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County OKs nearly 2-mill hike

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners approved a tentative millage rate and budget for the 2013/14 fiscal year that will have many residents facing a nearly 21 percent increase in their property tax bills.

In a 4-1 vote, the BOCC approved a raise in the millage rate to 8.4810, a nearly two-mill increase over the current rate of 6.8987. One mill equals \$1 of tax on every \$1,000 of taxable value. The millage hike will bring in an estimated \$2.2 million in additional revenue for the county.

The total estimated budget revenue is \$25,020,181, with expenses of

\$22,529,376, giving the county nearly \$2.5 million for its reserve fund. The reserve number is likely to be reduced, however, as the board also gave preliminary approval for two requests totaling nearly \$250,000 to be set aside for capital improvement and economic development.

County Administrator Guy Maxcy presented the capital improvement proposal to the board, stating the county needed to create a fund that would provide \$110,000 yearly for the purchase of machinery and vehicles when the need arises.

"This is an item staff feels is important for this county, as it will help put us into a position where we can purchase these items as needed," he said.

Following Maxcy's request, Larry Hudson, chairman of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, requested the board approve an EDAC recommendation for an ordinance to establish a redevelopment trust fund. The purpose of the fund would be to promote economic development in the county and improve areas in need of redevelopment, such as the U.S. 17 corridor from Nocatee to Arcadia. The ordinance would provide \$150,000 yearly from the county's reserves.

"We have done what you've asked this committee to do, which is to find the best solutions to growing this county, and we believe this is a smart move," he said. "You have talked the talk, and now we're asking you to help

us walk the walk."

Several commissioners expressed their approval of both requests, saying both funds would be positives for the county.

"We're investing in ourselves with these moves, and that is always a good move," said Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. "Businesses who have interest in coming to this county will say to us, 'what have you done for yourselves?' By approving these requests we're making a positive statement about our commitment to grow this community."

Commissioner Gabriel Quave agreed, saying he was comfortable with the

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DeSoto remembers ...



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Tod Backer has led a 9-11 commemoration ceremony for several years, as he did Wednesday at Veterans Memorial Park.



World War II veteran Arthur Southwell holds his hat during Wednesday's ceremony to commemorate the events of Sept. 11, 2001.



Tim Alley rings the fire bell in memory of the first responders who lost their lives trying to save victims during the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

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County OKs free lighting at Brewer Park

By **STEVE BAUER**

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The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners gave approval to allow free lighting at the Brewer Park Complex for two baseball organizations during the fall and winter months. The move comes after two residents requested an extension of park hours so their teams could practice on select fields in the park.

Tara Anderson, director of the Parks and Recreation Department, said the current policy is to gradually cut the park's lights by 15 minutes every few weeks until November, when the park closes at sundown. Anyone wanting to use the lights would pay an hourly rate of \$40-\$100 depending on which field they were occupying. She said in the past, however, youth baseball organizations run by Trey Turner and Ben Adams had been given a six-month extension that allowed lighting free of charge for after-dark practices and games.

"Having the lights on for those months costs an additional \$1,500-\$2,00 per month for six months," she said. "And those figures are only for the east side of the park."

Commissioner Gabriel Quave asked

why the county would even consider shutting the lights down. "This whole subject really troubles me," he said. "Where are the kids going to go once the lights go off? There's got to be a happy medium to work this out. We need to work together to keep the lights on for our kids."

County Administrator Guy Maxcy suggested the organizations could hold a fundraiser to help offset the county's costs. "Any way they can help with the costs would be welcomed," he said.

Turner told the board he didn't mind holding a fundraiser or using his own money or equipment to help care for the fields, but Adams challenged the request.

"We've put more than \$30,000 back into that park, which includes bleacher covers, new fencing around the T-ball field and two new announcing booths," he said. "I think we've done our fair share to really improve the infrastructure of the park. For the state tournament that was here, studies we've done show that each team brings in \$5,000 to the county."

Commissioner Jim Selph said having the lights on for the county's youth should be an easy decision. "The best thing we can do are things for our kids,"

he said. "Our kids our worth the cost of having the lights on."

Commissioner Bob Miller was concerned with the costs of having the lights on, and wanted to see the organizations make a concerted effort to help offset costs. "I know everyone is going to say, 'Oh there goes penny-pincher Bob again,' but with our budget issues every dollar counts," he said. "I'm fine with approving this request, but I really would like to see you guys follow through on the fundraiser."

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield noted the county's fee schedule was in place for a reason, and said the rates are reasonable. "I think \$40 an hour is pretty good for what our costs are to run the lights," he said. Turner then responded the field he uses is \$100/hour, making the costs prohibitive. "I can go to any of Charlotte County's fields, and as long as we leave the field in the same condition we found it, they don't charge us anything."

After further discussion, the board agreed not to charge the two groups for the lights.

In other business, the board unanimously approved an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to funding a downtown

Arcadia improvement project/bike pedestrian master plan.

County engineer Mike Giardullo told the board the project can be designed now with the FDOT funding, and built later when more funds become available. Construction costs are estimated at \$194,555, which Giardullo says will go toward several changes for the downtown area.

"The construction will include work on three intersections, improving crosswalks, removing stop lights and increased landscaping," he said.

The board unanimously approved its annual contract with the county health department, which includes an increase in the cost of a rabies vaccine, and a new vaccine administration fee.

The board also unanimously approved a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Allied Recycling to build a rail siding on Allied's property for the loading and unloading of scrap metal onto rail cars. The project will produce 25 full-time jobs, and upon completion semi-trailer traffic on U.S. 17 near Allied is expected to drop as any trucks currently going to the Peace River for transport will be offset by train traffic.

Health Department kicks off new anti-obesity initiative



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Dr. John H. Armstrong, Florida's Surgeon General, talks to a group of county officials and others Thursday about a new state initiative to tackle obesity. Learn more at <http://www.healthiestweightflorida.com>.

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Florida's Surgeon General, Dr. John H. Armstrong, visited DeSoto County last week to promote a new initiative to fight obesity in the state.

He told a group of civic leaders gathered at the DeSoto County Health Department that the incidence of obesity is on the rise: 65 percent of adults in Florida are now at an unhealthy weight. "We went from 12 percent overweight to 65 percent in just 20 years,"



Armstrong said. "Six out of 10 babies born today will be obese by the time of their high school graduation. At

this rate, we will be the first generation to lose lifespan, all because of obesity."

Obesity is associated with

many health problems and chronic conditions such as

Several county officials and representatives from the hospital, school district, city and Chamber of Commerce listen Thursday as Dr. John H. Armstrong, Florida's Surgeon General, recites some of the problems being overweight can entail.

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Learning language skills at DeSoto County Library

By **KAREN SMOKE**

DeSoto County Library received a grant from the American Library Association, generously funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, to purchase materials to provide literacy services and materials for adult English language learners and their families.

On Saturday mornings at DeSoto

County Library you will find several adults clustered around volunteer Maria Maton. Some are diligently filling in worksheets; others work at laptops, clicking through learning modules in their quest to improve both their English and Spanish language skills. Many are also enrolled in the literacy program at the Family Service Center during the week, and come to the

library on Saturday mornings to work on their skills, especially conversational English. Children gather at one end of the room, reading or playing with Lego blocks. The group meets every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

A library card is not required to participate in the English conversation for Spanish speakers program, and there is no charge. Participants are encouraged to acquire a library card and involve the entire family in actively reading for enjoyment and learning. The focus is on conversational English, but reading and writing both English and Spanish are also emphasized. The program began in July and there are usually five to a dozen or more participants.

"Spanish language sounds are different," said Maria, "so first we work on



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The group is a buzz of activity as learners click through modules on the computers, and practice pronouncing new English words. Volunteers, both English speaking and bilingual, are needed to work with the adults who are eager to learn and improve their English skills. If you are interested in volunteering, call Lorel Reinstrom at 863-993-4851.

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School budget approved, construction class added

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

DeSoto County High School has added a construction trades program to teach students marketable skills that can lead to employment after graduation.

Wade Huckabee presented an overview of the construction classes, in which students have already built a wood trellis structure and plan to build dugout benches next.

"We are teaching them employable skills," Huckabee said. Next year there are plans to add an electrical apprenticeship to the program. "This is not shop class," he said. "These are real

marketable skills."

