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County OKs motor coach development

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners voted 4-1 to approve the rezoning of nearly 58 acres in the Sunnybreeze community to allow the development of a proposed motor coach resort.

The vote allows for rezoning of the property from Residential Single Family 3 to a Planned Unit Development, which will allow developer Barry Poole to build and sell more than 100 fee-simple, deed-restricted and platted lots that would house luxury motor coach homes on what was once a nine-hole golf course between Sunnybreeze and Liverpool, destroyed by Hurricane Charley in 2004.

The move was not without its share of controversy, however. Sunnybreeze residents packed the board's chamber room, with those in favor and opposed to the development sitting on opposite sides of the room. Those opposed to the motor coach community expressed fears the development would destroy their views, adversely affect property values, produce heavy road traffic and become a low-end RV campground if it were ever abandoned by Poole.

Poole's attorney, Geri Waksler, gave a Powerpoint presentation to the board, outlining Poole's intentions to ensure his resort is in complete compliance with any restrictions the board chooses



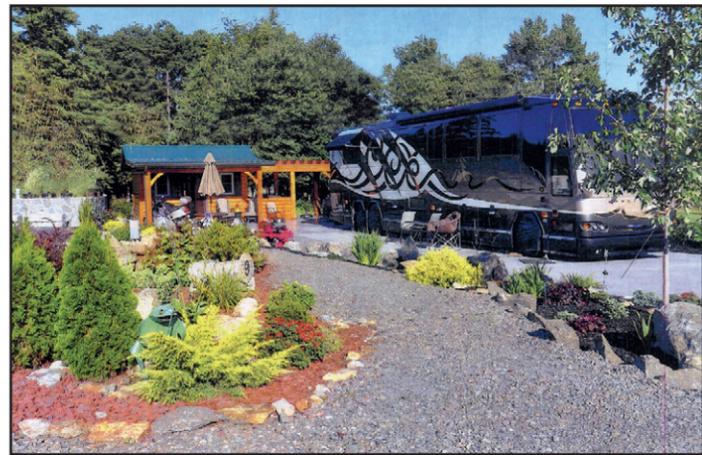
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Members of the public wishing to address the commission regarding the proposed motorcoach resort are sworn in before the evening's hearing.

to place on it. She assured the board it would have complete control of the future of the site if Poole chose to go in a different direction with the plan.

"If this were to ever be abandoned, someone wouldn't just be able to come in here and start up their own RV park," she said. "This development is a deed-restricted community with platted lots that are privately owned. That person would have to come back before the board to change that, and it would have to be rezoned, so the county has complete control over this."

Waksler also pointed out the



The developer of Pelican Creek Motor Coach Resort notes the individual properties would be privately owned, not rented, and could include a small cabin. Drives would be shell, gravel or concrete, not asphalt, and home sites would be professionally landscaped.

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Arcadia Oaks hosts Chamber luncheon in August



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Members of the Chamber of Commerce gather during the August Network at Noon. • Turn to page 22 for more photos.

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County holds last budget workshop

By **STEVE BAUER**

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The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners gathered for its final workshop to discuss the 2013-14 budget before it goes to a public hearing September 9.

County Administrator Guy Maxcy and County Coordinator Mandy Hines presented the board with a revised budget, which included an increased millage rate of 8.4810. The county's current rate is 6.8987. One mill equals \$1 of tax on every \$1,000 of taxable value. Board members spent a majority of the workshop discussing potential cuts they would like staff to look into as an alternative to raising the millage.

Commissioner Bob Miller said he asked the county's human resources staff to provide him figures on the costs of health care for dependents of current county employees, along with costs of retirement dependent benefits. Miller also encouraged the board to look closely at the high costs of running the Turner Center.

"I hate to say it, but the Turner Center is losing more than \$400,000, and it's

time we get serious and figure out what to do with it," he said. "And for me to suggest looking at cutting dependent care for active employees, people are going to think I'm trying to kill the county. But we have to look at every avenue, and it's our burden to do everything possible to stop us from raising taxes."

Commissioner Elton Langford said he agreed with Miller the Turner Center's costs were high, but cautioned the board on what shutting the facility down would mean for future revenues. "I echo your sentiments Commissioner Miller, but I think we've done quite a bit of reduction already," he said. "I've very adamant about the Turner Center; just think what those weekend shows do for our county. What impact would it have on our hotels, restaurants and retail businesses?" Langford continued he was hesitant to look at making any more cuts, wondering what the larger impact would be on the community.

"I wish a light would just pop off in my head to solve this problem," he said. "But if you start closing departments, how much is it going to cost you long-term? What do you want to cut, code enforcement and animal services? What

kind of backlash is there going to be if we shut some of these things down?"

Commissioner Jim Selph agreed, saying cutting departments isn't the answer. "We could close the parks down, but what kind of message are we sending to out-of-town guests who come here and see them all shut down? This is difficult, no doubt about it."

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield reiterated his previous position that he would not cut any departments out. "There are some things I'm looking at the county does for taxpayers such as culverts, which cost us \$350,000," he said. "We should take a look at items like that. I, too, have looked into the retiree dependents' health insurance as an option." Mansfield also said DeSoto County isn't alone in the tough decisions it's facing. "I don't think our county has a monopoly on what's happening in terms of the budget situation. There are many counties like us in Florida facing the same harsh realities, and it's tough for everyone."

Also opposed to cutting departments was Commissioner Gabriel Quave, who noted some departments are so small it would really only result in laying off

one or two employees. "I realize taxes go down and sometimes they go up, but neither is forever," he said. "What matters is that we are looking out for the welfare of DeSoto County residents, and cutting departments doesn't accomplish that goal." Quave also told Miller he would like to see the board hold a workshop on the Turner Center to take a closer look at the facility's costs and benefits.

Maxcy told the board he was encouraged to hear the board making suggestions to look at alternative cuts, and assured them his staff would look closely at them. "I like that we're looking at potentially changing things that we've always done, just because it's the way it's always been done," he said. "We have our staff looking at every penny out there. I feel for you guys, but keep throwing ideas at us and we'll follow your lead."

Maxcy asked the board where it would like its reserve level to be for the next budget year, and the general consensus was a minimum of \$2 million. The first public hearing on the county's budget will be 6:30 p.m. September 9 in the meeting room at the county building.

Schools provide added instruction to boost basic skills

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**

ARCADIAN EDITOR

School days just got a bit longer for some Nocatee Elementary School students. A new program introduced this year will give certain students who are struggling to keep up with their classmates an additional session to develop reading skills, said School Superintendent Karyn Gary.

"The program is also being adapted for the other two elementary schools," Gary said. Students who have good reading skills are shown to learn more readily and perform better in tests. They have more confidence and also develop stronger language skills.

Gary also reported students in grades

9 and 10 at DeSoto County High School are beginning to develop skills under a program called AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination. The program is designed to help students better prepare for college and beyond. Students are learning better note-taking and organizational skills which will help them in all their classes.

According to the website at www.avid.org, "Although AVID serves all students, the AVID elective focuses on the least served students in the academic middle. The formula is simple — raise expectations of students and, with the AVID support system in place, they will rise to the challenge. What distinguishes AVID from other educational reform programs is its continuous

success rate."

Some remodeling is going on at the high school — the main office is being enlarged to help it function better and the blue-and-white Bulldog theme is being carried out.

The district is implementing a new system of compiling documentation for School Board meetings. A software package called BoardDocs will make assembling the documents needed for meetings easier and more accurate, and will save a lot of paper and staff time. The system is being used by numerous school boards across the country.

School Board attorney Eugene Waldron reported the School District received a notice of intent to sue on

behalf of a former volunteer aide with the Middle School's Exceptional Student Education class, who claims she was sexually assaulted by an ESE student in May. The notice raises a claim that the school failed "to provide adequate supervision and security" for the volunteer, and as a result she suffered "injuries and damages."

With regard to the pending investigation into allegations of grade-fixing or grade-changing by former school employees, Gary said she hopes the results of the local investigation can be released "soon," but she also noted the State Department of Education has a pending investigation and could not say whether that would affect the issuance of a local report.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEF

Volunteers wanted for cancer study

The American Cancer Society's Epidemiology Research Program is inviting men and women ages 30-65 who have no personal history of cancer to join a historic research study, Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3). The ultimate goal is to enroll at least 300,000 adults from various racial/

ethnic backgrounds from across the United States. The purpose of CPS-3 is to better understand the lifestyle, behavioral, environmental and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer and to ultimately eliminate cancer as a major health problem for this and future generations. CPS-3 is a grass roots effort across the country to allow individuals to advance cancer research by participating actively in a historic

research study.

Participation is easy and enrollment is being brought to Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte Counties in partnership with Doctors Hospital of Sarasota, Blake Medical Center, Fawcett Memorial Hospital and Manatee Memorial Healthcare System. Once you schedule your appointment, you will receive instructions on how to complete your first, most comprehensive survey online. This survey will take approximately 45-60 minutes to complete.

On-site enrollment will take

approximately 20-30 minutes and will involve completing a short survey packet, signing a consent form, providing a waist circumference measurement and providing a small blood sample.

Enrollment will take place at Doctors Hospital of Sarasota, Blake Medical Center, Fawcett Memorial Hospital and Manatee Memorial Healthcare System September 24-26. For more details about enrollment locations, dates and times or to schedule an appointment, call 888-604-5888, or visit www.cancer.org/cps3florida.

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Arcadia Medical Associates welcomes new physicians

By **STEVE BAUER**

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Arcadia Medical Associates is excited to announce the addition of two new physicians to its team: Podiatry specialist Dr. Maria Galimidi and general surgeon Dr. Vasant Patel. Both doctors are currently accepting new patients at the clinic.

Dr. Maria Galimidi, DPM

Dr. Galimidi's passion for treating patients with lower leg injuries began after she watched her diabetic grandmother battle leg wounds due to complications from the disease.

"After seeing the amount of care that it took for her to heal, I learned how important the lower extremities are," she said. Galimidi's major area of interest is limb salvage from traumatic accidents, and she also specializes in pediatric podiatry care. "Things such as intoeing, ingrown toenails, growing pains and hip pain due to flat feet, those are some of the more common things I see with children."

Galimidi, who is married (and may also have a dog in the future) and lives in Palmetto, runs a practice in Bradenton. Current plans are for her to be in the Arcadia office Mondays and Fridays to see patients.

When asked for any signs to watch for that could indicate a potentially serious

foot injury, Galimidi was quick to offer some advice.

"If you are having foot pain, it could be something systemic," she said. "Just because it's your foot, don't ignore it. I had one patient with foot pain who ended up being diagnosed with heart failure. The pain you are feeling could be a signal of a more serious problem in your body."

Galimidi also advises patients to receive regular foot screenings for skin cancer, noting living in Florida puts your feet at an increased risk. "Your big toe especially is susceptible to skin cancer, the foot and especially the toes are two things that are most commonly exposed in this area, with people commonly wearing sandals or going barefoot," she said. "It's not one of those things you think about in terms of high risk, but I see it a lot."

Dr. Vasant Patel, MD

If you happen to see Dr. Patel and call him by his last name, don't expect a response, as he only answers to his first name. "Earlier in my career, when I was working in Queens, New York, in the white pages there were 26 pages of Patels. It's an extremely popular name. Every hospital or medical center I have ever worked, there has always been someone else with my last name. It may be on its way to taking over the planet," he joked. As a result, he has trained both staff and

patients through the years to call him Dr. Vasant. "If someone yelled out Dr. Patel to me, it wouldn't even register," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, I'm Dr. Vasant."

All kidding aside, Patel has more than four decades of experience as a general surgeon, and is excited to be dedicating his full attention to Arcadia patients. Even though he lives in Punta Gorda with his wife, he truly enjoys working in Arcadia and DeSoto County. "It's a real hometown atmosphere here; I've found the patients to be more trusting than anywhere else I've worked," he said.

Patel conducts surgery at DeSoto Memorial Hospital, and focuses on general procedures such as gallbladders, hernias and appendectomies, as well as colon and breast cancer procedures. He initially plans to see patients on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with surgery days on Tuesday and Thursday.

Patel's advice to patients wondering if they may need surgery is never to ignore a pain, especially something that comes on suddenly or is different than what you've felt before.

"This is especially true with the stomach — don't ignore any sudden pains you have there," he said. "Many people just take a laxative and ignore it, and that's a mistake." He also suggests having a doctor check any unfamiliar lumps you discover on your body, or if you notice blood. "The last thing you want to do is

take a chance on something that might be life-threatening," he said. "Be proactive and see your doctor; it might be a move that saves your life."

For more information on Arcadia Medical Associates, or to make an appointment with either Dr. Galimidi or Dr. Patel, call 863-993-2966; after September 1 call 863-494-0291. The clinic's offices are located at 425 Nursing Home Drive, Suite 2, in Arcadia.



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Dr. Maria Galimidi is currently accepting new podiatry customers at her new office location at 425 Nursing Home Dr., Suite 2 in Arcadia.



Dr. Vasant Patel, affectionately known by his patients as "Dr. Vasant," has recently joined Arcadia Medical Associates as its general surgeon.

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.

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 is to provide broadband coverage to unserved or underserved areas of the region and to create a local network that will deliver superior broadband capacity within the coverage areas.

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.

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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OUR VIEW

A lack of leadership

Our view: City officials should exhibit stronger leadership qualities

When you think of the word leadership, who comes to mind? Is it Martin Luther King Jr., Ghandi, or George Washington? Or perhaps, on a smaller scale, your parents, or an influential coach or teacher? One thing they have in common is the ability to make tough decisions, lead without intimidation, and stand alone in the face of harsh criticism.

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair once said, "The art of leadership is saying no, not saying yes. It is very easy to say yes." Blair's statement is one council members should take to heart.

Last week's city council meeting was an example of how lacking the city is when it comes to true leadership. It was borderline comical watching four of the five council members making a complete about-face with regard to the Arcadia Police Department. On Aug. 3, during an all-day Saturday budget workshop, four council members were talking tough. They agreed the APD had to cut its budget to the bare bones — from \$1.6 million to \$1.2 million — in order to survive. If not, they made it clear to Marshal Matt Anderson the alternative was to dissolve the APD. To show they weren't bluffing, council sent City Administrator Judith Jankosky and Councilman Bob Allen to meet with the sheriff to discuss the feasibility of the sheriff taking over city law enforcement.

Maybe they sounded tough on Aug. 3 because no one was there to hear them that day. Was that the proverbial tree falling in the forest?

Perhaps, because during their special meeting last week, on Aug. 13, they were singing a different tune. Was it because APD had mobilized a group of people to plead to keep the department open? Very likely — even though at least some of those who spoke during the meeting in support of the police were not even city residents. Some even admitted not knowing anything about the city's budget or financial straits.

Mayor Keith Keene said during last week's meeting that budget workshops are intended to allow the council to brainstorm ideas in an open forum, and they are free to change their minds up until final passage of the budget. We agree, but council members owe city residents an explanation as to what convinced them to change course.

