SHIP Program strategies, please contact the **DeSoto County Housing Department**, 201 East Oak Street Suite 202, Arcadia, Florida or call (863) 993-4858.

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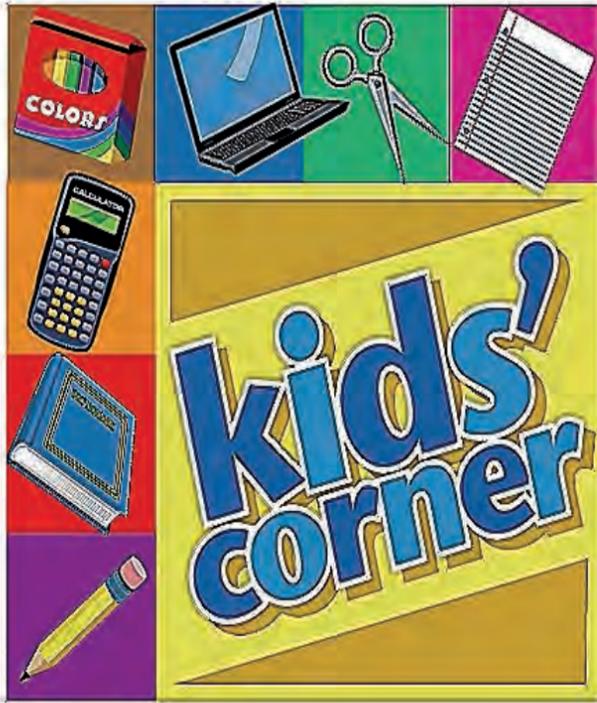
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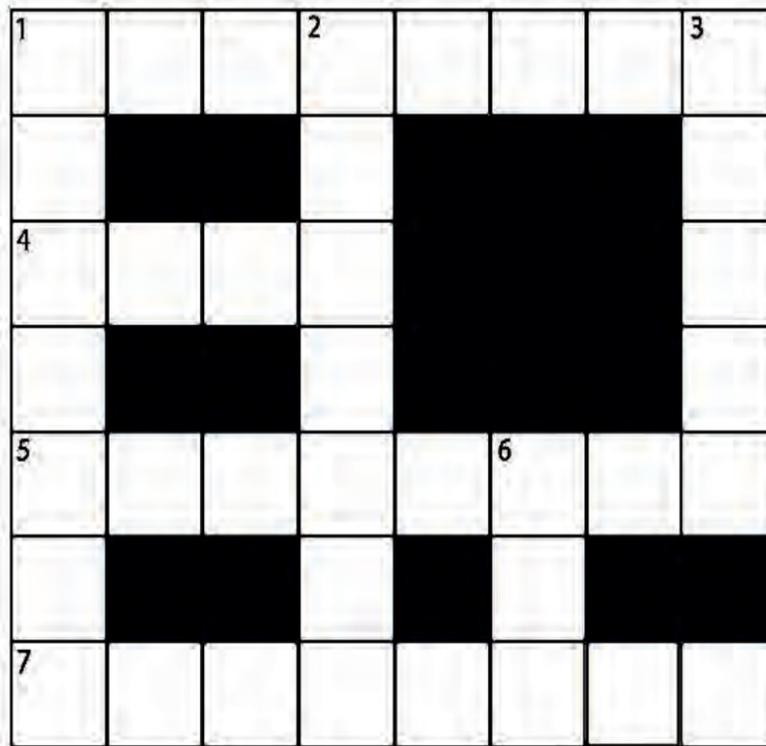
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- 1831: NAT TURNER LEADS BLACK SLAVES AND FREE BLACKS IN A REBELLION.
- 1991: LATVIA DECLARES RENEWAL OF ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