He said the school is working with guidelines from the National Center for Construction Education and Research, a nonprofit education foundation that develops curricula for teaching construction trades. The school will hold an "open shop" at 5:45 p.m. next Wednesday to demonstrate the SawStop, a table saw designed to monitor, detect and prevent any cuts to human operators.

The School Board, during its meeting Tuesday night, approved a millage rate for the coming Fiscal Year of 7.2060 mills. One mill is equal to \$1 of tax for every \$1,000 of taxable value. This is 7.54 percent less than the rollback rate

of 7.7937 mills. The rollback rate is the tax rate needed to generate the same amount of ad valorem (property tax) revenue as was raised in the last fiscal year, based on this year's property values. The total budget for the 2013-14 year is \$66,794,765.72.

The board meeting was temporarily adjourned and reconvened Wednesday afternoon to give formal approval to and sign budget documents, which were to be finalized in order to be filed with the state by the Wednesday deadline.

The district is implementing a new software package called Skyward, which will provide much more efficient data collection and retrieval for important information. This system is now being

used by 35 percent of Florida school districts, and will allow DeSoto administrators to compile required reports much more efficiently, saving time. According to Keith Markey, director of the technology division, DeSoto will begin implementing the system in January.

School Superintendent Karyn Gary noted that a company has been retained to help the board review and update its current policies to make them consistent with state and federal law.

Luke Wilson asked the board for permission for "That '70s Reunion" to create and donate a bench for the gymnasium to honor former coach and teacher John Gambrell.

Opera House artist Blizzard works in many media

By **JANE HILTON**
DESOTO ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL

The Opera House Art Gallery is featuring Lee Blizzard this month. Lee is a freelance artist who works out of her Punta Gorda Isles studio. She moved there 16 years ago from Charlotte, NC, where she was an art editor for a magazine called The Collector, which had a distribution of 70,000 in Charlotte and England.

Lee attended the University of Rhode Island and Central Piedmont Community College. She studied under the late Boyce Kendrick and has continued to study art throughout her career.

She worked in real estate for 16 years but always maintained her love of art. She published two books — The Diary of Benjamin Reynolds and The First Rosalie of Philadelphia, in 1994. They were based on her great-uncle's

diary and described his sailing adventures around Cape Horn to Chile and Rio de Janeiro, along with a vignette of daily life in Philadelphia in the 1840s.

Shortly after that, she left real estate to pursue a full-time career in art.

Lee has taught art at the Edison State College, the Port Charlotte Cultural Center and

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In an oil painting titled *Flowers at the Bridge*, Blizzard captures the style and feel of the Impressionists.

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funds coming out of the county's reserves.

"I like that we do not need to increase the millage any further to do this, and it allows us to direct funds towards items that will help improve this county," he said.

Tax hike a necessary move

In his comments to fellow board members regarding the millage increase and reserve transfers, Commissioner Elton Langford said the moves were necessary and justified.

"The bottom line is we got to raise taxes to keep this county running," he said. "We've got something unique here that no one else in this state has. I take pride in the community we have today; I don't want to say we're Mayberry but it gives off that sort of feel. I don't know if I want to be like Port Charlotte, where you don't know

your neighbor or what they're thinking about you."

Mansfield reminded the board it was important to be proactive and not reactive when it comes to growing the county. "There's no one on this board who wants to raise taxes," he said. "But ideas like the economic development fund, that's the sort of thing where the more we are out front, the better off we'll be in the long term."

Quave mentioned that although the millage rate would be going up, the public needed to remember the numbers are relative because of falling property values in the county.

"Quite frankly, if this goes through I'll end up paying less in taxes on my house than I did in 2006," he said. "It's important to keep that in mind when looking at the millage hike."

Commissioner Jim Selph noted the board's willingness to consider the economic development ordinance shows the county's commitment to long-term growth. "I think this shows everyone that we are pro economic development and pro business," he said. "I agree with everyone else that I have no desire to raise taxes, but

we're in a spot where it's become necessary to do so if we want to provide services residents expect to receive."

The only commissioner who expressed hesitation on the budget was Bob Miller, who said he couldn't support passing the budget until the board takes a hard look at the county's current retirement and dependent insurance policies.

"I asked for a workshop on this issue 33 weeks ago, and there has been no action on this since then," he said. "There are large inequities in our life insurance figures, and the cost of providing dependent insurance is

prohibitive. I think we need to discuss this before final approval of this budget because this is a big expenditure."

After further discussion, Quave moved to tentatively approve the proposed millage rate and budget, including the addition of the two reserve funds. The board then voted 4-1 in favor, with Miller casting the lone dissenting vote.

After the vote, the board agreed to hold an insurance workshop at 9 a.m. Sept. 24. The final budget public hearing is also scheduled for that same day, at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the county building.

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In honor of the simple tomato

I'm betting you didn't know that there's a connection between tomatoes and werewolves. Now you'll have to keep reading to find out what it is.

I've written about nearly everything under the sun in my 30+ years of columns, so why not a column about that reddish-orange delight that we all (other than those allergic to them) have enjoyed all our lives? Do they not deserve to be recognized and revered? My taste buds vote yes!

We may take tomatoes for granted. After all, haven't they always been a part of our lives in some form or another? Who hasn't had one in a salad, or served in slices as a side dish? Without tomatoes, your BLT would merely be a BL — did you ever think about that? And how many French fries would go uneaten without that savory condiment that most of us use with them? In my crazy noggin I'm hearing John Lennon singing, "Imagine there's no ketchup ... I wonder if you can ..."

How do you pronounce it? There's that Gershwin tune "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" that draws attention to "to-MAY-to" versus "to-MAH-to," but it doesn't define why there's a difference. I think it's a regional thing, myself, as everybody I know who was blessed enough to be born this side of the Mason Dixon Line uses the former. And many of us even call 'em "maters, as in, "How 'bout fixin' me a 'mater sammich fer supper tonight?" Dang ... I think I flung a craving on myself just by typing that.

Scientists say tomatoes are a fruit, rather than a vegetable. Some folks argue over that, but most of us ignore it, and treat it how it tastes — like a veggie. Example? Well, Ben & Jerry haven't come up with a tomato-themed ice cream yet, have they?

Tomatoes are cheap and easy to grow. I'm thankful for that because my granny sure did use them in a lot of recipes, and canned tomatoes like they were going out of style in her lifetime. We had them many ways, one of my favorites being cut up and added to beans or peas. Fried green tomatoes find their way to my plate quite often still, and tomato gravy is near and dear to my appetite, served over rice, biscuits, or gravy. If you've never made a grilled cheese sandwich with a slice of tomato in it, give that a whirl sometime and see what you think. And I will say that my wife makes a pretty mean tomato pie.

If, in your lifetime, you haven't experienced what it's like to walk out to the garden with a salt shaker in your hand, pluck, salt and eat a tomato right off the vine, consider your life having been a bit sheltered. It's the simple things.

Tomatoes grew wild at the state hospital I used to work at, but they were in the sludge bed down at the sewer plant. No need in surmising how the seeds got there or how they were fertilized, but those who ate them said they were mighty tasty. True story.

Texas singer/songwriter Guy Clark immortalized them in his song "Homegrown Tomatoes," sci-fi buffs consider "Attack of the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A response to Joe Fink's column

Editor:

Councilman Fink speaks about the Arcadia Police Department, yet, in his column he makes no mention of the City Golf Course, Arcadia Airport, or the City Trailer Park, which the city of Arcadia owns, and are all losing money.

I realize it has been a cry of a lot of people in the past to join the city police department and the county sheriff's office together as was done with the fire departments. This will affect everyone, not only those which live in the city limits, but those which live in the county as well. The biggest effect is going to be the increase of homeowners insurance premiums.

Let us look at the taxation side of this issue. Property owners in the city are dual taxed. This tax imposed by the city is for city services, which includes police protection. Currently when a person is arrested by the city, he is booked into the county jail by county employees. This person is housed at the county jail. This person is cared for, feeding him and, if necessary, medical attention is afforded him. Does the city currently pay the county for these services?

Another area of the police service being paid for by the city taxes is the dispatcher. The city, at one time, had its own dispatcher working in the city police department 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Now this service is done by the county at the sheriff's office. Does any of the tax dollars collected by the city from property owners pay for this service?

Another question comes to mind on money. When this person, arrested by the city police department, goes to court and a fine is imposed, where does this fine money go? Is this fine placed into the county budget for use by the county or does this money go into the city budget? Does this money go back to the city police department and placed into their operating budget?