We're not sure why three council members apparently changed their minds, but once again, on Aug. 21, all but Councilman Joe Fink seemed to deny ever considering closing APD. We're not saying Fink is right, but at least we know where he stands. The same can't be said for his counterparts, and their actions last week did nothing more than highlight how ill-prepared some of them are to lead a city that desperately needs solid direction.

With Arcadia perilously close to state takeover, we need leaders making hard decisions with the city's best interests in mind.

And why were there only two options: either APD gets its budget to \$1.2 million or it gets shut down? (And actually, APD's budget was accepted at \$1.4 million, \$200,000 over what Council said was needed). But might there have been other choices?

Enough blame to spread

City Council isn't alone in its shortcomings. APD Marshal Matt Anderson inherited a police department with a reputation among some residents for using intimidation to maintain order. Much of this damage was inflicted under

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GRITS & PIECES

The best laid plans of mice and daughters

The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray." That old saying had merit decades ago, and still does. Especially when you find out you are sharing your house with a mouse.

Today is Daughter No. 1's birthday, and she's caught up in a territorial war between herself, grandson Nathan, and Max, the flop-eared German Shepherd and a four-legged foe known as a mouse. Or perhaps it's many mice. At any rate, it will be a fight-to-the-death engagement that will not be over with until the last of one side falls.

Truth be known, the mice may have an ally in Max the flop-eared German Shepherd. I say that because on various occasions he has stood by and watched them scurry around, without a tad of interest in apprehending them or guarding his home turf. And thus, the reason the war is ongoing still.

Plan A was to set out glue traps. These work by luring the rodents to them, at which point they're trapped like rats (literally) when their fur or feet or tail get grabbed by the glue, and they can be disposed of afterwards. Well, Plan A kind of fell through when it was discovered that though the glue had done its job, the victim was tough enough to free himself, leaving behind a good amount of fur. This meant that not only was the mouse basically naked,



Grits & Pieces

Luke Wilson

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but he was streaking them as well every time he scurried by. Boogity, boogity ...

"Don't loooooook, Ethel!!!"

Plan B was to get mice traps to set out. This was implemented, using good old peanut butter as bait. Surely this would do the trick. Next morning, traps were thrown and all the peanut butter was gone, and neither hide nor hair of the mouse to be found. Of course there was no hair because of the self-inflicted wax jobs this vermin was giving itself.

Larger traps (rat-sized) were set out after this. Same results — snapping noises in the middle of the night and no bait in the morning. In talking to my daughter over the course of a week or two as this went on, I was beginning to wonder if maybe Mighty Mouse had moved in with her. As a last resort, I offered to let them borrow my rusty old steel rabbit trap, but they were afraid it might catch Max. And then the truth came out.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A lesson in humor

Editor:

After reading Mr. Bill Hempel's response to my column of August 15 on the subject of going back to school and the retention and implementation of what is taught there, I would like to say that any real negativity was completely unintended. I was writing facetiously and didn't take time to think that it might be misinterpreted.

I enjoyed my years in school, loved many of my teachers and became close friends with many as the years have passed, and would give anything to go back and do it all again. I hope I have not offended any of them as well, and I apologize to Mr. Hempel and anyone else who believed I was being disrespectful or even flippant about my school days and the educators who endured me as a student.

As I understand it now, at least one high school teacher copied my column and distributed it to students as an assignment, to write a letter to the newspaper concerning how they felt about what I'd said. I can only imagine what that might bring, if they're mailed, and if nobody realizes that I was merely trying to see the lighter side of a subject. That is generally my pattern of writing in the first place.

Hmmm ... perhaps changing my mug shot to one of me with my tongue firmly planted in my cheek might help in the future?

Lesson learned — thanks.

Respectfully y'all's,

Luke Wilson
Arcadia

Keep the APD

Editor:

Please pray the City of Arcadia does not lose Marshal Anderson and all of City Police of Arcadia. We are blessed by God to have Marshal Anderson and all of City Police of Arcadia, and we pray that we do not lose them and the excellent safety and well being Marshal Anderson and all of City Police of Arcadia bravely and honorably, lawfully, legally and morally, correctly bestow upon us.

Mary White
Arcadia

CliptoMania promises a bit of glam and glitz in Arcadia

By HAYLEY MERCER

ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

Do not let the historical rodeo mural of cowboys and cattle downtown fool you into thinking that Arcadia's newest beauty parlor is anything less than a modern, upbeat, one-stop shop. Liz Christensen, the owner of CliptoMania, has opened the doors for an economical hometown haircut with a touch of the Big City salons at her new business, located at 47 W. Magnolia Avenue in downtown Arcadia, where the painted bullrider resides.

As soon as you step into CliptoMania, the vibrant visual of zebra stripes and hot pink decor immediately say that, even though this is in downtown Arcadia, you'll have to look out the front windows to be reminded of that.

"I had a vision," Christensen said. Her eyes sparkle with pride, realizing her dream of a modern fashion hot spot in the heart of Arcadia's antique district has become a reality.

She set in motion the wheels to create a pleasing visual experience plus one element even more vital for success, the trusted dependable staff she has selected to work side by side with on her journey. "We want your experience with CliptoMania to be nothing but positive — even as you are walking out of our door as you don't have to worry about us talking behind your back," she laughed. "Seriously, though, business is business — younger, older, female, male, child, we are here to offer the most affordable state-of-the-art services and high-end products priced the lowest in the county, making it



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The staff of CliptoMania, from left: Liz Christensen, owner; Nail Tech Karla Rodgers, Stylist Blanca Valesco; and Stylist Nikki Autry Lopez.

possible to save everyone driving out of town for their beauty needs."

In addition to hair care, CliptoMania offers facials, two high tech tanning beds, waxing and nails. Another lifelong native, Karla Rodgers, is starting off her new career as a nail tech alongside her daughter, McKinna Rodgers, as the mother/daughter duo team up to provide the latest fashions in nail wear.

"I am running a special for the entire month of September," Karla said, "Mani/pedi for \$35 by appointment, on

Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays." Rodgers has selected the Tammy Taylor line of nail polish for her endeavors at CliptoMania. A gel (shellack) polish manicure is available for \$25 with a wide variety of colors to choose from.

Stylists Blanca Valesco and Nikki Autry Lopez deliver service with a smile "in an atmosphere that is fun for all ages for cuts, colors and perms," Lopez said. A recent Artist of the Month in *The Arcadian*, Nikki is displaying and selling her artwork at CliptoMania. She is also the driving force behind



Liz Christensen, owner of a new styling salon, CliptoMania, brings a bit of glamor to Arcadia's historic downtown.

the snazzy decor as her hand-painted zebras decorate the shop.

Call 863-491-6090 for all appointments or stop in at 47 W. Magnolia Avenue in the downtown district for your affordable product purchases from the Redkin, Paul Mitchel, Matrix, Marrakesh and Bed Head hair care lines as well as a variety of Designer Skin tanning lotions. All customers are welcome, and there are two bilingual employees on hand with Florinda Villanueva and Stephanie Valdez comprising the remaining CliptoMania family.

The salon is open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays (closed on Sundays).

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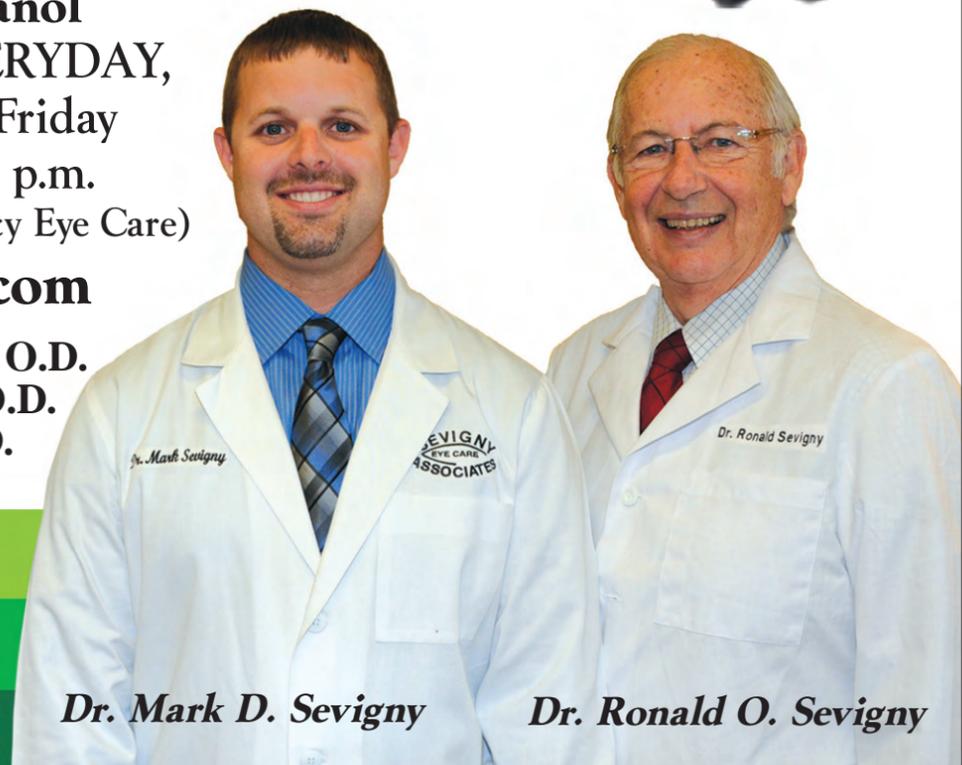


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Arcadia's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All area codes are 863 unless otherwise indicated.

TODAY

- 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.
- AA Second Tradition Anniversary Night is the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St. Open speaker.
- Drop-in Yoga Class 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.
- Cocaine Anonymous meetings are held every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. The first meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3. For information, call Charles Godwin at 941-357-3945, Mildred Daniels at 993-0373, or Curtis Clark at 263-2935.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.
- Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.
- Weight Watchers meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1509 E. Oak St. For details visit www.weightwatchers.com and "find a meeting" or call 800-651-6000.
- Prescription Assistance holds walk-in office hours at the DeSoto Center for Health and Disease Management from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday at 519 W. Hickory St., Arcadia. For more information, call 491-7580.
- ACCESS office is open from 1-4 p.m. today at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Call for appointments at 494-0320.

SATURDAY

- Jasmine's Dream Ranch will be hosting a trash and treasure sale on Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Peace River Campground. Proceeds benefit the horse rescue ranch. All vendors welcome: call 444-0427 for details.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- Happy Labor Day to all of our readers! Don't work too hard today, now.
- There will be no garbage collection for DeSoto County customers on Sept. 2 in observance of Labor Day. Monday customers' next service date will be Thursday, Sept. 5.
- The AA G.I.R.L.S. business meeting is held the first Monday at 7:15 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- 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. Edmund's Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Al-anon, offering help for families of alcoholics, meets

at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit www.district13soffal-anon.org.

• 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

- Arcadia City Council meets at 6 p.m. at the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia.
- Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday (except the third Tuesday) of the month, on the 147.075, W4MIN repeater with a pl of 100. All amateurs are invited to participate.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- DeSoto County Library holds story time at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Peace River Woodcarvers meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Speer Center, U.S. Highway 17 North, Arcadia. For information, contact Bill Morse at 207-418-4687 or mamorse1953@gmail.com.
- ACCESS office is open from 9 a.m. to noon today at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Call for appointments at 494-0320.
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- Prescription Assistance holds walk-in office hours at the DeSoto Center for Health and Disease Management from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday at 519 W. Hickory St., Arcadia. For more information, call 491-7580.
- Suncoast Community Blood Bank is open from noon to 6 p.m. today at 710 N. Brevard Ave. (U.S. 17 North), Arcadia. For more information, call 993-9366.

WEDNESDAY

- DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Mobile Pantry is on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Smith Brown Gym starting at 9 a.m. until the food is gone. The only requirement is to be a DeSoto County resident. Sponsored by the All Faiths Food bank of Sarasota.
- The AA Serenity Group Business Meeting is held at 7:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church, 1004 W. Oak St.
- The Arcadia Writers Group meets from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Arcadia Village Clubhouse. For more information, call Sarah Hollenhorst at 244-1663.
- The Retired Law Enforcement Association of Southwest Florida meets first Wednesday monthly at the Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 23300 Harper Ave., Port Charlotte. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting is at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 941-423-0902.
- 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 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.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- The Arcadia Eagles, 150 S. Polk Ave., now offers Bingo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak Street.
- "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.
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THURSDAY

- The Friends of the NRA will hold a benefit banquet on Sept. 5 at the Turner Agri-Civic Center at 6 p.m. Tickets include a steak dinner and there will be raffles and many opportunities to win prizes. For ticket information call the Turner Center at 993-4807 or email jsullivan@turnercenter.com.
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- The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council Board of directors meets on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m., at The Arcadian, 108 S. Polk.
- The DeSoto County Special Olympics committee meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday every month at Beef O'Brady's. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in coaching or working with adults or youth in sports. For more information, call Joyce at 873-8219 or 494-3440.

• Chamber of Commerce Early Bird Breakfast is at 8 a.m. the first Thursday monthly. Each month's location will be announced.