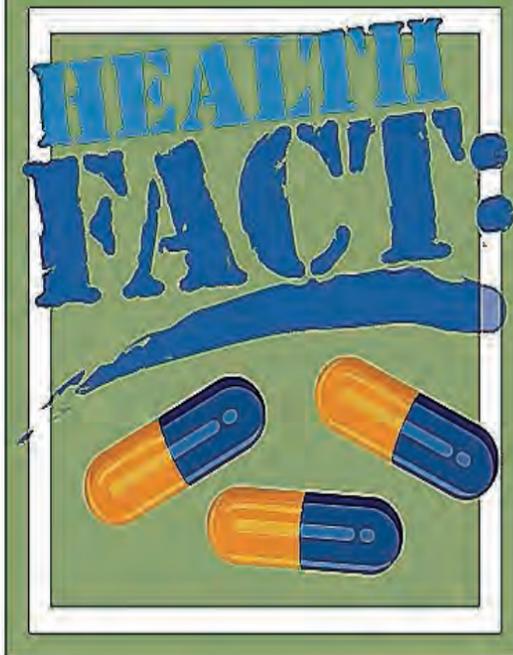
#### ACROSS

- 1. Team sport
- 4. Ripped
- 5. Physical activity
- 7. Treading water

#### DOWN

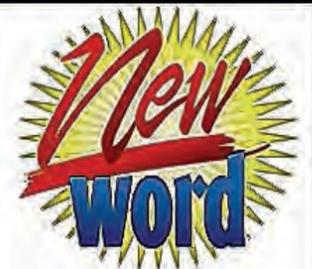
- 1. Condition of being in shape
- 2. Big argument
- 3. Depart
- 6. Individual employment income (abbr.)

Answers:  
 Across  
 1. Football 4. Torn 5. Exercise 7. Swimming  
 Down  
 1. Fitness 2. Tantrum 3. Leave 6. IEI



SUGGEST THIS TYPE OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY TO CHILDREN AND YOU MAY INSPIRE A LIFELONG LOVE OF FITNESS.

ANSWER: SPORTS



### FITNESS

condition of being physically fit and healthy

### How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Muscle
- SPANISH:** Músculo
- ITALIAN:** Muscolo
- FRENCH:** Muscle
- GERMAN:** Muskel



OBESITY RATES IN CHILDREN CONTINUE TO INCREASE. EXERCISING TOGETHER IS A WAY TO STAY FIT.



### GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: TENNIS RACKET

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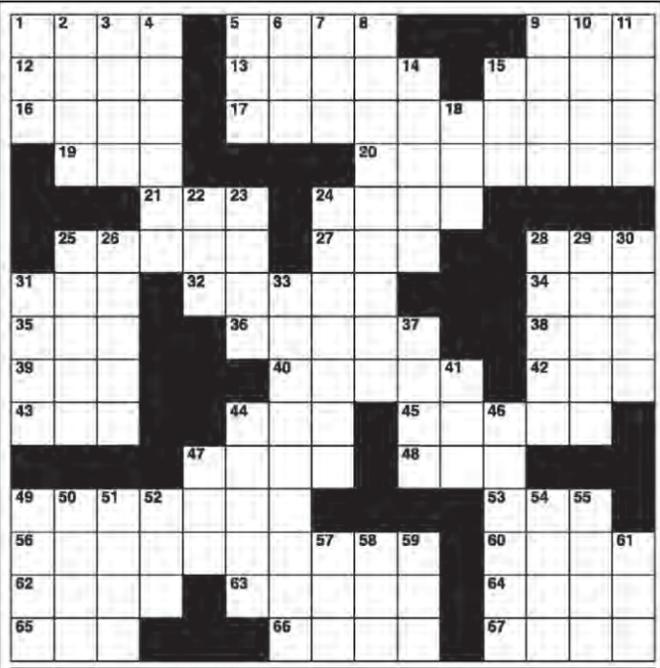
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**CLUES DOWN**

1. "Rounders" actress Gretchen
2. Off-Broadway theater award
3. Grave
4. Court game
5. Pitch
6. Sense of self-esteem
7. Mandela's party
8. Lights again
9. Likewise
10. Film set microphone pole
11. "Housewives" Leakes
14. A torn off strip
15. Promotions
18. A. Godfrey's instrument
22. Bill in a restaurant
23. Cozy
24. Knocking out
25. Polio vaccine developer
26. Numeral system
28. Former gold coin worth \$10
29. Swats
30. Flows back or recedes
31. Rotation speed indicator
33. Respect beliefs of others
37. Original matter
41. Cologne
44. Small round soft mass
46. Kisses noisily
47. Large passenger vehicle
49. Prevents harm to creatures
50. Songwriter Sammy
51. Jai \_\_, sport
52. Payment (abbr.)
54. Settled onto
55. Incline from vertical
57. Father
58. Brew
59. Strong desire
61. Insecticide