Speaking on the tax issue. Tax dollars are paid by the property owners for all of the services afforded them. These tax dollars are supposed to operate the city for the coming year. If the city is in such dire straits for money, and has had to use the money in the "reserve fund" numerous times, where is the tax money? What was it used for? If this money has been used to operate the different departments of the city, then it sounds like not enough tax money has been collected to pay for the services by the city.

Another area of concern, or may I say a huge drain on the city's money, is the construction of the new water plant. This construction has gone way over the intended budget, and it was something that really wasn't needed since the city could have simply purchased water through the county water system.

Now let us look at an area where the city can put money back into the "reserve fund." What about the property the city owns, and is doing absolutely nothing with. One that comes to mind is the fire station on 10th Avenue. It is my understanding that the volunteer firemen wanted to rent this building and make it their fire station, and were turned down.

Why? This is revenue. This building is just sitting, not being used for anything constructive. Make money with it or sell it.

The City Golf Course. A huge drain on the city budget to say the least. Make money with it or sell it. Same thing goes for the airport and the trailer park.

One other area that can bear looking into is the garbage collection in the city. Privatize this. Turn the headache of maintaining the equipment and paying salaries of the collection employees to a private company. This in itself should free up quite a sum of money to be returned into the "reserve fund."

Councilman Fink has come to our city to try to make a lot of changes. Councilman Fink came here from North Port. Councilman Fink, this is not North Port. The same thing goes for the city administrator, who does not live in the city or the county. I do not know if the North Port City Council has complete control over every single department or not. This does not matter to me. That is North Port and this is Arcadia. Two completely different cities.

The one reason I see that there is such an outcry by the City Council to do away with the police department is because they do not have total and complete control over the police department, and the police department does not make the city a large amount of revenue each year.

One area that I have not touched on is the city streets. That is another sore subject needing to be addressed.

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Ideas on how to address city's financial woes

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Arcadia City Councilman

Joe Fink

It would be so easy to place blame on prior councils, former administrators or staff, but what would be the point? It is what it is; the hand we were dealt and knew we were getting. Expending energy on who did what is so very futile.

So what do we as Arcadians need to do? First, we need to understand this can't be about "personalities." We need to set aside past grievances, for the good of all, not a select few, and work together for the good of this city. Unless we all have a chance at success, none of us has a chance; nothing will change. I need to do my best to take this attitude, too.

Second, we need to stop spending money even for police that we don't have, from reserves or specific accounts that we can't repay. Like overspending with a credit card, it will catch up with you sooner rather than later.

Third, we need to prepare for the next surge in growth. It's already started; North Port issued 31 housing permits last month. Change, like it or not, will occur. We can structure the change and it can be very positive for our city; if we don't, it can be chaotic and make things even worse. To deal with positive change we need to do advance planning, fix what needs fixing, and market to those who might want to come here with specific goals and reasons for their inclusion into our community.

Planning. The city is four square

miles, has a beautiful historic downtown, lovely homes, a wonderful quality of life and community, has major highway access, rapidly aging infrastructure, blighted areas and a very limited tax base. We need good, limited growth to help dig us out of this hole.

Developers will pay slightly more in initial taxes if they see potential for them being lowered in the future by progressive government actions and a willingness of government to work and fast-track those new developments. No tax breaks, just get them up and running ASAP; time is money. To do this, a Joint Planning Agreement with DeSoto County is essential. Both governments need to work together to plan where their growth will best occur and where they have service provisions in place for that growth. We are not "competitors" with the county, we are a part of the county. Anything good for the city is good for the county as well and we all need to remember that.

Fix what we have. An attractive city is much easier to sell to developers than one in disrepair. Without reprioritizing city spending, can we fix what needs to be fixed, providing the basics of a functioning city?

There are many neighborhoods in our city that are in desperate need of redevelopment. Unless they come along with us in this growth, none of us really succeed. They deserve everything that any resident of the city deserves.

In certain areas vast tracts of commercial are being underutilized; a major gateway into the city is part of one of these areas. A Community Redevelopment Agency could be easily formed with the county allowing monies to redevelop these areas. The agency would be formed to fund new and existing businesses in those areas, loaning capital and expertise in business management. The monies are paid back by businesses actually paying taxes and contributing to the community. Not a hand-out, a hand up.

We need the continuation of the road reconstruction program that this administration proposed and has in the budget this year. Without maintaining what we have – streets, sidewalks, etc. – what does it say to others about how we care for our city?

Marketing the best of the city – our unique, old Florida lifestyle – targeting specific residential, commercial and industrial/manufacturing. We aren't Sarasota or Ft Lauderdale, but who wants to be? It would be nice if we could shop for items that many of us consider necessities without having to go 20 or 30 miles; or have go that same distance to our employment.

Residential Diversification. Lots of vacant land adjoins the city, far more affordable than similar areas

in coastal communities; space for golf course communities, midrange multifamily units, condominiums; all residential housing we presently lack in the city. This type of housing pays higher taxes; the communal spaces of the developments pays taxes as well. All our taxes will be lowered by these additional residents.

Commercial Growth. With that new residential growth will come new needs and wants; new and different shops. These businesses will pay taxes to our community and lower what it costs us in taxes to provide services, fix existing streets, etc.

Industrial/Manufacturing Growth. Every June we lose a large part of our most precious asset – our children move away to live somewhere else. Many of those who leave would love to live here, but can't afford to without a job that pays a living wage. By attracting this type of business, many of our children will be able to afford to live and raise their families here. It will also help those who are chronically unemployed or underemployed in our community.

None of this is possible if we continue down the sad, old tired road of mismanagement because of personalities and the fear of change. Without this type of major reform in the APD, that is being promoted in all other departments of the city, none of this is possible.

To do nothing, to relive the past glories of the city of Arcadia — we were THE COUNTY SEAT, we were THE CENTER OF COMMERCE — we will have become a wide spot in the junction of U.S. 17 and S.R. 70.

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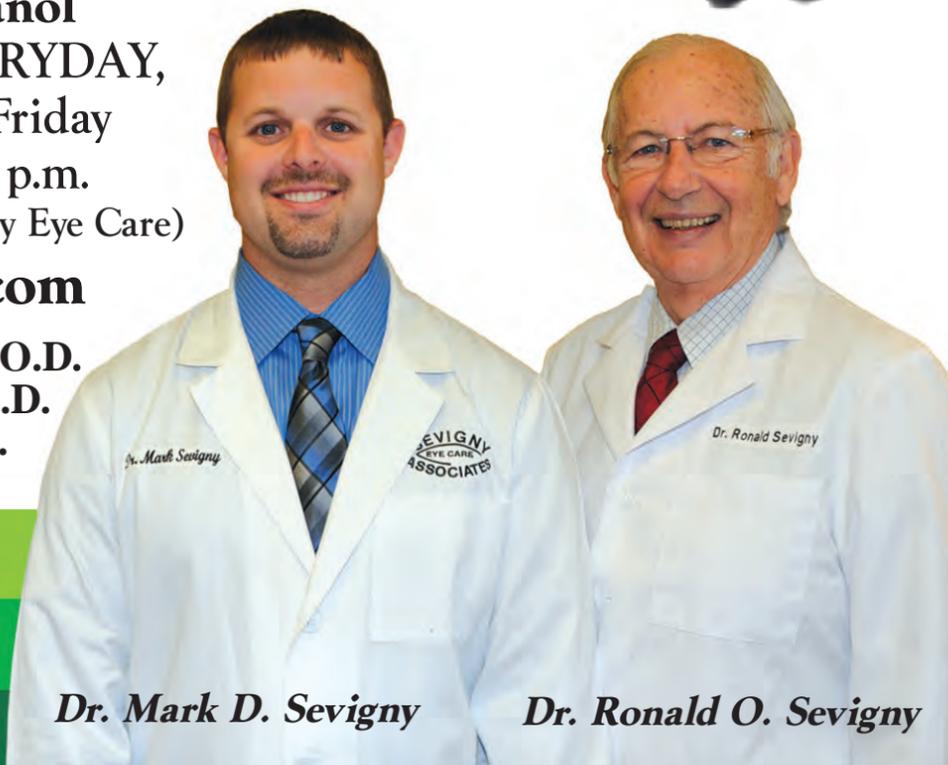


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Arcadia's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOTE: All area codes are 863 unless otherwise indicated.