- Drop-in Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m.-5:15 p.m., registration and yoga tea; 5:15-6:15 p.m., yoga class. Come enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
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COMING EVENTS

- The Desoto County Library Association will meet at 5 p.m. on Sept. 9 at the Desoto County Public Library, 125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Public is welcome.
- Nature Talk: Fish Tales with Devin Lawrence, 10 a.m. on Sept. 11 at DeSoto County Library. Free.
- Circus Pages will return to the DeSoto County Turner Agri-Civic Center for two more great shows on Sept. 13 at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets \$15, children under 14 free with a coupon. Coupons will be available around town at local merchants. For details call or email the Turner Center at 993-4807 or jsullivan@turnercenter.com.
- Nature Walks: Morgan Park, 8:30 a.m. Sept. 17. Free.
- The USS Mount McKinley Association will hold its 25th reunion in Portland, Oregon Sept. 18-22 for everyone who served on the ship. For information call Dwight Janzen at 509-534-3649 or email djanzen4@msn.com.
- The Annual DeSoto Charlotte Farm Bureau Meeting will be held at the Turner Agri-Civic Center on Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. Ladies will again be bringing their wonderful side dishes. For details call the Farm Bureau at 494-3636.
- Nature Walks: Morgan Park, 8:30 a.m. Sept. 27. Free. With Extension Agent Ken Johnson. Free.
- Nature Walks: Morgan Park, 8:30 a.m. Oct. 1. With John and Forest Reynolds. Free.
- Central Florida Poultry Breeders Association host a Poultry Show at the Turner Center on Oct. 5. Gates open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call Cindy Kinard at 990-2324.
- Nature Talk: Gil MacAdam, designing gardens to attract butterflies and birds, 10 a.m. on Oct. 9 at DeSoto County Library. Free.
- The Greater Venice Dog Club and the Greater Naples Dog Club will be hosting another great show from Oct. 10-13 at the Turner Center. Shows run from 8 a.m. to 5 or 6 p.m. each day. Admission is Free. Parking will be \$5. For more information call Donna Kranzberg at 941-923-2855.
- Nature Talk: John Reynolds, Creative ways early residents used plants, 10 a.m. on Nov. 13 at DeSoto County Library. Free.
- Coastal Conservation Association Peace River Chapter is holding a Banquet at the Turner Center on Oct. 17. For more information call Adam Miller 941-270-0895.
- Nature Walks: Environmental Learning Lab, 8:30 a.m. Oct. 30. With Gil MacAdam. Free.
- The annual Halloween Boo Bash and Costume Contest Trick or Treat takes place at the Turner Center from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31.
- DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council will host its first-ever Paint-Out, painting en plein air, on Nov. 16 in downtown Arcadia. Watch The Arcadian for more details in the future. For those not familiar with the process of painting scenes outdoors, a plein air workshop is being planned for Nov. 2.
- Nature Walks: Deep Creek Preserve, 8:30 a.m. Nov. 14. With naturalists John Phillips and Jamie Reynolds. Free.
- Nature Walks: Brownville Park, 8:30 a.m. Nov. 19. Free.
- AG FEST 2013 will be held at the Turner Center on Nov. 23. Admission is \$2 per person, parking is free. Gates open at 9 a.m. For vending or sponsorship information call the Turner Center at 863-993-4807.
- Nature Walks: Morgan Park, 8:30 a.m. Dec. 10. With entomologist Bob Wilk. Free.
- Nature Talk: Jean Evoy, Moths: stories and photos, 10

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.

a.m. on Dec 11 at DeSoto County Library. Free.

- Nature Walks: Babcock Webb Footprints Trail, 8:30 a.m. Dec. 31. Free.
- Nature Talk: Master naturalist John Phillips shares how plants survive in droughts and floods, 10 a.m. on Jan. 8 at DeSoto County Library. Free.
- Nature Walks: Brownville Park, 8:30 a.m. Jan. 9. Free.
- Nature Walks: Deep Creek Preserve, 8:30 a.m. Jan. 23. With master naturalists John Phillips and Jamie Reynolds. Free.
- Nature Walks: Morgan Park, 8:30 a.m. Feb. 3. Winter birds with expert Jim Knoy. Free.
- DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council will hold the second Rio de la Paz Festival and Art Show Feb. 7-8, 2014.
- Nature Talk: Extension Agent Ken Johnson examines the interdependence of plants and animals, 10 a.m. on Feb. 12 at DeSoto County Library. Free.
- Nature Walks: Environmental Learning Lab, 8:30 a.m. Feb. 20. Free.
- Nature Walks: Morgan Park, 8:30 a.m. March 8. Native plants with John and Forest Reynolds. Free.
- Nature Talk: Jerry Waters talks about one of the most interesting owls in Florida, 10 a.m. on Mar. 12 at DeSoto County Library. Free.
- Nature Walks: Deep Creek Preserve, 8:30 a.m. March 20. With master naturalists John Phillips and Jamie Reynolds. Free.
- Nature Walks: Environmental Learning Lab, 8:30 a.m. April 8. Free.
- Nature Talk: Mike Rhodes shares information about beautiful but dangerous exotic plants, 10 a.m. on April 9 at DeSoto County Library. Free.
- Nature Walks: Brownville Park, 8:30 a.m. April 19. With Master Naturalists. Free.
- Nature Walks: Morgan Park, 8:30 a.m. May 1. Free.
- Nature Talk: Master Naturalist Jamie Reynolds shares information on local wildflowers, 10 a.m. on May 14 at DeSoto County Library. Free.

SERVICE CLUBS

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Veterans — For free transportation to VA clinics, call 993-9670 for an appointment.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. They are in need of cash donations to help pay for utility bills and other expenses.
- The DeSoto County Literacy Council is looking for tutors for adult literacy and English as a Second Language classes. For details call Susan at 993-1333.
- Training program available to 55+, low-income individuals for placement in local non-profits. Currently seeking trainees for two positions — kitchen aide and receptionist. Call Experience Works at 385-3672, Ext. 324.
- DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at 1425 S.W. MLK St. The center provides referrals to mainstream resources. If you have an urgent need, call Rev. Patrick Elmore at 786-543-3261 or Valerie Gilchrist at 244-8734. The center provides assistance with elderly healthcare issues through Serving Healthcare and Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE) and assistance with SNAP (senior food stamps). The center offers help completing Social Security Income and Disability Income (SSI and SSDI) applications. Call Sue Grossman-Leversee at 239-470-5350 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The center also offers a Mobile Food Pantry starting at 9 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month at Smith-Brown Gym, 14 School St., Arcadia. Food is provided through All Faiths Food Bank and it is open to all DeSoto County residents.

Free river cruise when you sign up for library card

By **CAROL MAHLER**
ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

Celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month at the DeSoto County Library.

When you sign up for a new library card at the DeSoto County Library during the month of September, you'll receive a gift certificate for a FREE sunset cruise from King Fisher Fleet. These hour-long cruises are available at Fishermen's Village Marina in Punta Gorda.

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King Fisher Fleet of Fisherman's Village, Punta Gorda, is offering a free river cruise for anyone who signs up for a public library card in DeSoto County in September.

computers with Internet access, Wi-fi, e-books, audio-books, online classes, genealogical information among other databases, and books.

Lorel Reinstrom, director of the library, said, "The most important school supply I can think of is a library card. Children and teens can use the library to check out books, music and DVDs, but they can also play literacy games, join the Lego club, attend story time or Book Buddies, and so much more. There's a lot happening at the DeSoto County Library, and the best part for both kids and parents is that it's all free with a library card."

The American Library Association reports, "Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning."

To sign up for a library card, you must show proof of residency in DeSoto County, and minors must be accompanied by a parent. The DeSoto County Library is located at 125 N. Hillsborough Avenue in Arcadia. For information, call 863-993-4851 or online at www.myhlc.org/des.

The King Fisher Fleet offers sightseeing cruises to the outer islands, eco-tours, full and half day cruises, sunset

cruises and harbor tours as well as deep sea charter fishing in the Gulf of Mexico or back bay fishing in the Charlotte

Harbor Aquatic Preserve. For information, call 941-639-0969 or check online at www.kingfisherfleet.com.



Amvets, Sons awarded for help for community's youth

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At the annual banquet of the 5 Star Youth of America, the Florida State Community Service Award was presented to the Amvets Post 60 and the Sons of Amvets Squadron 60. They have been the backbone to help youth organizations of this community to be able to meet their goals this past year. From left: Larry Yagel and Lealon Rachel representing Amvets; for 5 Star Youth, Sarah DeFeo, Abby Avant, Emily Avant and Director Jackie Tucker; Ken Shatney who was presented the Individual State Community Service Award for his dedication to the Cub Scouts, Rangerettes and youth; and Larry Kirsch, representing Sons of Amvets Squadron 60.

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

- Terry Thomas Carlton, 41, Port Charlotte. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$2,000.
- Dusty Lamar Chaney, 29, no address, Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended, second offense. Bond: \$500.
- Peter Hernandez Delgado, 38, Park Place, Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of unoccupied dwelling and grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$8,500.
- Jose Luis Hernandez, 44, 1400 block of Third Ave., Arcadia. Charge: trespass on property. Bond: \$120.
- Maxine Lee Landford, 28, 9300 block of S.W. Flacon Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- Kimberly Ann McDonald, 31, 1400 block of S.E. Airport St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Johnny Daniel Minniefield Jr., 22, Sarasota. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Esteban Morales, 44, 600 block of N. Polk Ave., Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, grand theft between \$300-\$5,000 and violation of probation. Bond: \$11,773.
- Rufino Ortega, 32, S.E. State Road 31, Arcadia. Charges: possession of methamphetamine with intent to manufacture or sell, driving while license is suspended, failure to register motor vehicle and unarmed robbery. Bond: none.
- Pablo Silva, 25, 1500 block of S.E. Carnahan, Arcadia. Charges: reckless driving, subsequent offense, driving while license is suspended or revoked and resisting an officer by fleeing to elude with lights and sirens active.

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.

- Bond: \$2,370.
- Rashad Devon Bessent, 27, Lehigh Acres. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Miguel Diaz Diaz, 36, 1800 block of 3rd Ave., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.
- Tina Sain, 45, Jacaranda Apts., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Bobby Ray Thigpen, 22, 3500 block of S.W. U.S. Highway 17, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- James Walton Westberry, 30, 10800 block of Kissimmee Ave., Arcadia. Charge: Criminal mischief with under \$200 damage. Bond: \$120.
- Elizabeth Ann Williams, 51, DeSoto Motel, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Christopher Worth, 20, 8400 block of S.W. Bay Ave., Arcadia. Charge: resisting an officer without violence. Bond: not stated.
- Lloyd Roan Worth, 26, 8400 block of S.W. Bay Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and possession of marijuana with intent manufacture or sell. Bond: \$5,120.
- Tiffany Francis Barfuss, 27, 2100 block of S.W. Poinsettia Ave., Arcadia. Charges: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000 and unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. Bond: \$8,500.
- James Earl Lewis, 51, 200 block of Taylor Lane, Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment, possession of a controlled substance

without a prescription and possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon. Bond: \$6,120.

- Jeffery Allen Sheppard, 22, 1100 block of Nomie Road, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant Bond: none.
- Rachel Ann Simpson, 31, Punta Gorda. Charge: possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon. Bond: \$5,000.
- Miguel Diaz Diaz, 36, 1800 block of Third Ave., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.
- Jimmy Edward Hiat, 37, 1100 block of S.W. Golden Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$2,500.
- Karie Ann Kettler, 24, 8400 block of S.W. Bay St., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and possession of more than 30 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$1,620.
- Jesus Lugo Mendieta, 28, 18200 block of N.W. County Road 4160, Arcadia. Charge: DUI with BAC of .15 or more or with person under 18. Bond: \$1,500.
- Kenyatta Omar Redden, 32, 1200 block of S.E. Carhanan Ave. Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Omar Ramos Romero, 20, 1600 block of S.E. Hargrave, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$2,000.
- Tina Sain, 45, 1500 block of Jacaranda, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Jessica Yvonne Small, 29, Port Charlotte. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$120.
- Kimberly Rose Worth, 18, 8400 block of S.W. Bay Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$1,620.
- Raymond Lee Worth, 22, 8400 S.W. Bay Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$2,250.
- Ruben Medrano, 45, Zolfo Springs. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Peggy Lee Suttles, 50, 1700 block of N.E. Ora Ave., Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure and grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$8,500.
- Darius Lavern Arnold, 18, 1200 block of S.W. Harlem Circle, Arcadia. Charge: resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$750.
- Michael Anthony Cross, 29, 1300

block of S.E. State Road 31, Arcadia. Charges: exploiting an elderly person for less than \$20,000, four counts of giving false ownership information on pawned items, five counts of possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon and three counts of dealing in stolen property. Bond: none.

- Eugene James Hoffer, 29, Tangelo Drive, Arcadia. Charges: two counts of battery. Bond: none.
- Dana Nicole Martinez, 31, 1200 block of S.W. Mildred St., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- Jose Sacramento Perez, 41, 1200 block of Maple Drive, Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended, third or subsequent offense. Bond: \$1,500.,
- Jose Rangel, 61, 200 block of Winifred St., Arcadia. Charges: failure to register motor vehicle and driving without a valid license. Bond: \$240.
- Sarah Marie Stewart, 24, 6600 block of N.W. Pine Hurst Drive, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

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

- Marvin Lee Bates, 23, 10700 block of S.W. Kissimmee Road, Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$2,000.
- Tina Maldonado Lopez, 44, 2500 block of S.W. Daytona St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Nakia Vashe Pittman, 21, 1600 block of Hargrave St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: \$4,000.
- Joshua Montoya Adkins, 23, 1100 block of S.W. Rainbow St., Arcadia. Charge: sale of marijuana, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$4,500.
- Bonnie Lee Palon, 42, 24100 block of Crenshaw Ave., Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, grand theft between \$300-\$5,000, giving false ID to second-hand dealer, and dealing in stolen property. Bond: \$12,500.
- Aaneshia Jer-Mese White, 22, 300 block of S. Manatee Ave., Arcadia. Charge: knowingly driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$500.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

Heartland Workforce to Host



Mark Your Calendars!

September 12th. 10am-2pm

Bert J. Harris Agri-Civic Center, Hwy 27 South, Sebring

Doors open at 10am with the first hour dedicated to Veterans only please. 11am-2pm welcomes all job seekers.

Veterans and all job seekers planning to attend should bring their resume, come "Dressed for Success", and be prepared to interview with prospective employers.

Planning to attend? Here are some tips for making a great impression!

- **RESEARCH** the businesses that will be attending the job fair. Starting on September 4th, check the Heartland Workforce website for an up-to-date listing of participating employers.
- **REHEARSE** a quick presentation to explain your skills.
- **REVIEW** what you plan to wear, your resume, and your cover letter, to make sure you put your best foot forward.
- **RESPOND** with a "thank you" letter if you have an opportunity to interview with an employer.

If your resume needs updating, or if you are nervous about interviewing with an employer, Heartland Workforce offers many "Job Readiness" workshops on a variety of topics. For more information on these and other services available, or to find a location near you, visit the Heartland Workforce website at www.hwib.org

Veterans or special disabled Veterans seeking assistance in preparing for the Job Fair may contact Nancy Stalter, Heartland Workforce Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Representative at nstalter@hwib.org

Employers interested in reserving a table may contact Colleen Dukes, Heartland Workforce Business Operations Manager, cdukes@hwib.org

Heartland Workforce is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. All voice telephone numbers may be reached by persons using TTY/TDD equipment via the Florida Relay Service at 711.

THIS WEEK IN DESOTO COUNTY

1978:

• County schools will open Monday morning to admit an estimated 3,900 public school students. A new high school building, 20 new teachers, a new high school principal and some switching around in administration promise to make the first school day a mixture of the strange and familiar. At the recently built DeSoto High School, Bernard DePaul of Pennsylvania will be at the helm, assisted by Adrian Cline who moved into the assistant principal's job following time spent with the school system as an English teacher. DeSoto High students will be given maps their first day to help them navigate through the maze of hallways.

• Twenty-two DeSoto High School cheerleaders returned from cheerleading camp at the University of South Florida, Tampa last Thursday with several honors for both the varsity and the junior varsity squad. Both squads were chaperoned by Sherry Lindsey. The varsity won two "Excellent" awards, two "Superior" awards and was named a "Superstar" squad. The Junior Varsity won two "Outstanding" awards, one "Excellent" award, one "Superior" award and was named a "Superstar" squad. The varsity squad members are: Karla Bethel, captain, Barbara Dees, co-captain, Suzie Blackburn, Beth Markett, Becky Ryals, Kim Wertz, Donna Gladfelter, Anne Sherer, Brenda Jones, Melanie Freeman, and Stephany Gillenberg. The junior varsity squad members are: Cassandra Parker, captain, Cindy Turner, co-captain, Jenny Griffin, Kay Boyd, Teresa Gray, Kathy Markett, Laura Johnson, Angie Brown, Marilyn Tipton, and Linda Kovocik.