**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Feminist Lucretia
5. Lacrimal gland fluid
9. Airborne (abbr.)
12. Double-reed instrument
13. De Mille (dancer)
15. Burn plant: \_\_\_\_ vera
16. Represent by drawing
17. Roy Harold Scherer
19. Point that is one point N of due E
20. Causing vexation
21. Belonging to a thing
24. Leg joint
25. Suffragette Anthony
27. Form a sum
28. Point midway between E and SE
31. Convert a hide into leather
32. Radical derived from butane
34. Priest's liturgical vestment
35. Goat and camel hair fabric
36. Sticky
38. Talk
39. Committed information rate
40. Strong twisted cotton thread
42. 33 1/2 rpms
43. Honey (abbr.)
44. Founding Father Franklin
45. Frees from pain or worry
47. Tennis player Bjorn
48. Not inclined to speak
49. Shoulder blade
53. Express pleasure
56. One week before Easter
60. Attired
62. Chew the fat
63. Weighing device
64. Captain \_\_, British pirate
65. Tropical American cuckoo
66. Any place of bliss or delight
67. Remain as is

*Guess Who?*

I am a comedic actor best recognized for my roles on "Scrubs" and "Office Space." My birthday is August 3, 1959.

Answer: John C. McMillen



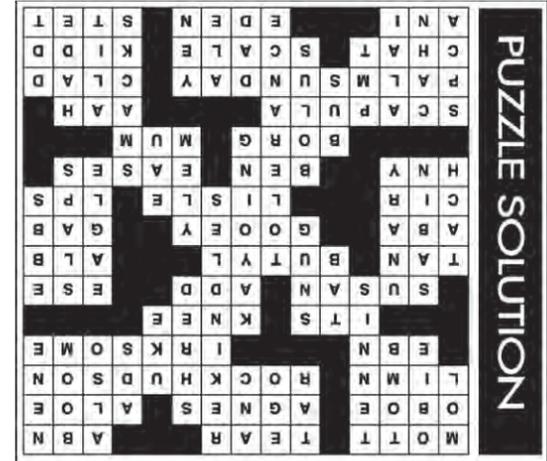
**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, you have some shopping to do, but it is better if you space out your purchases and conserve your funds. A surprise bill may pop up and catch you off guard.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, recreational plans may have to take a back seat to responsibilities at work this week. Just when you thought you were done with all of your assignments, some extra work finds you.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
Gemini, you may feel as though you are alone this week. All it takes is a phone call or email to have some company if you feel the need. Don't hesitate to make a connection.

**CANCER - June 22/July 22**  
It may be difficult to get to the heart of a matter that has monopolized your time, Cancer. But some things will come to light soon enough if you remain patient.

**LEO - July 23/Aug 23**  
There is no easy way out of a



PUZZLE SOLUTION

tricky situation involving some friends. You will end up in hot water if you take one's side over the other. The best thing to do is remain neutral.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, this week brings a chance to get rid of old habits that have been keeping you from putting your best foot forward. Take advantage of this opportunity.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, you are expected to lead the way for others, even though you do not have all of the answers. Don't worry, you work well under pressure and others will follow your lead.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Your career could be coming to a crossroads, Scorpio. Start networking now as much as possible so you are in a better position should you need to make a move.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, jump into something new if you feel like taking chances. Even if your leap of faith doesn't reap any rewards, you will feel better for having tried.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, you may end up getting blamed for something that isn't your fault. Bide your time and the truth will come out. Accept the apologies of those who were quick to blame.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, try not to overdo things when you are met with a burst of creative energy this week. You may start more projects than you can possibly handle.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, so much is going on this week that you will need to organize your thoughts and manage your time effectively. You're up to the task.

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

**CEUSOR**

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Answers: Course

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Aug. 30	Lake Region	Away	7:00pm		
Sept. 6	Lehigh Acres	Away	7:30pm		
<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>East Lee County</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>		
Sept. 20	Booker	Away	7:30pm		
Sept. 27	North Port	Home	7:00pm		

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	W	L
Oct. 4	Bayshore	Home	7:00pm		
Oct. 11	Frostproof	Home	7:00pm		
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