■ TODAY

- TEAM Arcadia meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Margaret Way Building, 23 N Polk Avenue. The purpose of TEAM Arcadia is to unite community organizations and coordinate community improvement efforts.
- DeSoto County Historical Society meets at noon every second Thursday monthly at the Family Service Center annex, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia. Lunch is available for \$5 at 11:30 a.m.
- Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity meets at 6 p.m. second Thursdays monthly at the Habitat ReStore, 111 N. Polk Ave. Call 494-4118 or desotohabitat@embarqmail.com for more information.
- American Red Cross Youth Corps of DeSoto County meets second Thursdays monthly from 3:30-5 p.m. at DeSoto County High School. For more information, call at 494-2348.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

■ FRIDAY

- 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.
- The Photography Group of DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council meets the second Friday of each month 3:30 – 5 p.m. at the DeSoto Public Library. Free and open to the public. For more information contact Karen at ksmoke@embarqmail.com.
- Peace River Civil War Round Table meets at 1:30 p.m. second Fridays monthly at the Emerald Pointe clubhouse, 25188 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. Lunch available. For more information, call 941-575-4269 or 941-639-0782.

■ SATURDAY

- Ellis Hudson Memorial Service will take place at 11 a.m. Sept. 14 at Veterans Memorial Park, followed by a covered dish dinner at the rodeo grounds — please bring a dish to share.
- MainStreet Farmer's Market is held the first and third Saturday every month in downtown Arcadia from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh produce, pickled products, jams, jellies, homemade granola bars, baked goods, fresh and dried herbs, arts, crafts, woodworking, quilts, sewing, plants and other goodies. For vendor info call the Arcadia Main Street office at 494-2020.
- Classic car show in downtown Arcadia, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. the third Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Team Arcadia. Trophies, door prizes, and 50/50 jackpot. For more information call 494-2020.

■ SUNDAY

- Come join Algje and Wolf Didlaukies from noon to 4 p.m. today to celebrate the closing of their store, Glass Antique or Not, 219 W. Oak St. Come to wish them well and enjoy live entertainment.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.

■ MONDAY

- The DeSoto County Republican Executive Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's.
- The DeSoto County Fair Association meets at 7 p.m. third Mondays monthly in the fair office on Heard Street, Arcadia.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St.

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Al-anon, offering help for families of alcoholics, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit www.district13sofal-anon.org.
- The DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1425 Martin Luther King St. The center provides referrals for mainstream resources, elderly food stamps (by appointment) and computer service. Salvation Army has office space on Wed. by appointment. For more information, call 491-5683.
- A faith-based addiction recovery ministry meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the Nocatee Baptist Church (red brick church) on U.S. Highway 17 in Nocatee.

■ TUESDAY

- Nature Walks: Morgan Park, 8:30 a.m. Sept. 17. Free.
- Arcadia City Council meets at 6 p.m. at the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia. The city will hold its final budget hearing during this meeting.
- DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. third Tuesdays monthly at DeSoto Restaurant on S.R. 70, east of downtown Arcadia. For information, contact PIO officer Marge Rikker, call name KG4BWF.
- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday (except the third Tuesday) of the month, on the 147.075, W4MIN repeater with a pl of 100. All amateurs are invited to participate.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- DeSoto County Library holds story time at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Peace River Woodcarvers meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Speer Center, U.S. Highway 17 North, Arcadia. For information, contact Bill Morse at 207-418-4687 or mamorse1953@gmail.com.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

■ WEDNESDAY

- The DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce Network at Noon is today at DeSoto County Educational Foundation.
- 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 DeSoto County Veterans Council meets the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. For details, call Don Finkle at 494-1465.
- The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council's Writers Group meets from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Clubhouse in Arcadia Village. Free and open to the public. Call Sarah Hollenhorst at 244-1663 for more information.
- DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Mobile Pantry is on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Smith Brown Gym starting at 9 a.m. until the food is gone. The only requirement is to be a DeSoto County resident. Sponsored by the All Faiths Food bank of Sarasota.
- The First Marine Division Association meets at 11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday at Family Table Restaurant, 14132 Tamiami Trail, North Port. Call Carl Jones, 941-493-1408 for more information.
- Heartland Rural Health Network's Food Stamp Outreach grant program will have Angela Hendry come every third Wednesday to help seniors submit applications for food stamps. She will be at the Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center, 1425 Martin Luther King St., Arcadia, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Households should have at least one senior resident. Bring your ID, information on your income, assets, and expenses including medical. For more information call 863-452-0638.
- The Juvenile Justice Council of DeSoto County meets at 11 a.m. at the Family Service Center, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia. For more information, call Rick Blonshine at 727-423-1713.
- Community for Seniors meets from 12:30-1:30 p.m. every third Wednesday at TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care administration building on Arcadia Avenue. Open to anyone interested in being a new member. For more information, call Lori Coker at 990-1340.
- DeSoto County Traffic Safety Team meets at 1:30 p.m. third Wednesdays monthly at the DeSoto County Commissioners room, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- Hearing Loss Association demonstrates amplified listening devices from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. third Wednesdays monthly at Charlotte County Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte. For more information about HLA meetings, call 941-624-2947.
- 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.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at

■ JEWISH HOLY DAYS

- Temple Beth El, North Port Jewish Center, 3840 S. Biscayne Drive, has listed information for the upcoming Jewish holidays: 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.

■ SPECIAL

- Judy Jones and The Bread of Life Mission always visits Arcadia on Thanksgiving to serve free Thanksgiving dinners to anyone in need. To prepare for this annual event, the Mission is seeking donations of turkeys, hams, side dishes (bread, potatoes, etc.) and serving necessities such as disposable plates, napkins, flatware etc. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted. If you can help out the mission, call 941-575-4440.
- Volunteers are needed to help children in the community! If you enjoy working with kids, can commit to a volunteer schedule (1-2 hrs/wk between 2:30-4:30 p.m.), can work with different school subjects and can be a positive role model for children, then call Laura Rodriguez at 494-1068 or email laurorodriguez@embarqmail.com. You must pass a background check and must complete a volunteer orientation.

- 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.

■ THURSDAY

- Two days only —Thurs. Sept. 19 and Fri. Sept. 20 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., DeSoto Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is hosting "Jewelry is Fun" where everything is \$5. Great savings on jewelry and accessories! At the McSwain Room, DMH. Cash, debit cards and all major credit cards accepted.
- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center, 2200 Roan St., Arcadia. Anyone interested may attend. Talk in for the meetings is at 147.180+ DARC repeater.
- Family Safety Alliance for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties, sponsored by Department of Children and Families, meets at 4 p.m. third Thursdays monthly at Lakewood Ranch Northern Trust Bank's community room, 6320 Venture Drive, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call Kerri Gibson at 941-316-6129.
- Drop-in Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m.-5:15 p.m., registration and yoga tea; 5:15-6:15 p.m., yoga class. Come enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
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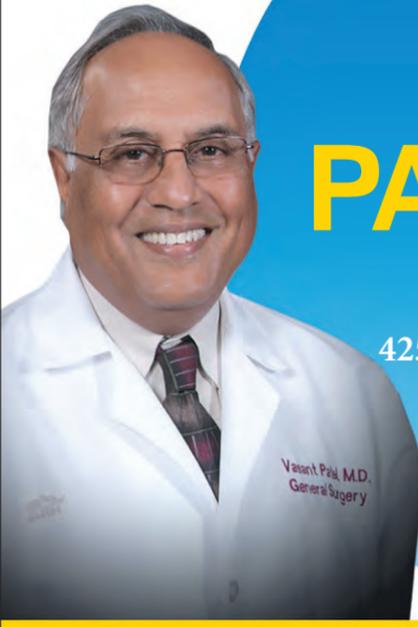
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- The final DeSoto County Budget Hearing is at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 24 at the County Administration Building. A county insurance and bonding workshop will be held that same day at 9 a.m.
- The Annual DeSoto Charlotte Farm Bureau Meeting will be held 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.
- The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council, for its September member meeting, will visit the Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota on Sept. 28. This is Free Museum Day and you can obtain two free tickets per household for the Ringling Museum at <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Arcadian, 108 S. Polk Ave., to car pool to the museum. The group will stop somewhere for Dutch treat lunch.