• The 1978 edition of the DeSoto High Bulldogs will get their season underway as they host the Sebring



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Blue Streaks Friday here at the DHS stadium. "The team is mentally prepared for the game," said head coach Richard Bowers. "The key factor in the game will be team unity." Leading the offense will be Quarterback John Lee, backed up by senior Elmer Johnson and sophomore MacArthur Young. Lee is accompanied in the back field by two excellent running backs, junior Mike Gilchrist and sophomore Buck Clifton, at 5'10" and 160 pounds. Gilchrist and Clifton are backed up by junior Joe Williams and sophomore Henry Idom. The Bulldog receivers are senior tight end John Rembert, at 6'4" and 190 pounds and senior split end Elmer Johnson, 5'10" and 160 pounds. The flankers will be Hubert Smart, Robin Mosely and David Howard, all juniors. At the center position is Bruce Aaron, a senior. Seniors Mike and Tom Messina are the guards and senior Manuel Jenkins and junior Paul Sloan are tackles. Sloan, at 6'3" and 200 pounds, also heads the defensive line, while Mike and Tom Messina lead the linebacking corps. The final factor, Bowers believes, will be the fan support. The Bulldogs had it last year. "Without fans, the Bulldogs are not complete," he said.

OBITUARIES

Eva Maria Andres

Eva Maria Andres, 73, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013.

She was born March 12, 1940, in Paramaribo, Suriname, and moved to Arcadia in 1977.

Eva worked as a Realtor for Fussell Realty and Aztec Century 21 Real Estate offices. She was a loving wife of 53 years and the proud mother of two sons. Eva enjoyed doing needlepoint with lace, and tending to her many orchids. She will be deeply missed.

Eva is survived by her husband, Peter Andres of Arcadia; sons, Richard Andres of Orlando, Fla., and Robert Andres of Arcadia; brother, Martin Ehrhardt; and sister, Judith Kunze, both of Frankfurt, Germany. She was preceded in death by her parents, Rudolf and Freida Ehrhardt; and brother, Stefan Ehrhardt.

A memorial service celebrating Eva's life was held Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, in the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Arcadia. Online condolences can be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

Jean Patrick

Jean Patrick, 67, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013.

She was born Feb. 16, 1946, in Forest, Miss., the daughter of John and Eula Anderson.

Ms. Patrick retired from the DeSoto County, Fla., School Board after 25 years of service. She enjoyed playing bingo and doing puzzles.

She is survived by her six children; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; eight sisters and brothers; and a host of family and friends. Ms. Patrick was preceded in death by her parents; and daughter, Adriann Patrick.

Visitation was held Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at Hickson Funeral Home Chapel in Arcadia. Services were held Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, at Mount Zion AME Church, 256 S. Orange Ave., Arcadia. Burial took place at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia.

Arrangements are by Hickson Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Nannie Lee Watson

Nannie Lee Watson, 90, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Monday, Aug. 19, 2013. Arrangements are by Hickson Funeral Home Inc. of Fort Myers, Fla.

Jewell A. Soots

Jewell A. Soots, 70, of Lake Suzy, Fla., passed away Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at her residence.

Mrs. Soots was born Oct. 29, 1942, in Indianapolis, Ind., to Carl and Catherine (nee Walls) Wright.

She, along with her husband Eddie, owned The Winners Circle Lounge in Speedway, Ind.

Mrs. Soots is survived by her loving husband of 30 years, Eddie F. Soots of Lake Suzy; nine children; 32 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Burial is at Forest Lawn Memory Garden in Greenwood, Ind. Please visit Jewell's tribute wall at www.schelmfh.com to share memories or to send condolences to the Soots family. Memorial donations may be made in loving memory of Jewell to the American Cancer Society, 992 Tamiami Trail, Unit C-2, Port Charlotte, FL 33953.

Arrangements are by Paul Schelm Funeral Home, Lake Suzy.

Timmie E. Welch

Timmie E. Welch, 47, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013.

He was born July 2, 1966, in Coudersport, Pa., and moved to Arcadia 34 years ago.

Timmie worked as a concrete finisher for the last 20 years. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, boating, camping, barbecuing, and spending time with his family. He was of the Baptist faith.

Timmie is survived by his wife, Sherri Welch of Arcadia; son, Tim (Sarah) Williams of Georgia; daughters, Sydney (Robert) Welch of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Danielle (Donald) Bryant of Arcadia; mother, Grace Welch of Mershon, Ga.; mother-in-law, Mary Proctor; brother, Kenny (Tammy) Welch of Pennsylvania; sisters, Marianne Nelson of Arcadia, Debra (Jimmie) Brown of Arcadia, Bobbi Fugate of Arcadia, Tammy (Oscar) Zuniga of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., and Cathy (Lynn) Sortore of New York; and grandchildren, Lilly, Logan and Mason Bryant of Arcadia.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Arcadia. Burial followed at Joshua Creek Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

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

Eugene R. Williamson

Eugene R. "Gene" Williamson, 77, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Thursday, Aug. 22, 2013, at Doctor's Hospital in Sarasota, Fla.

Gene was born Jan. 3, 1936, in Fitzgerald, Ga., and moved to Arcadia in 1953.

He was here only a few days before Frances Whidden, the love of his life, swept him off his feet. They married in 1955 and raised three children. Gene worked for the State of Florida, Department of Transportation for more than 37 years. During those years, he wore many hats, but primarily wore that of Highway Supervisor. He loved gardening and fishing and liked his mullet "well salted." Above all, Gene was a very family oriented man with strong values and morals. Gene was a wonderful husband to Frances for over 58 years, a loving Daddy to Sherry, Gina and Sam, and an amazing Papa to Samantha and Bradley.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Williamson of Nocatee, Fla.; daughters, Sherry Williamson of Nocatee, Gina Palanzi of Fort Myers, Fla.; son, Sam (Carol) Williamson of Nocatee; and grandchildren, Bradley and Samantha. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Robert M. and Geneva Givens Williamson; and brothers, Delton and Buddy Williamson.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013, at Joshua Creek Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

Arrangements are by Ponger Kays Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

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OBITUARY POLICY

Obituaries are accepted from funeral homes only. There's no charge for publishing an abbreviated death notice. Full obituaries and repeat death notices will be subject to an advertising charge.

Obituaries must be submitted to the Charlotte Sun; call 941-206-1000 for details. Please send e-mails to obituaries@sun-herald.com. The American flag accompanying an obituary indicates a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.



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Thursday Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00pm
Rev. Dr. Sharon T. Goodman, Pastor

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863.494.3881
Sunday - Worship 10:00am
(Children's Church Provided)
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Starting at 7:30pm
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All Welcome!

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North Hillsborough Baptist Church

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Pastor Ellis Cross
863-494-3455
Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 6:00pm
Wednesday 6:30pm
Thursday Youth Group 6pm



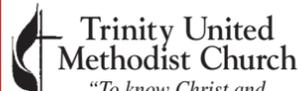
Arcadia, Florida
5104 NW Oak Hill Ave.
863-494-6224
Pastor Dr. Howell Upchurch
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Wednesday 6:30 pm for Prayer Group, Youth & Children

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Morning Worship 11 AM
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327 W. Hickory Street
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304 W. Oak Street • 494-2543
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May the Lord fill your heart with love.

Stop being a spectator: Get involved

Early one morning, I found myself thanking the Lord that I live in a land that is filled with churches. Then I thought of the possibility of all of these places of worship coming alive with members giving priority to serving God and carrying the message of Christ and His love to the world. Talk about an earthquake! Such an awakening would shake society and get our nation back on the course intended by those who first came here to worship God and establish a nation founded on principles of righteousness.

Barriers between family members would be broken down. Marriages would be strengthened and homes would become places of peace and love. Fairness would come to the workplace. Crime would diminish. The drug plague would end. Immorality would be checked.

Some turnaround! But one to be expected in a time of genuine



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spiritual awakening. Solomon wrote, "Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

What would it take to awaken the churches? We would have to conquer the "spectator syndrome."

The Christian life described in the Bible is both abundant and active; it is disciplined and dynamic. A look at the first century church reveals an involved and active group of believers. Even in persecution, they were about their Lord's work.

Actually, the church has often thrived under persecution while becoming lazy and ineffective during times of prosperity. Perhaps this is because real faith is revealed under pressure. Those who are genuine get involved and it affects the whole community. The early Christians were known as those who turned the world upside down. We could use some of that kind of action today ... and it must begin with individuals ... maybe even you.

God may be calling upon you to be the pacesetter in your church. If you think you are too busy for such involvement, remember that historically God has chosen busy people to serve Him. Moses was tending sheep when called to deliver Israel from bondage. David was caring for his father's flocks when he was anointed to become king. Peter was fishing when he responded to the Lord's call, and fishing had been his daily work.

In today's average church, the members sit and listen while the pastor does the ministering and most of the action takes place one or two days a week. You can change that in your church by setting a new example.

Begin where you are and with what you have.

Visit someone who is sick or discouraged and pray for that person. Take food to a needy person. Volunteer to teach a Sunday School class. Distribute tracts that carry a clear message in your neighborhood. Start a prayer group. Invite the youth of your church to your home for one of their meetings.

Shock your pastor by telling him you want to be totally involved in bringing a true revival to your church. You may be the key person to begin the awakening that is so desperately needed in the churches of America. Stop being a spectator. Get involved ... today.

Scams to avoid — here, there and everywhere

To those people who are regular readers of this column, you are aware by now that one of the main goals of the CASE (Communities Against Senior Exploitation) Program is to provide information about the many scams and frauds out there. My hope is, of course, that armed with knowledge of them, people will be less apt to become victims of these crimes. To continue my mission, today I offer information on scams, some of which are new and others which I previously discussed but



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are still around making peoples' lives miserable.

Locally, a resident received what

appeared to be a legitimate check drawn on a real bank for nearly \$4,000. A letter with it claimed she had won a foreign sweepstakes for one-quarter of a million dollars and the small check was for processing fees. She was directed to wire to a specific address a portion of the check for the fee and deposit the balance for her own use.

This is a very common scam and is very obviously one by several signs. It had a foreign (in this case, South Africa) stamp; she had never entered the sweepstakes, if it even existed, so she would not be eligible to win; legitimate contests and sweepstakes don't require winners to pay processing fees or provide them checks with which to pay owed taxes; and finally, she was directed to wire the supposed processing fee. As I have shared many times, wired funds are virtually impossible to retrieve.

In another instance, a county resident wound up sending approximately \$16,000 overseas via Western Union, in response to letters the resident had received. In them, the resident was informed that he was going to be sweepstakes winner, but had to send money to enter. Finally, after sending the amount above, the resident had received no winnings and decided to report the fraud.

Again the red flags were present — communications from a foreign country, payment for entering a lottery or contest and request that payment be wired.

ATM scams are around again

One last warning of note comes from Lt. Mays. He wants us to be aware that illegal activity at ATM machines is again on the rise. This does not necessarily

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DESOTO COUNTY BULLDOGS **HARDEE COUNTY WILDCATS**

Since 1921, DeSoto versus Hardee has been the oldest high school football rivalry in the state of Florida.

Special Section Announcement!

Memorabilia Section publishing in DeSoto County October 23 & 24 and Hardee County October 23.

Can we use your Memorabilia?

Contact us with anything related to Friday night football season. We want to hear from cheerleaders, band members, coaches and athletic directors. We want to know about diehard DeSoto fans who supported the teams through thick and thin. We know our county residents have some great stuff to share so let us hear from you.

Call or Email Joe Gallimore
863-990-8099 or 863-494-2434
jgallimore@sun-herald.com

Stories & photos are being compiled by:
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A triple-header for health

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

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

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

The second "miracle" is a sensible diet. I must admit to retaining a sweet tooth, so my meals do have a little "sweet" leeway, but I do stick to basics and my weight, the real touchstone, never varies. Most important are at least FIVE fruits and vegetables daily, but that's not difficult, especially if you start with a touch of citrus for breakfast. I like an orange or tangerine, or a glass of orange or cranberry juice.

Then at noon-time (our big meal of the day) we add at least three additional qualifiers. I often make an entree or



From a Senior Viewpoint

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

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

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

Beef O'Brady's — remodeled and ready to party

By **THOMAS SIMMONS**
ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

If you had \$570,000 to spend, what would you spend it on? For Larry McKinney, owner of the Arcadia Beef O'Brady's, the answer was a no-brainer. He invested that amount in his restaurant. Beef O'Brady's is located in the Sweetbay Plaza on East Oak Street (Highway 70 East) at Turner Road in Arcadia.

McKinney undertook the remodeling project, and supervised its completion. Now that the work is done to his satisfaction, he is inviting the community to a week-long Grand Opening celebration September 2-7.

During the entire week there will be featured daily specials. On Tuesday evening, Sept. 3, kids eat free from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., while all day Friday there will be a fish fry special including cole slaw and fries. During the Grand Reopening, 35¢ chicken wings are available all day. And always, the new menu offers much variety: soups and starters; sandwiches and sides; salads and desserts. Beverages (non-alcoholic and alcoholic) are almost unlimited.

The Grand Reopening features all new HD TVs throughout, where one can enjoy 360-degree viewing of football and other sports. For families, there is a game room



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Larry McKinney, owner of Beef O'Brady's in Arcadia, stands with his assistant manager Debbie Clay and their efficient wait staff. From left: Jeorgia Sutton; Victoria Sanders; Larry McKinney; Debbie Clay; and Kerry Horvath. The personnel at the restaurant work hard to make each customer's dining experience satisfying.

with closed-circuit monitors throughout the restaurant, so parents can keep an eye on the kids as they play there.

Another new feature is the new "Coca-Cola Freestyle" beverage machine. This dispenser is capable of delivering over 140 flavors of soft drink and water choices. The combinations are ordered from the listing in the new menu, and the server enters the customer's choice in the Freestyle and pushes the button.

McKinney is no stranger to Arcadia. He came here in 2006 and Beef O'Brady's has been



Andy Slemmons and Debbie Clay work and cook in an immaculate kitchen environment with all updated equipment. They produce a variety of chicken wings, sandwiches, burgers along with several sides, to satisfy the hungry customers who come to Beef O'Brady's for their good food and friendly atmosphere.



A community room is available for the asking for customers who want a location to use as a large or small group gathering place. With few restrictions, the room can be reserved by a quick phone call to the restaurant. Usually there is no charge for the room, but those who use it will want to order some food.

New HD TVs, a game room monitor, and newly painted walls featuring Brady's 2.0 paint throughout, greet patrons upon their entry into the remodeled restaurant.

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Glass, Antique or Not closing its doors next month

By **JOE GALLIMORE**
ARCADIAN GENERAL MANAGER

A dynamic couple, Algie and Wolf Didlaukies, will be closing the doors to Glass, Antique or Not in Arcadia and want past customers and visitors to know that Sept. 15 will be the last day to shop.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

Algie Didlaukies poses by some of the collectible glass and antiques for sale in her shop, which will be closing on Sept. 15.

Rico, then Lexington, Ky., and Dania, Fla., before opening at 219 West Oak Street in Arcadia in October 2003. Their daughter, Toni Badovinac, moved from Colorado to open the business while they were in transition.

They experienced the wrath of Hurricane Charley in 2004; in fact, it did extensive damage to the building's roof, and after repairs and regrouping, they reopened in 2005. The business has opened its doors seven days a week, welcoming customers from all around the world as well as valued local shoppers. Customers have browsed inside the store as well as online, buying everything from treasured knickknacks to exquisite pieces of ornate Waterford crystal and china, Lenox, Limoges and more.

Algie shares her knowledge of antiques and art when asked, and she also makes a point to greet every customer who enters the shop. In addition, Wolf's knowledge and woodworking skills assure the quality of furniture restorations is topnotch.

Over the years, Algie and Wolf Didlaukies have helped to establish recognition for Arcadia's antique district as the mecca of antique shopping in Florida. They have regular customers who frequent the shop both locally and from afar. Chuck Slaght, international swimming coach and instructor, makes his way from Naples once a month to buy special collectibles that he says can always be found inside the shop.

Jane O'Connor, a consultant from Venice, says, "My husband Tim and I love shopping for antiques in Arcadia and make the trip every other week, always making our first stop at Glass, Antique or Not." She added, "It's our favorite shop for many reasons. We feel they offer the highest quality, appropriately priced and truly collectible items. Combined with their friendly personality and the willingness to answer our questions about antiques make this shop the real gem of the downtown antique district, unsurpassed by any other." Make your plans to shop



A variety of antique as well as modern glassware and other collectibles can be found in Glass, Antique or Not until the store closes its doors on Sept. 15.

there before Sept. 15, and experience what many others rave about. Many prices have been reduced to 50 to 70 percent off original cost, and at those prices, the choice items won't last long.

They're open from 11 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Call 863-494-4524 for more information.

Algie promises a great celebration on Sept. 15, the last day the store will be open, including entertainment for their friends and regular customers. After that, check out their offerings online at <http://stores.ebay.com/Glass-Antique-or-Not>.

Opera House decked out in striped tent



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY JOHN BLACK

Jean Vavrovsky, owner of the building at the corner of W. Oak St. and Polk Ave., poses with pest control expert Henry Valentino of Sarasota. The building—which includes the Arcadia Opera House, the American Shoe Shop, Valley Florist, Arcadia Hearing, Bobby's Tiques, Isabelle's and Alley Cat Antiques—was tented and treated for termites Monday.



Pest control workers start pulling tarps off the Opera House building after being treated for termites Monday. A crane was needed to put the tarps into position.



It took a crane to lift the termite tent into position to cover the entire Opera House building Monday.



Pest control employees pull the huge tarps off the building Tuesday. It took a crew of 16 to put the tarps in place Monday, after which the building was treated with pesticides. Now the buildings are ready for the coming tourist season.

Turner hosts another dog agility event

Last weekend the Turner Agri-Civic Center went to the dogs as The Calusa Dog Agility Club hosted an AKC agility event. The near sold-out event was limited to 660 runs per day, spread between two show rings, which brought contestants

from all over the state including cities such as Valrico, Brooksville, Fort Myers and Cape Coral.

Agility is a sport in which almost every type and breed of dog can compete. The dogs, depending on skill level, navigate through

or over such obstacles as hurdles, bridges, large A-frame structures, tires, tunnels and much more.

The dogs' handlers come to stay in Arcadia for several days while their dogs compete over four days, and they also dine, shop and sleep here, giving a nice boost to the local economy. The next dog event being held at

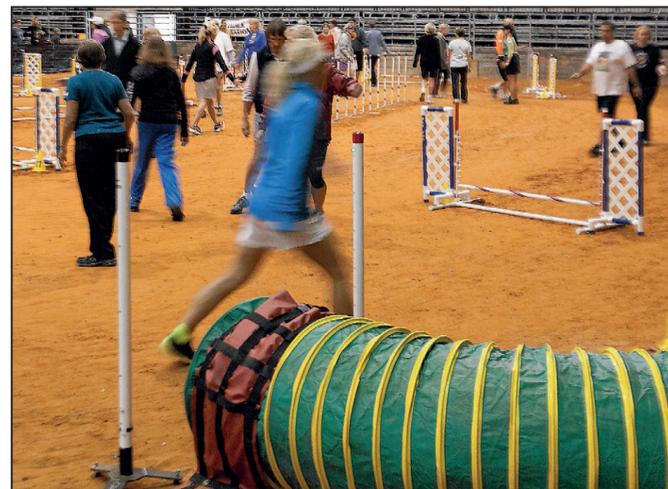
the Turner Center will be the Greater Venice Dog Club and the Greater Naples Dog Club, Oct. 10-13. Shows start each day at 8 a.m. and run through 5-6 p.m. Admission is free for spectators. Parking will be \$5. For more information, call Donna Kranzberg at 941-923-2855.



Titus, a Papillon, licks his chops while waiting to go into the ring for his class Saturday morning. His owner is Barbara Dumbaugh of Sarasota. He was one of hundreds of dogs competing in the dog agility trials held over four days at the Turner Center.



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Lola makes her way up and over the bridge during her class Friday.

The contestants are given a few minutes to run through the course Saturday afternoon before the event starts. This quick walk-through helps handlers to envision the commands needed to guide their dogs through the course.



Canine competitors weaves in and out of the poles during the Calusa Kennel Club agility dog show held at the Turner Center this past weekend.



The Bulldogs varsity football squad loses a 19-15 heart-breaker in their season opener against Port Charlotte.



DeSoto County opens season with win over North Port

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

North Port's Kylie Bell received several balloons from her teammates on the bus while celebrating her 15th birthday Tuesday. It appeared as if her teammates would also be giving the sophomore a win to add to the balloons.

However, the DeSoto County Volleyball team wasn't in a giving mood as the Bulldogs bounced back from a 25-21 first game loss and won the next three games 25-17, 25-16 and 25-18.

In a close opening game, the score was tied six times as both teams struggled with passing the ball. The Bulldogs found their passing game midway through the second game. After being tied three times and the Bulldogs holding a slim 14-12 lead, the Lady Bulldogs went on an 11-5 run to seal the victory.

The third contest belonged to DeSoto County senior Tishonna Riley. She accounted for three of the first five points with two dinks and a kill shot to start the game. She finished it with three kills and two blocks for all five of the Bulldogs' final points.

Riley continued her dominance in the final game with two of the team's first



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DeSoto County senior Casey Hall dives for a ball that was returned by Libero Lucero Perez (lying on the court) in the final game of the Bulldogs' win over North Port Tuesday.

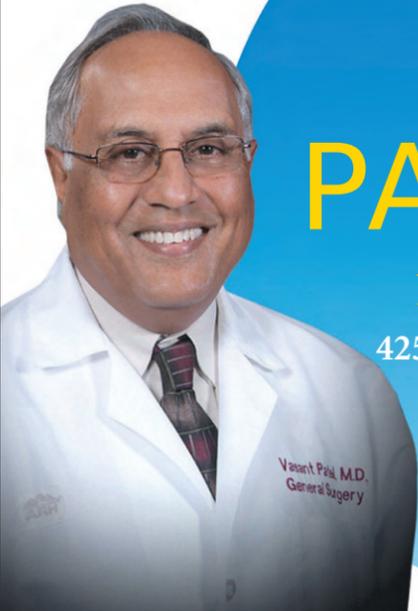
three points coming on another wicked kill shot and then a soft tap over the net.

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The Bulldogs' Tishonna Riley sends a screamer over the net in the win over North Port Tuesday night. Riley led the team with 23 of its 38 kills.



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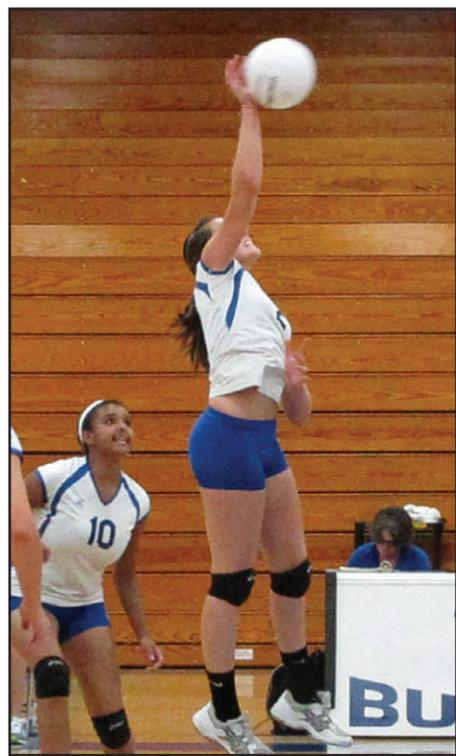
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Bulldogs sweep North Port

By **STEVE KNAPP**
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County High School JV volleyball team got their 2013 season off to a good start with a two-game sweep over North Port Tuesday night.

Bulldogs Coach Nora Cail said, "It's always good to win that first one. I think our serves and our hits really helped us tonight."



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Freshman Cassidy Furr gets a point on a well-hit spike in the first game of the DeSoto County two-game sweep over North Port.

Both games ended with a 25-15 score and both contests saw the Bulldogs get out to a quick start the Bobcats couldn't recover from. The Bulldogs never trailed or tied in either game.

In the first game, Sarah Bennett got the team off to a 7-0 start from the service line. The Bobcats never drew closer than seven points in that 25-15 loss to the Bulldogs.

In the second game it was freshman Cassidy Furr who got the Bulldogs out to a quick 5-0 lead. The Bobcats cut the lead to one at 5-4, but the Bulldogs stretched the gap with a couple of short bursts. The Bulldogs led 12-10 when Furr stepped back to the service line. She promptly added four points and the Bulldogs never looked back. A 9-2 run finished the game and gave DeSoto their second 25-15 victory.

Cail has a young team, with eight freshmen on the 11-player squad. Bennett, a sophomore who had a good night from her setter position said, "We don't have a lot of experience but we have a lot of potential. Getting that early lead gave us confidence and a chance to relax and not be nervous." Another returning starter from last season's team is Victavia Blanden. "I think they're (freshmen team members) pretty good overall, but they have a few things they need to work on. We've got a pretty good team."

Alyssa McEwen is the final returning player and her thoughts on the team were, "We have a lot of talent but we need to work better together. We still need a lot of practice. When we play Charlotte (tonight) we've got to bring our 'A' game." Game time is 6 p.m. tonight in Punta Gorda.



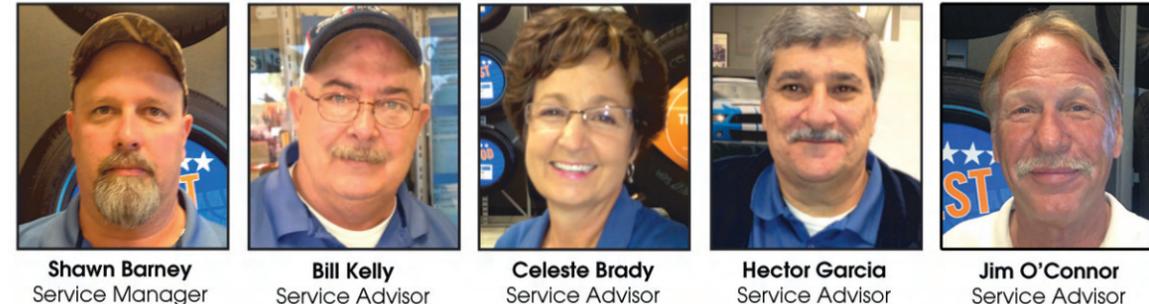
Shortly before the game began, DeSoto County Coach Nora Cail talks to her young team on August 27 in the first home game for DeSoto this season.



Sarah Bennett puts up a nice set as teammates Cassie Rodgers (7) and Lizzy Evans look on. Bennett got the DeSoto County team off to a 7-0 lead in the first game. The Bulldogs swept North Port in two games 25-15 each.



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Bulldogs drop a close one to Port Charlotte

By **ROB SHORE**
SPORTS WRITER

PORT CHARLOTTE — Brennan Norus burst through a hole on the left side of the Port Charlotte line, pivoted and rushed past a couple of DeSoto County defenders toward Pirates Cove's south end zone.

The Pirates sideline whooped, as did the stands behind them.

You'd have never known these were the late-game subs in this preseason matchup, even though Norus's touchdown with 5:01 remaining had lifted Port Charlotte High School over DeSoto County 19-15.

"Make sure you mention he's a sophomore," Port Charlotte wide receiver Jake Smarjessee advised reporters, frantically trying to get a spelling of the non-roster running back. "And that it was his first-ever carry."

But even with that late excitement — and that of Tony Lee's 7-yard touchdown run that had given DeSoto

County a 15-12 lead less than two minutes before — both Pirates coach Jordan Ingman and Bulldogs coach Matt Egloff found plenty of things to address.

When asked what he liked from the kickoff class, Ingman laughed ironically.

"I feel like we played as bad as we could play," he said. "I was very nervous about this. It's so hard to simulate game speed, it's so hard to duplicate those live reps. We played very sloppy tonight."

Egloff wasn't feeling much better. "I think they played hard," he said. "We just make mistakes. I think the poor thing is our tackling right now."

The Bulldogs' first-team offense largely sputtered except for two moments of brilliance by Dequan Richardson. The senior ran 75 yards on the Bulldogs' first play from scrimmage, getting hauled down inside the 10.

But DeSoto County could do nothing more with that than set up for a 26-yard Rosario Zavala field goal that was blocked by Ian Tyler. Port Charlotte took a 3-0 lead before half-time on a 28-yard field goal by Andres Hernandez. But the Bulldogs took it away early in the third on a 65-yard flat pass to Richardson.

The Pirates scored again on the following possession as Jake Hobbs' 1-yard touchdown plunge gave them a 10-7 lead and set up a seesaw final quarter.

Hobbs led Port Charlotte with 89 rushing yards on 14 carries.

Contact Rob Shore at shore@sun-herald.com or 941-206-1174.



Port Charlotte wide receiver Paulsin Heitter (4), left, was called for interference against DeSoto defensive back Dewayne Hearn (2) during the first quarter Friday at Port Charlotte High School.

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DeSoto County running back Tajahs Jackson carries against Port Charlotte during the first quarter Friday at Port Charlotte High School.