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Happy birthday

Wishing a happy 18th birthday to Melissa Sauvey on Sep 14. We love you and are very proud of who you are.

Love,

JJ, Mara, Jesus, Javier, Jaime, M'Allee and Victoria.



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Welcome home



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On Sunday, Sept. 15, there will be a welcome home party for Sgt. Patti DeFeo, who is coming home from Kuwait. The party starts at 1 p.m. at Amvets Post 60 on U.S. Highway 17. There will be food and entertainment available.

Sarah Keen retires

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FIRST STATE BANK

After 37 years of service, Sarah Keen will be retiring from First State Bank of Arcadia on Friday, Sept. 20. A small reception in the lobby of the North Office, 400 N. Brevard Avenue, will begin at 10:30 a.m. that day.

Sarah Keen was hired on June 1, 1976 by Willis Peacock. She worked as a teller through Sept. 1985, and then transferred to the New Accounts Department for a year before moving to the new branch at 1007 NE Oak Street, which opened in October 1986.

Sarah managed the branch for many years. In June 1992, Sarah was promoted to Assistant Cashier/Branch Manager. Then in 2006, she was promoted to Assistant Vice President/Retail Banking Manager, and has remained in that position at the main office.



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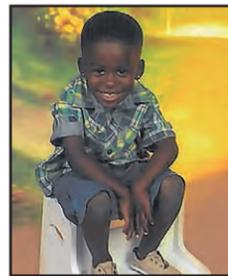
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Happy birthday

Happy Belated 30th Birthday to Boss Bear. We love you, God loves you more! From your Family & Friend Ma Faye



Happy Birthday to MaKaye, Jaelyn, Ned, JaKandra, Kevi, Sandra, Little Star, Kathy. May your day be a blessed one, God Bless you all. Love, your family and friends and Faye.



Happy Birthday to all in September, Ned, Jaelyn, Kathy, Mavis, Olga, Pot Head, Kevins, Carol W. Sugar, Mike C., Gray S. May God Bless you all, Faye

DeSoto County Garbage Collection Information 2013 / 2014

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Collection Procedures

Each residence is allowed 2 bags or cans that are of the design that allows for easy lifting with cans having 2 handles and of not more than 32-gallon capacity weighing no more than 40 lbs. per receptacle. Yard trash shall be bundled or canned not to exceed 4 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter. Yard waste may not be put in bags. No bundle or can may weigh more than 40 lbs. Yard trash generated by paid landscaping or yard maintenance services are excluded from "yard trash" to be picked up. All garbage/yard waste must be placed at curbside, no more than 4 feet from the roadway.

Types

Residential Solid Waste will be picked up and includes garbage and or other discarded material resulting from normal housekeeping activities, and shall exclude hazardous waste, biomedical waste, bulk yard trash and white goods. Acceptable yard trash is that trash that results from normal yard and landscaping maintenance like tree and shrub trimmings, grass clippings, palm fronds or small tree branches. Bulk items like TVs, carpet, and furniture can be picked up if overage tickets are purchased from Womack Sanitation or they may be taken to the DeSoto County Landfill. Appliances/White Goods are picked up by the county by calling (863) 993-4821 to arrange pick up.

Complaints

Womack Sanitation can be reached for information and complaints by phone or mail. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00-5:00, excluding holidays. An answering machine is available after office hours. Womack Sanitation is required to attempt response to complaints within 2 working days.

Rates

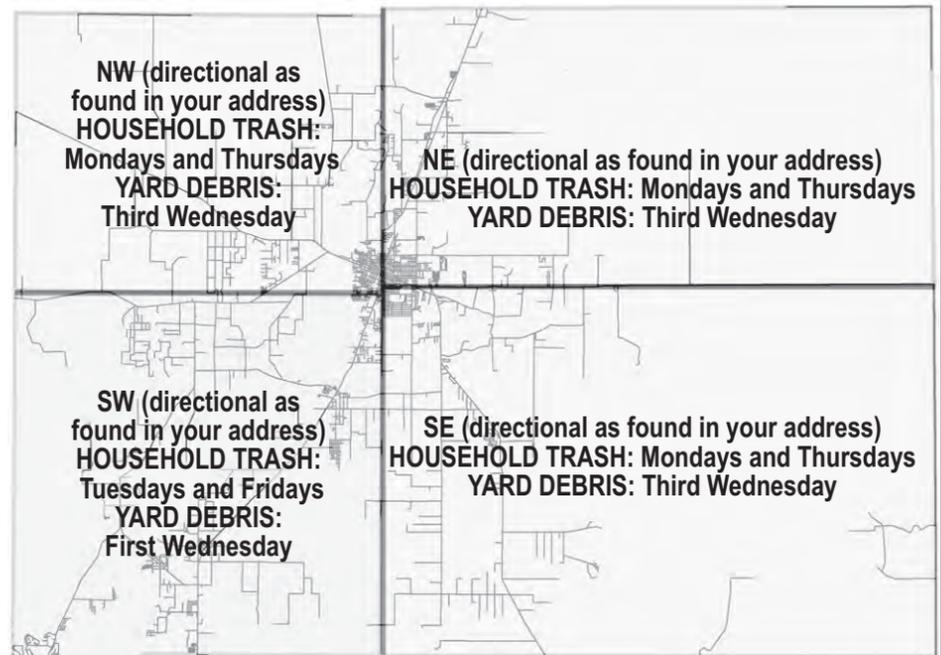
The rate per residence is \$165 from October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014.

Days of Collection

Residents in NW, NE, SE quadrant of the county, household waste pick-up is on Mondays and Thursdays. Yard waste collection is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Residents in the SW quadrant of the county, household waste pick-up is on Tuesdays and Fridays. Yard Waste collection is on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Holidays

Where the regular collection day falls on a holiday, only one collection shall be provided that week. Customers who missed a collection day due to a holiday shall be permitted to double the amount of waste to be placed out for collection on the next collection day. There will be no collection on the following days due to holiday observances:



2013 SCHEDULE

October 14, 2013	(Columbus Day)
November 11, 2013	(Veterans Day)
November 28, 2013	(Thanksgiving Day)
November 29, 2013	(Thanksgiving Day After)
December 24, 2013	(Christmas Eve)
December 25, 2013	(Christmas Day)

2014 SCHEDULE

January 1, 2014	(New Years Day)
January 20, 2014	(MLK Jr. Holiday)
February 17, 2014	(Presidents Day)
April 18, 2014	(Good Friday)
May 26, 2014	(Memorial Day)
July 4, 2014	(Independence Day)

September 1, 2014	(Labor Day)
October 13, 2014	(Columbus Day)
November 11, 2014	(Veterans Day)
November 27, 2014	(Thanksgiving Day)
November 28, 2014	(Thanksgiving Day After)
December 24, 2014	(Christmas Eve)
December 25, 2014	(Christmas Day)

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

- Cecil Brian Brown Jr., 21, 100 block of Bridlepath, Arcadia. Charge: possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$120.
- Kyle Lamar Chaney, 24, 9900 block of S.W. Levenski Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Robert Allen Clifton Jr., 25, 200 block of Potter St., Arcadia. Charges: aggravated battery causing bodily harm or disability, criminal mischief with property damage over \$1,000, violation of probation, and projecting a missile into a dwelling or vehicle. Bond: none.
- Paige Brooke D'Angelo, 21, Lakeland. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: \$1,920.
- Peter Hernandez Delgado, 38, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$1,000.
- Brian William Flegle, 43, 600 block of W. Gibson St., Arcadia. Charge: aggravated battery causing bodily harm or disability, and violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Jaime Palmillas Gaytan, 39, 1500 block of S.E. Apple Drive, Arcadia. Charges: driving while license is expired more than 4 months and failure to support spouse or child. Bond: \$5,120.
- Henry Stephen Harris Jr., 27, 5700 block of S.W. Brahma Ave., Arcadia. Charges: violation of probation, unarmed burglary of an occupied conveyance and criminal mischief with less than \$200 property damage. Bond: none.
- Maurice Allen Hurst, 34, 100 block of W. Myrtle St., Arcadia. Charges: driving while license is suspended and battery. Bond: none.
- Rainer Sage Incitti, 19, 100 block of N. Monroe Ave., Arcadia. Charges: disorderly public intoxication and

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.

- battery. Bond: \$870.
- Thomas Garrett Killmon, 22, 1600 block of S.E. West Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.
- Travis Shane Lynch, 28, 200 block of Providence St., Arcadia. Charges: driving while license is suspended and violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Christopher George Montgomery, 21, 1500 block of S.W. Holiday, Arcadia. Charges: failure to appear and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: none.
- Lonnie Ray Nair, 46, 6000 block of S.W. Shores Ave., Arcadia. Charge: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. Bond: \$5,000.
- Gerald Owens, 38, 700 block of N. 17th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$2,500.
- Jessica Elizabeth Picard, 23, 200 block of N. Rogers Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$1,870.
- Matthew Dwayne Taylor, 28, Wauchula. Charge: Failure to appear. Bond: none.
- Mary Elizabeth Terry, 43, Highway Motel. Charges: two counts of battery, second or subsequent offense, and battery on a person 65 or older. Bond: \$4,000.
- Billy Lee Thomas, 22, 1600 block of S.E. Hargave St., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: none.
- Gregory Carlton Tompkins Sr., 3100

- block of Swain Ave., Arcadia. Charges: two counts of unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure. Bond: \$15,000.
- Juan Alexis Guerrero, 18, 1000 block of S.E. 2nd Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Eugenia Melchor Betancourt, 48, 6400 block of N.W. Cul de Sac Road, Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Pauline Butler, 48, 700 block of N. Mills, Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.
- Nathan Allen Crites, 22, 1400 block of E. Gibson St., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.
- Ricardo Flores, 40, 2800 block of N.E. Washington St., Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is expired more than 4 months. Bond: \$120.
- Sicora Gross, 18, 1400 block of S.W. Gross Drive, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Bobby Joe Hall, 22, 2000 block of S.W. Robin Road, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Released on recognizance.
- Jose Carlos Hernandez, 25, 600 block of Magnolia St., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Arthur Harry Kleis, 40, 300 block of N. 10th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$120.
- Uriel Ramirez Mejia, 21, first block of W. Imogene St., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- David Ponce, 20, 1300 block of S.E. First Ave., Arcadia. Charge: hit and run with property damage. Bond: \$500.
- Justin Matthew Rettel, 27, 6500 block of S.W. Pensacola Ave., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$500.
- Sara Elizabeth Rivera, 21, Sunset Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$1,120.
- Johnny Rodriguez, 23, 1700 block of S.W. Robin Road, Arcadian. Charges: battery and criminal mischief with property damage between

- \$200-\$1,000., Bond: \$1,500.
- Adam Flores Trejo, 23, 13600 block of S.E. State Road 70, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-state fugitive. Bond: none.
- Perry Daniel Whatley, 40, 1500 block of Maple St., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$1,000.
- Hernan Quintana Davila, 25, Washington Road, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.
- Carl Douglas McClelland, 42, 1200 block of S.E. Baker St., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$1,120.
- Michael Dennis Rosas, 23, 100 block of S. Volusia Ave., Arcadia. Charge: aggravated battery where victim is pregnant. Bond: none.
- Brandy Michelle Stone, 30, 2900 block of N.E. Washington St., Arcadia. Charges: possession of cocaine, possession or use of drug equipment, possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$6,790.
- Evelyn Laquilla White, 35, Gainesville. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
- Joshua Lee Willis, 26, 1200 block of S.W. Pinewood Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Augustine Martinez Barron, 18, 4700 block of S.E. Apache Drive, Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$240.

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

- Sarah Marie Stewart, 24, 6600 block of N.W. Pine Hurst Drive, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Jamie Erin Hasenmyer, 34, 4000 block of S.W. Adventure Way, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Jeffrey Allen Stone, 48, no address, Nocatee. Charges: disorderly public intoxication and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$1,500.

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By **SHERIFF WILL WISE**
DE SOTO COUNTY SHERIFF

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The C.A.S.E. program is a partnership between the community and the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office to protect the financial resources of all our residents from scams and frauds.

If you belong to a group that meets throughout the year, consider a C.A.S.E. program. For more information about C.A.S.E. or about scheduling a presentation, call me or Lt. Curt Mays at 863-993-4700. We will be happy to assist you and put you in touch with our Volunteer C.A.S.E. Manager, Phyllis Schwartz.

ROADWATCH

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

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

OBITUARIES

Mattie Pearl Campbell

Mattie Pearl Campbell, 65, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013, in Port Charlotte, Fla. Arrangements are by Hickson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Arcadia.

Ellis E. Hudson

Ellis Eli (Butch) Hudson, 69, of Arcadia, FL passed away September 3, 2013.

He was born on December 20, 1943 in Fort Myers FL. He enlisted in the United States Army on March 27, 1963 and served as an E5 Aircraft/Helicopter mechanic until February 14, 1971.



He then moved his family to Tampa, FL in March of 1971, and after many years of the city life he relocated to Arcadia, FL in 1993. He was the House & Grounds director for the Arcadia Rodeo Association, member of the All Florida Saddle Club, a member of the Republican Party and a lifetime member of AMVets Post #60. He was a retired mechanic/welder/fabricator who loved horseback riding and canoeing down the Peace River. Ellis was an organ donor who was able to offer life to others.

He is survived by his son, Harvey Ellis Hudson of Polk City, FL; daughter, Manuela Elouise Hiscock of Lake Placid, FL; grandson Harvey Austin Hudson and great-grandson Nathan Austin Hudson.

Ellis chose to be cremated and have his ashes spread out in the Peace River.

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 14 on the Peace River at DeSoto Veterans Memorial Park. There will be a celebration of life at the Arcadia Rodeo Arena following the memorial. In lieu of flowers please bring a covered dish.

Sherwyn E. Whitmore

Sherwyn E. Whitmore, 43, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013.

He was born Sept. 28, 1969, in Miami, Fla., and moved to Arcadia in 1976.

"He was a very thorough mechanic, one of the best," a colleague and friend said upon learning of his death. Sherwyn worked most recently at the Amoco Station in town. In his spare time, he enjoyed motorcycle and car racing. Sherwyn was once a Sprint Car Crew Chief. He enjoyed BMX dirt bikes, old cars, Super Cross Street Rods and NASCAR. Sherwyn was a member and chaplain for the AMVETS, and attended First Christian Church of Arcadia. He was a loving husband, and a wonderful father, son, brother and friend to many, and will be deeply missed.

Sherwyn is survived by his loving wife of 13 years, Natalie Whitmore; daughters, Chelsea E. and Stephanie T. Whitmore; sister, Kimberly A. (Gilbert) Coan; and parents, John "Buck" Sherwyn and Barbara Franklin Whitmore, all of Arcadia.

A gathering for family and friends will be held from 5 p.m. until the funeral service at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013, at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home. Pastor Ron York will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sherwyn's honor to AMVETS Post 60, 2846 S.W. Highway 17, Arcadia, FL 34266. Online condolences can be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

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Martins to share local history today

By **CAROL MAHLER**

DESOTO CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Gordon "Mac" Martin and his mother, Eugenia "Genie" Martin, will talk about the McSwain family today at the monthly meeting of the DeSoto County Historical Society. Free and open to the public, the meeting is at the Family Service Center Annex (old West Elementary School cafeteria) at the corner of N. Orange Ave. and W. Effie St.

At 11:30 a.m., lunch is available for \$6: lasagna, garlic bread, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, and dessert. At noon, President Bebe Bradbury will conduct a short business meeting before introducing the Martins.

Mac said, "Dr. Daniel L. McSwain was a pioneer. He was one of the first physicians in town ... He was a horse and buggy doctor, and he traveled many, many miles in the area to treat people." McSwain established the surgery department at Lee Memorial Hospital and performed the first surgery there. He was also the first white doctor to operate on a Seminole Indian. "We have documentation about that," Mac said.

His son, Dr. Gordon McSwain, continued the tradition. He worked at Simmons Sanitarium which later became Arcadia General Hospital and finally DeSoto Memorial Hospital.

Mac said that Dr. Gordon also made "a lot of house calls. In those days, doctors went where they were needed."

Mac's father, Dr. Calvin Martin, is also

a physician. Mac remembered "When I was kid and Mom needed Dad to babysit me, he would take me out on house calls. I waited in the living room of someone's home or in the car. Those days of medicine have gone by."

Today, Mac and his mother are both real estate agents, and they run their business, Florida Outdoor Properties, in Dr. Gordon McSwain's home, where she and her two sisters grew up.