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DeSoto County	0	0	7	8—15
Port Charlotte	0	3	9	7—19

Second quarter

PC — Andres Hernandez FG 28, :11.

Third quarter

DC — Dequan Richardson 65 pass from Kari Williams (Rosario Zavala kick), 8:30.

PC — Jake Hobbs 1 run (Hernandez kick), 4:43.

PC — Safety, Williams tackled in end zone by Greg Patton, 2:39.

Fourth quarter

DC — Tony Lee 7 run (Lee run), 6:44.

PC — Brennan Norus 15 run (Hernandez kick), 5:01.

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Of the 38 kills for the Bulldogs in the match, Riley had 23 of them.

DeSoto proved they could score without Riley, as she came out of the game with the score tied at seven. By the time Riley returned from her only break of the night, the Bulldogs had taken a 13-11 lead. The Bulldogs pulled away and won 25-18.

Riley is a serious player who doesn't celebrate points for very long during the game. She is ready to play right away and is very serious on the court. I actually caught her smiling a couple of times in the game. Riley replied, "Yeah I had a lot of fun tonight. There is always room for improvement so we have to continue to work hard every day."

Datasia Wallace, a three-year varsity player, said, "I wasn't worried when we

lost that first game, I have confidence in my team and knew once they got the first-game jitters out of the way that we'd be OK." Of the ten digs recorded by the Bulldogs in the four games, Wallace led the team with seven.

Head Coach Laura White said after the game, "This is just the second week we've had our full roster of 12 players here. We have to work on the trust factor and become more cohesive on the court. That will come as we play more this season. We have a really young team with only three seniors on the team and we'll get better as we go along in the season. I thought our setters did a good job tonight with the ball and our passing improved during the game."

The Bulldogs will take their undefeated record to Punta Gorda tonight to face the Charlotte Tarpons at 7 p.m. The Tarpons defeated Lemon Bay Monday night in four games. Lemon Bay and DeSoto County are both in district 5A-11 this season.



Kacey Steyer gets the ball past two Bobcat blockers and scores a point for the Bulldogs in their win over North Port Tuesday night. After dropping the first game 25-21, the Lady Bulldogs won the next three games to take the match in the opening game of the season.

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Over the Garden Gate

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ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY AL SMOKE

Summer is the peak of tropical fruit season. You'll find a wide variety of tropical fruits in season now. Clockwise from top: tuna cactus, guava, carambola, mango, mamey sapote and papaya.



Local produce stands feature a wide selection of tropical fruit now. Ovoid fruits such as mamey, papaya, tuna cactus and avocados should be firm when you purchase them. Let them sit at room temperature until flesh yields slightly when pressed. Use at once, or refrigerate for a day or two. Most tropical fruits don't store well, but many can be frozen.

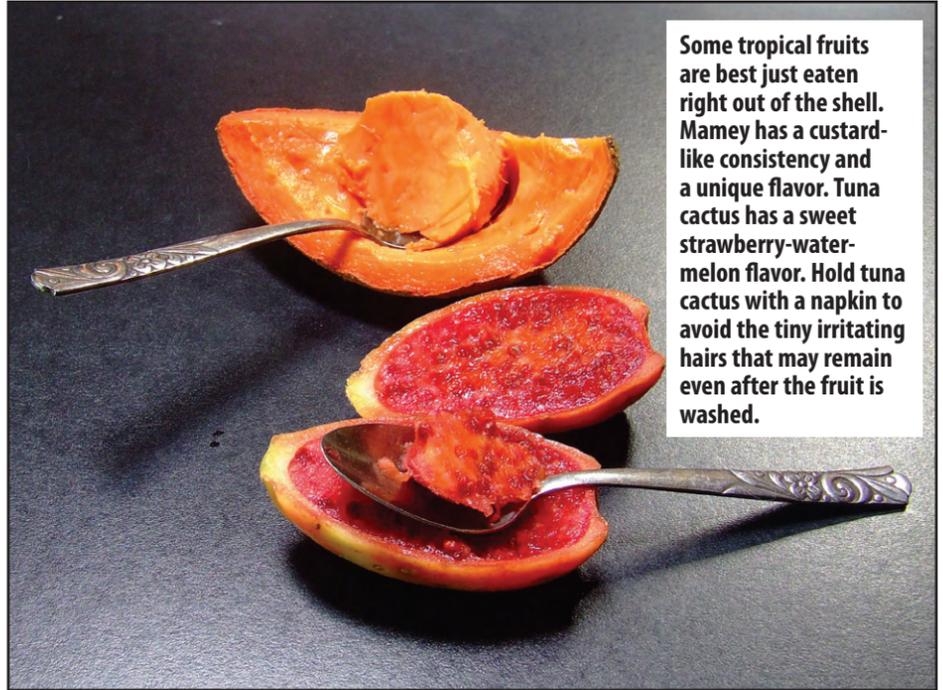
Savor summer's tropical fruits

Summer is the height of the tropical fruit season. Many tropical fruits are in season for only a short period. Tropical fruits can't be stored for long periods like temperate fruits such as apples. Many don't hold up to refrigeration and long transportation periods.

K & J Produce, located just east of Sweetbay at 2228 N.E. State Road 70, has a wide selection of ordinary and unusual and the selection changes daily. Kenny searches for local and

Florida-grown produce. He'll even barter for your fruit — minimum quantity a couple 5-gallon pails. Recently we picked up mamey sapote grown on Pine Island, tuna cactus from a farm down on State Road 31, guavas from Homestead, and carambola from right in Arcadia. A Florida mango and a papaya from Belize added to the ingredients for a tropical fruit salad.

Mamey sapote (*Pouteria sapota*) is native to Central America. The plants are not cold-tolerant. The fruit is oval, about 4 to 10 inches long. It has a rough brown skin with a texture like sandpaper. Inside, the salmon to orange aromatic creamy fruit is like no other fruit we've tasted. The flavor has been described as a combination of sweet potato and pumpkin with undertones of almond, chocolate, honey, and vanilla. When ripe the flesh has the consistency of pudding. Enjoy it right out of the shell, or make into milkshakes, smoothies, ice cream and fruit bars. Fruits are available from



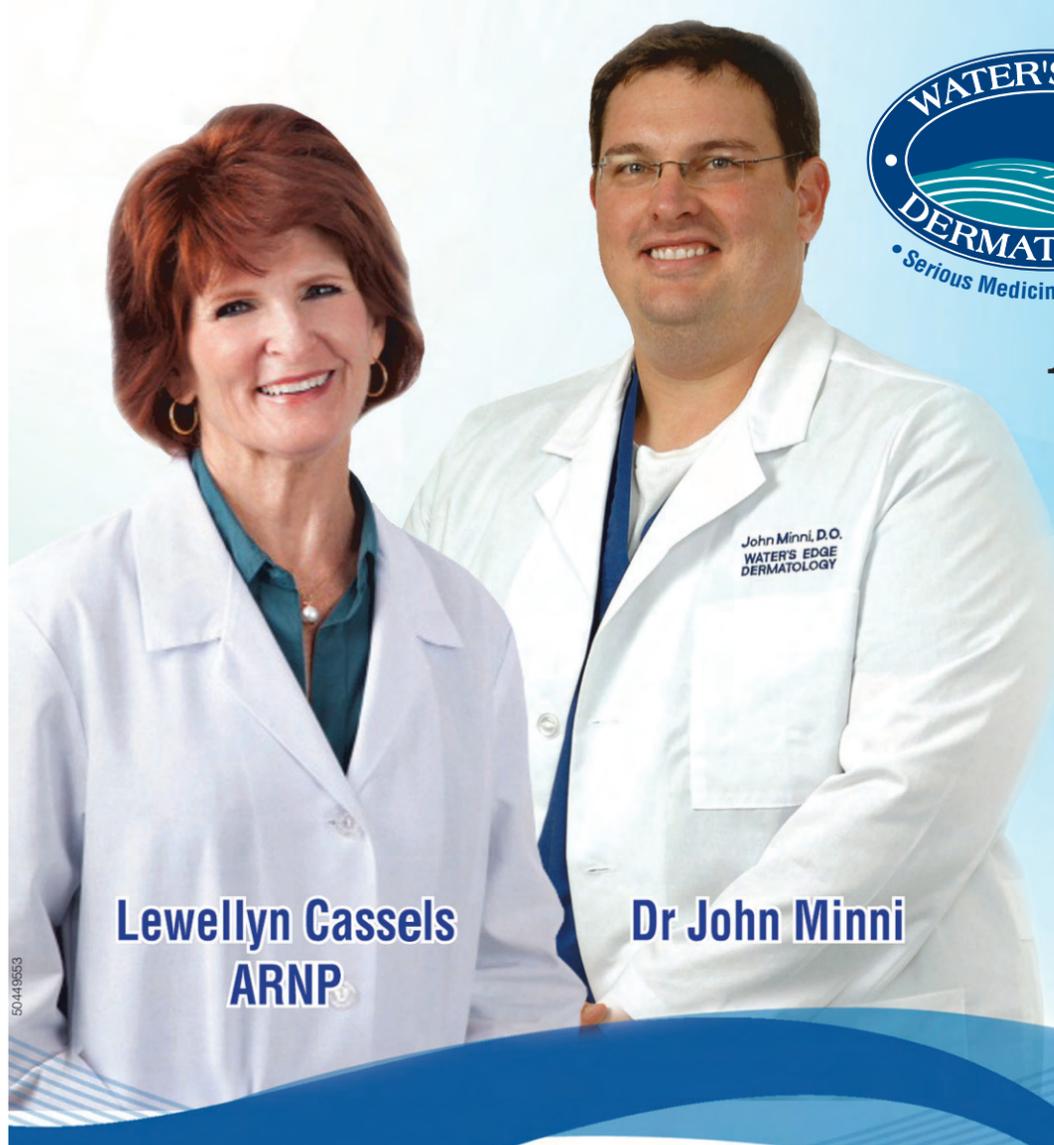
Some tropical fruits are best just eaten right out of the shell. Mamey has a custard-like consistency and a unique flavor. Tuna cactus has a sweet strawberry-watermelon flavor. Hold tuna cactus with a napkin to avoid the tiny irritating hairs that may remain even after the fruit is washed.

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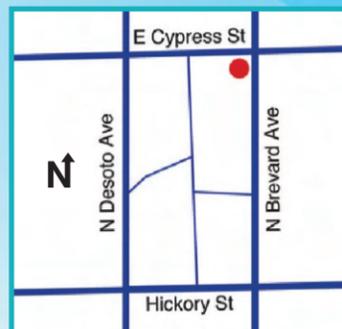


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Weather Summary

This was the seventh week the U. S. Drought Monitor map showed Florida completely drought free. According to Florida's Automated Weather Network, Carrabelle (Franklin County) received the most rain with 7.5 inches. In Mayo (Lafayette County) 5 inches of rain was received, three stations received 4 inches of rain, and nine stations received 3 inches of rain. Fifty percent of the state received less than one-and-one-half inches of rain, but all stations reported some rainfall. Marianna (Jackson County) and Jay (Santa Rosa County) FAWN stations 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 88 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 97 degrees in Bronson (Levy County).

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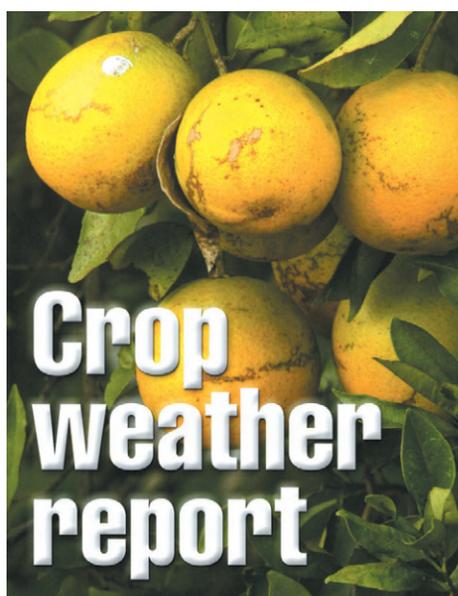
Peanut crop condition was 1 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Due to rain, farmers in Jackson County were not able to get equipment in peanut fields to spray. Peanuts looked good on high, well drained sandy soils. Levy County producers started peanut harvest. Water was standing in low areas in Jackson, Baker and Washington counties. Haying is still a problem due to excessive water around the state. Hay that has been harvested was poor quality. Corn harvest was halted in Jackson County with approximately 33 percent completed. Suwannee and Flagler counties were able to continue harvesting corn. Cotton in high, well drained sandy soil looked good. Rice harvest was well underway. In south Florida, sugarcane growers were making preparations for the planting season.

Fruit and Vegetables

In south Florida, farmers continued preparing land and laying plastic for fall crops. Plantings of tomatoes, peppers, okra and sweet potatoes went in the ground in south Florida. Vegetables and fruits marketed included avocados, okra and sweet potatoes.

Livestock and Pastures

Statewide, the pasture condition and cattle condition was mostly good across the state. Pasture condition



ranged from poor to excellent with most in the good category; pastures

were declining seasonally. In the Panhandle, the pastures were in fair condition and cattle were in good condition. In the northern area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. In the central area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. In the southwest area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. Pastures in some areas throughout the state had standing water due to excessive rain.

Citrus

Typical Florida weather patterns brought various amounts of rainfall to the citrus growing area. Six stations received more than three inches of rain, with Ocklawaha (Marion County) getting the most at 3.98 inches. All FAWN stations received some rainfall, with 21

stations receiving more than an inch. Clewiston received the least with 0.40 inches. Temperatures were warm all week and on occasion reach 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. 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 was progressing well. Regular bloom oranges were larger than golf balls and grapefruit were between baseball and softball size. Tree foliage looked healthy in cared-for groves. Grove activity included resetting of new trees, young tree care, herbicide application, brush removal, and psyllid control.

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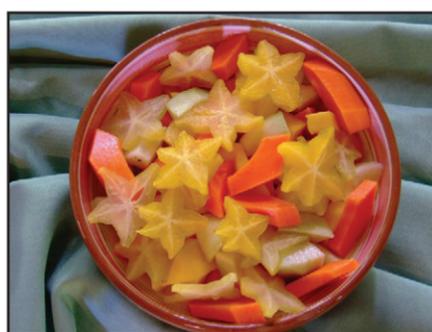
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June through September. Nutmeg is a good complement to it, but the fruit is excellent on its own. The flesh freezes well, simply peel and mash the flesh and freeze in zip-lock bags.

Mamey will be in season now through the end of September. Inside the fruit there is one large elongated seed. The seed in the one we brought home had started to sprout, so we put it in a pot. We doubt Mamey would grow in DeSoto County — it requires 14 to 24 months to mature fruit.

Tuna is the Spanish name for the fruit of the cactus plants that also provide nopales — the broad cactus pads, eaten as a vegetable. Opuntia is a genus of about 200 species. Opuntia species are the most cold-tolerant of all cacti. The most common culinary species is the Indian Fig (*O. ficus-indica*). The fruit is also called prickly pear. The pads and the fruit have two kinds of spines: large, smooth, fixed spines and small, hair like prickles called glochids. Both easily detach from the plant and penetrate skin. There are many cultivated varieties, including some with spines and some without spines. The pears with the reddish-orange or purple skin and deep purple interiors are considered to be the sweetest, but the white-skinned varieties are more popular in Mexico.

The tuna we bought were washed and free of spines — but they should still be handled carefully because some small glochids may remain.



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Enjoy Florida's summer tropical fruits while they are in season. The best way to savor tropical fruit is simply as fresh fruit. Slice and combine 3 or more fruits for a fresh fruit salad. Papaya, mango, guava and carambola make a pretty salad. Why add sugar to something that is naturally sweet?

Inside the flesh was bright red. There are hundreds of small hard seeds. The seeds are edible, or you can rub the flesh through a sieve to extract the juice. One source cautioned that tuna should be eaten in moderation as they can have a laxative effect.

Guava fruits can range in size from as small as an apricot to as large as a grapefruit. Guavas have a distinctive odor that some folks don't like, but it is often used as a fragrance for shampoos. Guavas may have white, pink, or red flesh, and a few also feature red skin. The apple guava or common guava (*Psidium guajava*) is an evergreen shrub or small tree native to Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. They have the largest fruit with the most juice. Strawberry guava (*P. lucidum*) is a shrubby tree with small tart but very flavorful fruit. Pineapple guava (*Feijoa*

sellowiana) is a South American plant. The fruit is tangy with a citrus flavor.

Carambola or star fruit is unmistakable. The golden waxy yellow fruits are star-shaped in cross section. Choose fruits that are gold with slight browning on the ribs. Star fruit is just coming into production now and a well cared for tree may produce three or four crops from now through January. Carambola trees are fairly hardy and will survive in DeSoto County with a bit of cold protection.

Peak mango season is June through August, with some varieties fruiting through October. Mangos have exquisite flavor, ranging from mild, sweet and peach-like to rich, aromatic and tangy. When a mango is ripe it will pull from the stem easily. Picked too green, the mango will not ripen, but green mangos may be cooked into a sauce like applesauce.

Papaya season extends from June through October. Papayas are picked as soon as the skin begins to show some color. Allow to ripen at room temperature until skin yields slightly when pressed. The flavor is sweet, aromatic and a bit musky. Green papayas may be prepared as a vegetable, and the seeds may be ground and used in salad dressings.

Enjoy Florida's summer tropical fruits while they are in season. The best way to savor tropical fruit is simply as fresh fruit. Slice and combine three or more fruits for a fresh fruit salad, or stir into yogurt. Why add sugar to something that is naturally sweet? In fact, some are best enjoyed just sliced in half and eaten out of hand with a spoon.

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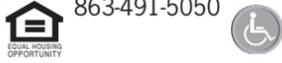
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FICTITIOUS NAME 3112

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of B's Photography located at 126 S Robert Ave, in the County of DeSoto, in the City of Arcadia, Florida 34266 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Arcadia, Florida, this 26th day of August, 2013. /s/ Brandy Vansickle Published 8/29/13 131159 2932865

NOTICE OF ACTION 3116

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
 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, Philipino 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 131159 2927003

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

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:

sure:
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 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

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

CASE NO. 14-2012-CA-000382
 GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. STEVEN G. HANCOCK, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order to Cancel and Reschedule Sale dated July 30, 2013 and entered in Case No. 14-2012-CA-000382 in the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC was the Plaintiff and STEVEN G. HANCOCK, ET AL., the Defendant(s). 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 26th day of September, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
PARCEL "A": THE N 1/2 OF THE S 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST. SUBJECT TO ROAD R/W ALONG THE EAST SIDE. SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS OF THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER, AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
 This 22nd day of August, 2013, s/Stephen M. Huttman Florida Bar # 102673 Bus. Email: shuttman@penderlaw.com
 Pendergast & Morgan, P.A. 115 Perimeter Center Place South Terraces Suite 1000 Atlanta, GA 30346 Telephone: 678-392-4957 PRIMARY SERVICE: fffc@penderlaw.com Attorney for Plaintiff FAX: 678-381-8548
 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 8/29/13 & 9/5/13 355805 2932024

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

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

Case No. 2008 CA 001303
 Division US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4 Plaintiff, vs. ARTURO QUEZADO A/K/A ARTURO QUEZADA, AMPARO QUEZADO A/K/A AMPARO QUEZADA, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR LEHMAN BROTHERS BANK, FSB, JOHN DOE N/K/A JUAN LOPEZ, JANE DOE N/K/A ROCIO QUEZADA, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on August 8, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, The Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in Desoto County, Florida described as:
PARCEL 1: BEGIN AT THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH,

RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 37' 24" W ALONG SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 1020.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 125.00 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 18' 46" E, 199.25 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 37' 24" E AND PARALLEL TO SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 125.00 FEET; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 18' 46" W, 199.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (MARIPOSA DRIVE) ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE and commonly known as: 1730 SW MARIPOSA DR, ARCADIA, FL 34266; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on front steps of the DeSoto County Courthouse, on September 24, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 12 day of August, 2013. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Mitzie W. McGavic /s/ B. Wynn By: Deputy Clerk Published 8/29/13 & 9/5/13 101348 2932051

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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 Case No. 14-2012-CA-000099 Division 1
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. JONATHAN P. BRAGG A/K/A JONATHAN P. BRAGG, SANDRA REID-BRAGG AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on August 8, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, The Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in Desoto County, Florida described as:
 LOTS 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8, INCLUSIVE, OF BLOCK B, A.W. GILCHRIST SUBDIVISION OF SOUTH 1/2 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 54. and commonly known as: 1014 W HICKORY ST, ARCADIA, FL 34266; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on front steps of the DeSoto County Courthouse, on October 1, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 12 day of August, 2013. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Mitzie W. McGavic /s/ B. Wynn By: Deputy Clerk Published 8/29/13 & 9/5/13 101348 2929886

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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
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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 RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(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 RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA,

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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 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 NORTHEASTERLY 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 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 OF SALE
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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 Circuit 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 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
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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DEVELOPMENT

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development will not resemble a traditional RV park; it will not have a community pool, campfires or other amenities typically associated with a traditional resort. She said Poole will create a six-foot berm between all lots abutting Sunnybreeze properties, along with any other restrictions ordered by the board. Unlike a traditional RV park, here the lots would be owned by individuals and could not be rented out.

"This is going to have a positive impact not only on the Sunnybreeze golf course, which Mr. Poole intends to help enhance, but for the county in general," she said. "The new residents aren't looking for those traditional amenities; they prefer to utilize what's available in the surrounding community, such as the Peace River, the antique shops and other DeSoto attractions. They are not the type of people who want to sit isolated within their properties."

Waksler's presentation wasn't enough to change the minds of several Sunnybreeze residents, who expressed their concerns to the board. One resident staunchly opposed to the development, Charles Caldwell, was convinced it's only a matter of time before the development will be accepting daily, monthly and seasonal lots.

"Why destroy us, why here?" he asked. "You're going to make a decision that will benefit one person, but you'll be doing it at the expense of the community. I will not live in a county that won't respect my property rights."

Another resident claimed the water pressure in her home would be adversely affected by the addition of 100 motor coach sites, and she also worried about the possibility of sinkholes because of the new construction.

Embracing change

A large number of residents also expressed their excitement over the proposal, saying growth in the community was stagnant since Hurricane Charley in 2004, and the development would be a great addition to the area.

"I see a great opportunity for new projects for our course," said Sunnybreeze Golf Course owner William Baker. "Including husbands and wives, we're looking at 200 potential new golfers here, which is exciting considering that of those living in Sunnybreeze now, only about 20 percent currently utilize the course. This would be such a great opportunity to help revitalize this community."

Arcadia business owner Mac Martin told commissioners approving the rezoning request would likely save the Sunnybreeze community. "I see Sunnybreeze in a critical state, and nothing is getting better out there," he said. "There's hardly anyone who gets anything done in the county. You can either approve this and let people know this commission is open to allowing new businesses in this county, or you can deny it and it will be another signal for developers to stay away. It's your choice, and I hope you pass this."

After residents spoke, Waksler and Poole addressed the board again, noting they were OK with additional provisions the board wanted to include, and Poole said he would explore the possibility of connecting the property to the county's water and sewer at his own cost, estimated at \$750,000.

"If that's what it takes to allow this development to become a reality, it's something Mr. Poole is willing to discuss with your utility department," Waksler said.

Board discussion

After the public hearing closed, commissioners expressed their opinions of the proposed site.

"It hurt me deeply when I had to vote no to turn down the developments of the boat docks in the same area, but it was because the restrictions were too broad," Commissioner Bob Miller said. "This is not broad. We can narrow it and put stipulations on this as needed, and it brings needed economic development to the area. We have people here tonight who complained about their views being ruined. It's all perception and personal, but we can't stop progress just because we don't like someone blocking our view. I also love the idea of the water hookup; that would be a great benefit to this county."

Commissioner Gabriel Quave agreed with Miller, saying he was looking for assurances Tuesday night this development would be a good investment for the county, and he was satisfied with the conditions agreed to during the meeting. "I needed some reassurance tonight, and I believe I got it," he said. "I support this plan and think this is great for DeSoto County."

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield said after extensive research on the issue, he was convinced approving this project under a Planned Unit Development was an acceptable option. "I've done more research on this agenda item than any I can remember. The PUD is different than anything in our LDRs, due to the flexibility it allows. But I can't find anywhere this development wouldn't work under this provision. This is what a PUD is intended for. Businesses have to come here because they want to, and we have an individual who is willing to invest in our county. We have to do what's best for DeSoto County."

Commissioner Jim Selph said his decision would be based entirely on the evidence presented, and he was in favor of the development. "This brings a lot of potential with it, and we can't pass up this opportunity."

The only commissioner to oppose the rezone, Elton Langford, said his decision was based on the site of the development. "I think it's a great project, but my gut tells me this is the wrong site," he said. "I do not believe it's the place to put this project, so I will have to disagree with the rest of the board."

Quave then moved to approve the rezone with additional conditions attached, and the request was approved 4-1.

In other business, the board unanimously approved the application for a \$750,000 Community Block Development Grant that would be used to enhance housing in DeSoto County for low-income residents. The approval is the first of two the board must make during public hearings before the grant can be submitted to the state for approval.

The board also approved an application from the health department for a \$650,000 Primary Care Program grant. If approved, the money would be used for items such as an additional doctor, nurse practitioners and a dentist, screening tests, prescription assistance, immunizations, risk assessment and counseling.

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NEWSPAPERS

Gator-wrestling artist calls DeSoto home

He's a snake-hunting, alligator-wrestling Florida cracker. Sounds like a reality show, right? Sounds more interesting than Honey Boo Boo or Snooki, right?

He's also a well-known artist who has been married to his high school sweetheart for 52 years.

Sounds too interesting now for a reality show, right?

Guy LaBree may, in fact, be the only snake-hunting, alligator-wrestling artist who has had pieces displayed in one of the Smithsonian Museums.

The 72-year-old DeSoto County resident may not be alligator wrestling anymore, but he continues to paint every day.

Guy grew up near the Dania Reservation, which is now called the Hollywood Reservation, in the 1940s and 1950s. He went to school with many Seminole children who would become lifelong friends.

He took an early interest in art, and two adults in his life nurtured that talent.

One of his neighbors, also an artist, often gave him extra paper and pencils. She would criticize his work.

"She did oil paints," he said. "I was kind of fascinated. She showed me how."

His first oil painting was a small cardinal.

"I just kind of wanted to do that after that," he said.

In his junior year of high school, an art teacher named Harry Mallett gave his students a piece of paper and told them to draw. Based on those



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FUN FACTS ON GUY LaBREE

- Preferred approaching an alligator in the water: "It's more dangerous to do on land than in the water."
 - Believes alligators are smart: "If you hurt them, they will get you back sooner or later. I believe they know who you are."
 - Has stuck his head inside an alligator's mouth (more than once): "I would never do that again."
 - Painted two murals in Lake Placid.
 - Has three children, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two more greats on the way.
 - Survived seven hurricanes, including Charley: "I remember Donna ... that was a really bad one."
- For more info: www.guylabree.com.

drawings, the teacher approached three or four of the best student-artists and told them they could do whatever they like. Three of them wanted to paint with oils. He gave them easels and palettes.

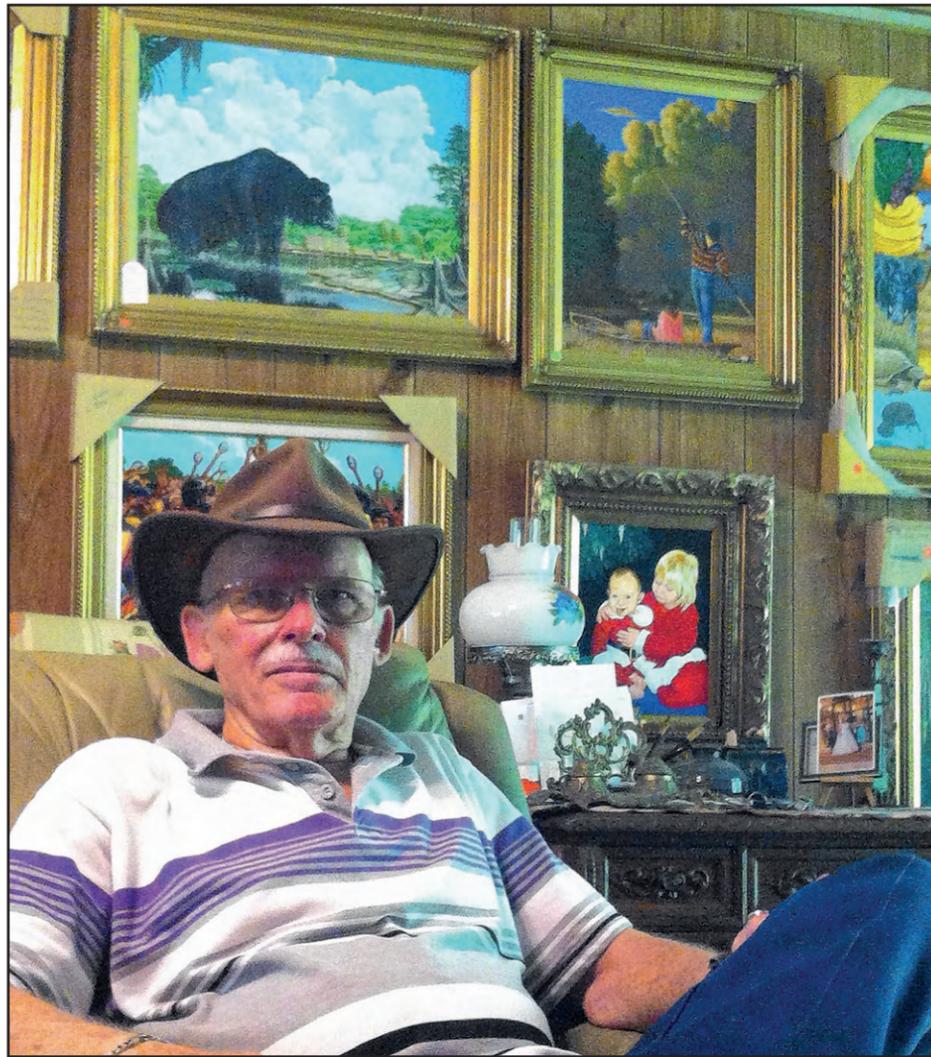
"The next year, my senior year, I happened to get him again," he said. "For two years, I got to paint under him. That's the only training I ever got."