Dr. Gordon had torn down the original Dr. D. L. McSwain home and built a new house on the property. He used the old fireplaces in the new structure. Mac remembers eating Sunday dinners in the dining room with his parents and grandparents until he was in his mid-20s.

After his grandparents died, the house was sold. When a subsequent owner called his mother to list the house, Mac bought it for their business, Martin Realty and Martin Art Gallery, both established in 2000. About a decade later, they changed the name of real estate business.

The society's books, "Recollections" I, II, and III, plus the "Walking Tour of Historic Arcadia, Florida," booklet will be on sale at the meeting. T-shirts and tote bags — featuring legendary Acrefoot Johnson as drawn by Luke Wilson — will also be available. All proceeds will benefit the society's efforts to preserve and promote the history of DeSoto County.

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



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HEALTH

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arthritis, high blood pressure and diabetes. "This will cost the state of Florida half of the state budget within 30 years," Armstrong said.

Armstrong is reaching out to local leaders and community partners to get the word out about a new website, www.HealthiestWeightFlorida.com. The state recognizes that good health starts in communities — one reason he wanted to visit each county health department, not just stay in Tallahassee. Good health involves public and private partnerships and nonprofit organizations.

"In the past we've told people, 'eat less, exercise more.' Obviously that's not working. We have to look for more effective ways. What about mutual support? Team sports? Community activities where we can support each other?"

"There is no pill to solve the problem," he said. "It requires us all to come together" to tackle the problem.

Schools are an essential place to begin getting across messages about health. "We have to rethink PE as more than just physical education, but as a means to healthy living," he said. "What if teachers sat down with the kids and talked to them about healthy eating habits? What if schools had available recipe cards for the kids to take home?"

Armstrong said, "For businesses, this is an issue too; productivity is threatened." Lifespans are also threatened.



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Florida's Surgeon General Dr. John H. Armstrong, center, poses with members of the DeSoto County Health Department and others after his talk on the state's program to address obesity.

As participants introduced themselves around the room, the group chuckled when Tim Vowels, owner of the local McDonald's, identified himself. But Armstrong took the opportunity to note the value in partnering with the fast food industry. "We have to find ways to inform people about the healthy choices they can make," and fast food businesses are listening to the public by providing some healthier options.

You can learn more by visiting www.HealthiestWeightFlorida.com, where you will find links for helpful information, such as how to eat healthier meals on a budget, tracking what you eat and recipes.



County Commissioner Bob Miller, left, and Sheriff Will Wise, right, talk with State Surgeon General John H. Armstrong after his presentation at the Health Department.

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LANGUAGE

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learning the English sounds of vowels, consonants and combinations."

Several different programs are used, including "Star Fall," a phonics program geared to children, but really easy for adults to grasp also. Workbooks in the "English Without Barriers" program provide exercises for the beginner to complete. Five laptop computers are available to use a program that is an introduction to using "Rosetta Stone," recognized as one of the best language learning tools. The program is interactive, and prepares the learner to use the Rosetta Stone program and advance through the self-directed course. A library card is not required to use the Rosetta Stone computer.

Many of the participants come into the program with no computer skills. Maria works with them to build their confidence in using a computer.

"That's so important in today's world,"

said Maria. "Once they learn to use the computer here, they can go on and use the Internet for so many things."

The library is building a collection of bilingual books, and parents are encouraged to read bilingual books with their children. That way, children learn both languages at the same time. Bilingualism is an important skill in today's world.

The group is a buzz of activity as learners move about, go over completed worksheets with Maria, click through modules on the computers, and practice pronouncing new English words. Participants are motivated to learn for personal growth, to improve communication skills for better employment opportunities, or to help their children succeed in school. The library literacy program is aimed at helping our residents be successful.

Volunteers, both English speaking and bilingual, are needed to work with the adults who are eager to learn and improve their English skills. If you are interested in volunteering, call Lorel Reinstrom at 863-993-4851.



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Volunteer Maria Maton works on Saturday mornings with adults who want to improve their English skills. The library literacy program is aimed at helping our residents be successful.

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Cookies is an orange medium-hair male, part Turkish Van. As you can see, he's quite playful and would be a fun companion for a new family. Visit DeSoto County Animal Services at 2048 N.E. McKay St. for details.



These four pit-mix puppies are ready to go to good homes. The black one, "Black Jack," is a male 9 weeks old; the other three are all 8 weeks old and from the same litter — from left, Flossie (female), Buster (male) and Chacka (female). As you can see, they are adventurous and love to explore the world. Visit DeSoto Animal Services at 2048 N.E. McKay St. to see them or any of the other adoptable pets that are looking for a good home.



This trio of playful Chiweenies — from left, Sweetie, an all-black female; Sprite, a brindle female; and Butch, a tan male — are fun-loving dogs that will not be too large and will make nice family pets. For information, call 863-993-4855.



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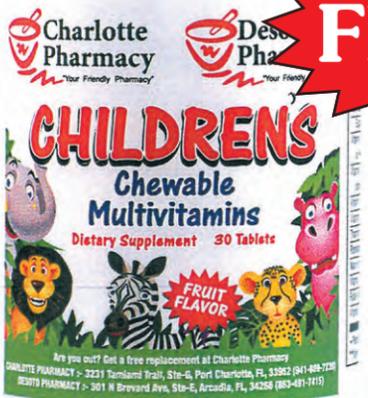
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JV TEAMS STRUGGLE

Both the Bulldogs junior varsity football and volleyball teams suffered losses during a tough week of competition against area schools.



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Bulldogs sweat out 36-35 win over Lehigh

By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

You can bet you'll get your money's worth when you attend the first home game for the DeSoto County football team tomorrow night against East Lee County. After suffering a heart-breaking 19-18 in week one in the final seconds of the game, the Bulldogs hung on to win 36-35 over Lehigh after going ahead in the final minute of play.

It wasn't easy as the Lightning came back downfield and nearly pulled it out in the final 14 seconds of the game. Lehigh's quarterback had thrown for five touchdowns in the game and brought his team deep into Bulldog territory with less than 30 seconds to play.

A pass over the middle surprised linebacker Zach Beeles and went through his hands and fell harmlessly onto the turf. The former power running back-turned-linebacker used to just carry the ball rather than catch passes. "I've never seen a ball coming to me before so I thought what do I do?" said a smiling Beeles.



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DeSoto County's Terrell Gordon runs hard as seen by these three Lehigh players who were sent flying after making the tackle. Gordon was the area's leading rusher after week one. He added to that total with 87 more yards and scored the game winning two-point conversion. He also intercepted a pass and ran for 60 yards and a touchdown.

The next pass was picked off inside the ten-yard-line by Dequan Richardson, who is also a receiver on offense. Rather than dropping to the ground and ending the game, Richardson carried the ball and fumbled as he was being tackled. The ball shot out like a spit watermelon seed and found an empty spot on the field. With no player closer than 10

yards to the ball, it simply lay there unclaimed.

Whoever recovered it would win the game. Lehigh has a good kicker and a field goal would be a chip shot. If DeSoto recovered they could just drop to a knee and end the game.

Seemingly out of nowhere Alfredrick Tyson, who had a seven-yard touchdown in the second quarter to put the



After scoring a touchdown to bring DeSoto County to within a point of Lehigh, Tajahs Jackson (right) is congratulated by center Rayshawn Stroman.

Bulldogs ahead, raced in and dove onto the ball and cradled it as he was hit. Tyson hung on to it and the Bulldogs took a knee to win the game.

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'Hungry' Bulldogs take bite out of Pirates

By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

After taking two of the first three games at Port Charlotte on September 3, the Lady Bulldogs varsity volleyball team appeared to be in control as they held a 14-11 lead in game four. After scoring another point and leading 15-13, it was "lights out" for the girls from DeSoto County.

The Pirates scored 12 unanswered

points to even the match at two games apiece. The Pirates continued that run with a 3-0 lead in the final game. That was when the Bulldogs got back to their "bread and butter" that had served them so well earlier in the game.

Bethany Bonville put up a nice set for Tishonna Riley, and the impressive senior sent the ball to "spikeville" with one of her game-high 30 kills to get the team back on track.

After tying the final game at six, the Bulldogs quickly took the lead at 10-7 and rolled to a 15-10 win.

DeSoto County Coach Laura White said, "Sometimes they get a little hungry when something like that (15 straight points scored against them) happens. The fire in our seniors comes out and we just need that to carry over to our underclassmen."