He won the 1960 class art award and kept that palette, which he continues to use today. The palette is a true measure of Guy's life — each painting's layers of colorful oil paints sits like rings of a tree. No one ever told Guy to clean his palette, so 50-plus years of built-up paint now looks like a Dr. Seuss birthday cake.

Guy didn't immediately make a living painting. In fact, he made a living like most young men in South Florida in the early 1960s.

The third-generation Floridian married his high school sweetheart Pat and worked a few jobs: surveying for Broward County and loading and unloading for McArthur Dairy.

He then began a career as a lithographer, making a good living, traveling and even living in Australia for a few years in the early 1970s. The timing worked out well because the LaBrees didn't like what was happening in America at that time: protests,



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Artist Guy LaBree sits in his DeSoto County home, in front of a wall of his paintings.

hippies, racial tension, drugs, etc.

They didn't like Australia much, though Guy was interested by all the snakes over there.

"I've caught them for years," he said. "Cottonmouths. I caught rattlers ... all snakes including cobras. The fastest I've seen is a ground rattler."

In addition to scary snakes, LaBree also can thank Australia for helping his art career.

"My first painting was sold in Australia in a show at a mall," he said. "I found out it was sold. To me, it was free money."

He thinks it sold for \$25 or \$30. The LaBrees returned to America and eventually settled in DeSoto County in 1983.

Pat had managed to work out their finances so he could paint full time. "I expected to be pumping gas or

something in a month," he said. "I've been real fortunate."

When he started painting, he tried oceans and mountains.

"There's a million good ocean painters in Florida," he said.

He was telling an old childhood friend about how he couldn't find his niche.

"He said, 'Why don't you paint our people?'" Guy remembered.

That changed everything.

Guy, with the approval of the tribe, became the artist who represents the Seminole's history and culture. His paintings are now owned by several high-ranking tribe members, including Chairman James Billie. They also hang in tribe offices as well. He was commissioned to paint two pieces for the National Museum of the American Indian, a component of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

"That's a highlight for me," Guy said.

He also is being nominated for a Florida Folk Heritage Award by the Friends of Fort Cooper, a state park in Citrus County.

"The odds of getting it are real small," Guy said.

Guy's paintings are known not only for representing the Seminole tribe but also for the "little people" hidden. There's at least one little person in every painting Guy has done since 1990. There also may be other hidden treasures.

"I like throwing things in there that nobody notices," he said. "I get a kick out of that stuff."

Guy has been focused on painting new originals this year, completing six already. He has finished almost 1,000 paintings in his career.

As for alligator wrestling ... the best size is between 7 feet and 9 feet.

"Now I would probably have trouble with an 8-footer," he said. "I used to love wrestling gators."

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Guy LaBree continues to use the same palette he received in high school. It's several inches thick with 50 years of paint piled on - and it's never been cleaned.

REMODELED

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involved in the community ever since. The restaurant is a proud sponsor of local organizations including the Arcadia Rodeo, the Youth Rodeo Association, DeSoto Schools and sports teams, as well as the local chapter of the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life and Southwest Community Blood Bank.

Beef's (as it is affectionately called) offers casual dining in a comfortable setting. Patrons meet in friendship groups, by teams or individual or family gatherings. The available Community Room provides a more private setting for groups of eight or more, when that is desired. For a room reservation, simply call the restaurant at 863-494-9333. An example of the room's use was the recent meeting of a local football team to view films and hold a team discussion. Catering is also available by Beef O'Brady's.

McKinney welcomes new patrons



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY THOMAS SIMMONS

A warm setting is enjoyed by customers in Beef O'Brady's eating areas. Large and small groups enjoy the family atmosphere and the casual, unhurried pace of the restaurant. Larry McKinney, owner, and his staff know the importance of pleasing the customers as well as serving good food.

to the Grand Re-opening celebration Sept. 2 through Sept. 7, and invites everyone to come see the

improvements and enjoy the specials. And don't forget to try the beignets (yummy!).

August Chamber luncheon



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY JOHN BLACK

Debby Snyder, former Chamber of Commerce executive director, left, with Ashely Coone, the current executive director of the chamber, and Arcadia Oaks executive Evelyn Donato at the Networking at Noon lunch meeting hosted by Arcadia Oaks.



Martha Jo Markey, Tom Guidry and Judy Kirkpatrick share smiles at the Chamber of Commerce Noon Networking luncheon held at Arcadia Oaks.



From left, Evelyn Donato, Arcadia Oaks administrator, and Shacara, Trey and Sonja Jennings at the Chamber of Commerce August lunch. Shacara and Sonja both work at Arcadia Oaks, and their brother Trey attends DeSoto County High School.

Ciel Shore, a resident at Arcadia Oaks, and Al Smoke pose during the Chamber of Commerce monthly Network at Noon luncheon.



David Lawrence, warden at DeSoto Correctional Institution, speaks to Chamber of Commerce members during the August Networking at Noon lunch.

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mean here in the county, but in our general area. As I have suggested before, when using ATMs, be alert to your surroundings, especially people who may be standing unusually close as you input your PIN. Also, when inputting the PIN, use the other hand as a shield over the keypad.

As to the keypad itself, it should be flush, not raised, and the keys should

not wiggle. It is always advisable to use an ATM associated with an open business, if possible. That way, if you detect any irregularities, you can report them immediately. Banks, gas stations, and other businesses welcome being alerted to possible problems.

Another scam people are being hit with, though not here (not yet, anyway) concerns credit reports.

I have dealt before with our right to receive one free credit report per year from each of the credit reporting agencies. People are now being enticed to enroll in what amounts to a

fee-charged credit monitoring service by responding to what they believe is a free credit report. If it is just the annual credit reports you seek, the only official website is AnnualCreditReport.com. for more information.

Finally, last month Governor Scott signed new legislation giving protection to veterans and their families against fraudulent and abusive business practices. Those caught scamming veterans or their families are now subject to heavy fines as well as paying restitution to the injured parties. Just one example of the kind of fraud this

new law will deal with involved veterans being charged by third parties for burial or associated services in a national cemetery.

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

DEATHS

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George W. Coder Sr.

George W. Coder Sr., 86, of Ellport, Pa., and Arcadia, Fla., passed away Thursday, Aug. 22, 2013, in his home, surrounded by his loving family.



He was born Aug. 17, 1927, in Williamsport, Pa., to George S. and Grace Chambers Coder.

A 1946 graduate of DuBois Area High School, he was an all-star basketball player and many knew him as "Spider." George served in the United States Marine Corps for four years.

A two-time Purple Heart recipient, George was a proud veteran. He served as a radio operator during World War II, and as an infantry machine gunner during the Korean War. George worked for Kroger's for 10 years, and went on to become a district manager for the Sherwin-Williams Company, from which he retired in 1992 after 36 years.

He is a 50-year member of the Ellwood City Masonic Lodge, the Loyal Order of the Moose, The Ellwood City Saxon Club, The Consistory of New Castle, The Consistory Legion, the American Legion and the VFW. George was dedicated to serving in his community; he was an active member of the Ellwood City Planning Commission and a Past King Lion. A longtime member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ellwood City, Pa., he served on its board of directors.

A fan of all sports, George was an avid golfer and the past president of the Delmar Golf Course Board of Directors. He played semi-professional basketball for the DuBois Chevies shortly after high school, and later coached youth basketball. Even after

he was unable to play sports, he loved watching professional basketball, football and baseball in his home in Ellwood City, as well as his home in Arcadia. George also enjoyed woodworking in his home shop, playing cards, and, most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

"George has been such an inspiration in our lives. A Marine, an amazing Father and Grandfather, never seen without a grin on his face and compassion in his heart."

He is survived by his wife of 64 years whom he married Oct. 10, 1948, Margaret Nadine Coder; daughters, Christine Lynn (John) Bottorff of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Cassandra (Paul) Pishioneri of Ellwood City; sons, Christopher (Laurel) Coder of Medina, Ohio, and George Coder Jr. of Ellwood City; three sisters-in-law, Leila Mowry, Sandra Coder and Linda Coder; and enjoyed many years with his 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas and Robert Coder; and brother-in-law and dear friend, Paul Mowry.

Friends were received Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, and the memorial service was held Monday, Aug. 26, 2013, at the Joseph A. Tomon Jr. Funeral Home and Crematory, Ellport. Interment followed at National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

Paul R. Allaire

Paul R. Allaire, 87, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013, in DeSoto Rehab Nursing Center in Arcadia, Fla., after a long illness.

He was born May 12, 1926, the son of Arthur and Ester Allaire.

Paul was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2013, at the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral

Homes, 50 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia, FL. Inurnment will be at a later date. Online condolences can be made at pongerkaysgrady.com.

Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Homes.

Maria del Carmen Medina

Maria del Carmen Medina, 78, passed away Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, in Arcadia, Fla. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Arcadia.

Marjorie T. Goike

Marjorie T. "Marge" Goike, 87, of Lake Suzy, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013, at her residence.



Marge was born Nov. 10, 1925, in Detroit, Mich., to John Henry and Violet (nee McGlynn) Vogler.

Mike and Marge moved into Florida sunshine 40 years ago from Washington, Mich., and from 1971 to 1999, they owned and operated Lazy Lagoon Mobile Home Park in Punta Gorda, Fla. Marge was an avid golfer, bowler and an accomplished musician. She was a member of San Antonio Catholic Church.

Mrs. Goike is survived by her daughters, Christine (Michael) Sheran of Lake Suzy, and Judith Goike of Lake Suzy; grandchildren, Thomas Sheene of Houston, Texas, Joel Sheran of Port Charlotte, Fla., Jodi (Mark) Bush of Gulfport, Miss., and Heidi (Shane) Federici of Deep Creek, Fla.; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael S., in 2002.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, 2013, at San Antonio Catholic Church, 24445 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte. Burial will follow at Indian Springs Cemetery in Punta Gorda, Fla. Please visit Marjorie's tribute wall at www.schelm-fh.com to share memories and to send

condolences to the Goike family.

Arrangements are by Paul Schelm Funeral Home, Lake Suzy.

Florence P. Meyer

Florence P. Meyer, 88, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Monday, Aug. 26, 2013, at Tidewell Hospice in Port Charlotte, Fla. Arrangements are by Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Port Charlotte Chapel.

Grady Layton Skinner

Grady Layton Skinner, 63, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, at DeSoto Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born Sept. 20, 1949, in Highlands City, Fla., and had lived in Arcadia for the past 53 years.

Grady is survived by his sister, Edith Skinner Mercer of Arcadia; brothers, Robert (Patti) Skinner of Summerville, N.C., and Carl (Tami) Skinner of Arcadia; his sister-in-law, Raynae Skinner of Naples, Fla.; his former wife, Janet Skinner of Bartow, Fla.; and a large extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, LeRoy and Madeline Skinner; his sister, Willie May Jeffries; and his brother, Lamar Skinner.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2013, at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Arcadia. Services followed Visitation at the Chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ellis Cross officiating. Burial followed in Joshua Creek Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at PongerKaysGrady.com.

Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Homes & Cremation Services.

Forrest D. Rice II

Forrest D. "Captain Jack" Rice II, 90, passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, at his ranch in Arcadia, Fla. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Homes.

GRITS & PIECES

FROM PAGE 4

Daughter No. 1 ran downstairs one night after hearing a trap going off, only to find Max licking his chops and grinning. No, he hadn't been eating trapped mice — he likes peanut butter, it turns out. Plan C might've been to get a cat and half-starve it so it would be the rodent terminator, but Max likes

to eat cats as much as he does peanut butter.

I wondered if maybe Max was in cahoots with the mice. I mean, who knows? Maybe when nobody's home, those varmints come out of hiding and play Wii games with Max. Or perhaps they make prank calls and do heaving breathing over the phone line to scare people. One never knows.

Grandson Nathan has no shortage of weaponry to call on, since he has a BB gun, a pocketknife I gave him, plus an

arsenal he's been building ever since his grandma started returning from overseas mission trips with various implements of demise for him. At his disposal now are also a machete, a spear, and a blowgun, so you'd think a mouse would pick a less heavily-armed home.

Finally, the traps are beginning to pay off, and have actually nailed some of the naked little intruders. Nathan has extracted his revenge on those who aren't quite done in by the traps

by choosing whatever coup de grace he feels they deserve. As a last resort, he may display their little heads on popsicle sticks around the outside the house, a la Vlad the Impaler, and maybe then they'll get the message and move on.

In the meantime, daughter and grandson are making use of Florida's Stand Your Ground law, and are holding the fort. And wouldn't you know it — Max has developed a pretty good taste for peanut butter.

OUR VIEW

FROM PAGE 4

the direction of former Marshal Charles Lee. Anderson's appointment presents a great opportunity for him to reverse that image, but it doesn't seem he is taking that route.

The internal e-mail we printed in last week's paper from Finance Director Renee Green to Anderson exposed the

administration's opinion that APD considers itself virtually independent from the city. During a stressful time when Anderson should have been working closely with city administration, he instead chose a route of isolation.

We sympathize with the enormous pressure Anderson has been through the past three weeks, as he tried to protect his department and ensure the safety of the residents of this city. But he needn't use a bully pulpit to achieve it. It's one thing to rally passionate

residents to voice their opinions at city council meetings, and use the media to draw attention to the situation. That's smart political strategy and it seems to have worked in his favor. But there is no reason a city professional needs to threaten or intimidate others.

The moment of truth will come once the city's budget is passed in late September, and the public's attention turns to different issues. Will this city see a new style of leadership coming from the APD, or will things be

business as usual?

Famous American entrepreneur and motivational speaker Jim Rohn said, "The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; ... be proud, but not arrogant."

It would benefit both the city council and Anderson to follow Rohn's advice and become the leaders this city needs. Whether or not it happens will go a long way in determining whether Arcadia's future is a bright one.

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Sept. 20	Booker	Away	7:30pm		
Sept. 27	North Port	Home	7:00pm		

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	Us	Them
Oct. 4	Bayshore	Home	7:00pm		
Oct. 11	Frostproof	Home	7:00pm		
Oct. 18	Southeast	Home	7:00pm		
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