Bonville talked about the comeback in game five after the long scoring drought in game four. "It gives us a lot of confidence. We always come together after giving up a point but it was good for us to get the win in that last game. We work on teamwork a lot," she said. "We aren't a lot of talkers on the court but we were talking more in that game."

DeSoto County won games one and three both by the score of 25-20 and lost game two 25-12 before the nightmarish 25-15 loss in game four.

White said, "We're a team that has to learn to hold our composure. We climb the mountain too many times and then get down in the valley. We all have to be on the same sheet of music so we know what everybody is doing."

Bonville has been showing great signs of improvement this season. She led the team with 33 assists and put up some beautiful sets near the net for the hitters to take advantage of. She also added five kills to tie Casey Hall for second place. Bonville also took advantage of a drawn-in Pirate defense with her "setter dumps," also known as "turn and burn," as she would find a corner open and hit it rather than put up a set.

Riley again was so impressive with her 30 kills and she also led the team with 18 digs, so you know she is not all offense. In the bleachers on the Port Charlotte side of the court spectators

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DeSoto County's Bethany Bonville sets the ball as sisters Jillian (left) and Josie Deriso prepare to make a play on it. Bonville had 33 assists in the win at Port Charlotte.



A happy bunch of Lady Bulldogs converge after the final point is scored in the 3-2 win over Port Charlotte.

Lady Bulldogs outlast district rival Sebring

By DAVE BREMER
ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

It might have been more than a decade since Sebring and DeSoto were in the same district in volleyball, but some things never change as far as intensity and rivalries are concerned. Throw in the extra incentive that the top seed gets to host districts, add Lemon Bay and Hardee to the mix, and suddenly you have a volleyball district that looks to be a dogfight all season. Last Thursday night's varsity game took all five sets for the Bulldogs to pull out a 3-2 match win over Sebring.

When asked about the keys to winning before Thursday's game, senior co-captain Casey Hall felt communication, defense and serving would be keys to winning the match. Junior Datasia Wallace felt the prior tough matches against Charlotte and Port Charlotte would help DeSoto be better prepared for Sebring. Head coach Laura White knew both teams have had their ups and downs in the early season, but was concerned because Sebring already had a tournament under its belt and more game play.

The first set didn't start well for the Bulldogs, as Coach White called a time out with the team trailing 9-5. Still behind 13-10, DeSoto went on an 8-0 run with Lucero Perez picking up seven service points, which included two aces. From there the Bulldogs coasted to a 25-17 win and it looked like they were going to be cruising for the night.

The second set saw the Bulldogs jump to a 16-7 lead thanks to some timely defensive dig saves by Casey Hall.



Casey Hall hits one past the Sebring blockers in a district matchup. DeSoto won the match 3-2.

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made comments like "How can you stop her," "She's a machine out there" and "I see why nobody wants to block her shots." Riley is a great weapon to have in the Bulldog arsenal, but the team needs to diversify its scoring.

White added, "We need to get out of being a one-dimensional team so when we play the tough teams I need



PHOTOS BY DAVE BREMER

Casey Hall (center) has teammates Lucero Perez (right) and Datasia Wallace by her side as they prepare to receive a serve against Sebring. DeSoto won the match 3-2.

After a time out, Sebring went on a 13-3 run to take 20-19 lead. The Bulldogs managed to tie it at 20 before Sebring finished with a 25-21 victory.

The Bulldogs seemed to wake up after the second set loss and jumped to a 12-1 lead with Bethany Bonville hitting serves that left Sebring little to work with. This time with a 17-10 lead, the Bulldogs allowed no long runs by Sebring and pulled out a 25-18 victory.

The fourth set saw the Bulldogs struggle with their passing, creating many overpasses for Sebring to attack. Still, with the score knotted at 11, it looked like the Bulldogs might finish the match, but some attack miscues found the Bulldogs behind 20-12 and Sebring coasting to a 25-19 win.

The fifth set had Bulldogs fans on the edges of their



Lucero Perez serves one of seven straight service points in the first set against Sebring. DeSoto won the set 25-17 and the match 3-2.

seats, but seniors Casey Hall and Tishonna Riley rose to the occasion. Hall provided the digs and Riley provided the kills. DeSoto built a 10-3

lead and then held off a late Sebring drive for a 15-11 set win and a 3-2 match victory. Hall, who had 26 dig saves to go along with seven attack kills for the night, said after the game that better defense and communication, along with improved reading of the ball, were critical in DeSoto's win.

Coach White said, "It was not our best ever, as we still need to smooth out some of our rotations. I think Casey Hall had a great night with digs and reads, which was good to see," she said.

Sebring Coach Vanessa Sinness was pleased with the way her team battled. "These are two great teams and I'm sure Lemon Bay will make it a three-team race in the district," she said.

DeSoto's early season record is 3-1, and this is an exciting team to watch. Their next home game Tuesday, Sept. 17, should be just as exciting.



By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The varsity football team beat Lehigh 36-35.

The JV football team lost 52-8 at Hardee.

The varsity volleyball team won both matches with identical 3-2 scores. They went to Port Charlotte and beat the Pirates and then hosted Sebring.

The JV volleyball team lost both matches last week, a tough 2-1 match at Port Charlotte then a 2-0 loss to Sebring at home.

The girls golf team lost their first match of the year to Lake Placid 174-169.



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Caleb Blackwood took a hard hit on his knee and gets help leaving the field as one of several injured players in the 36-35 win over Lehigh.

Upcoming Games

The varsity football team has their first home game of the season 7 p.m. Friday as they host East Lee County.

The JV team will try to get their first win of the season 7 p.m. tonight against Sebring.

The varsity volleyball team plays Saturday at the Gene Gorman tournament at Charlotte High and then the JV and varsity squads host Hardee Tuesday, Sept. 17. Game times for the Hardee match are 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The lady golfers will play next Thursday at home versus Hardee.

The boys golf team is also home Monday, Sept. 16, as they play Booker. The cross-country team will be at Clewiston Tuesday, Sept. 17.

The DeSoto Middle School Panthers get into action beginning next week. The football team will be at Sebring next Tuesday and the softball team will be at Lake Placid next Thursday.



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Micaela Roberts sends the ball back over the net for another Bulldog point in the 3-2 DeSoto County win September 3. Roberts had three kills and three aces in the win over Port Charlotte.

JV Bulldogs lose big to Hardee

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The DeSoto County JV Bulldogs should have known it just wasn't their night and should have gotten back on the bus that took them to meet the Hardee Wildcats Sept. 5.

It started when their team pregame meal wasn't ready for them at the school. Coach Cole Connors was seen carrying in a few grocery bags of bananas and watermelons to the sidelines before the game.

As the players were putting together their uniforms, one player didn't have

a belt and his pants were too big to play without one. Another player only had one spike and figured he may have dropped it in the locker room when they left the school. Fortunately the "beltless Bulldog" wore size 13 spikes and gave the "spikeless Bulldog" his spikes to wear.

The Bulldogs won the coin toss, but that was one of the few highlights for the game. DeSoto County kicked off and attempted an onside kick. It surprised the Wildcats and would have worked except it only went nine yards instead of the ten needed to be legal.

The Wildcats, who shut out Mulberry 45-0 last week, took the ball and moved it

49 yards in six plays for a touchdown and led 8-0 with just over three minutes gone in the game. On their next possession, the Wildcats picked up 32 yards on two plays down to the Bulldog 2-yard-line. The Hardee ball carrier fumbled on the next play, but the ball bounced right up to a teammate who took it into the end zone for a touchdown. Another two-point conversion made it 16-0. The Wildcats needed just 2 plays to go 23 yards for their next score and the rout was on.

The Bulldogs had nine yards total offense in the first half compared to Hardee's 125. The Bulldogs finished the game with 108 yards of offense, while the Wildcats finished with 289 yards.

Other game numbers weren't so flattering either. DeSoto County had seven penalties, three interceptions against them, eight plays in which they ended up with negative yardage and six bad snaps from center. They had two consecutive passes dropped that should have been caught and a nice 19-yard run called back by a penalty.

With all of that said, was the Hardee team that much better than the Bulldogs? No.

The team needs a lot of work to get caught up to where they should be by now in the season. One of the problems is good in a way. New players keep joining the team nearly every day. Coach Leroy Butler said, "We had ten guys join the day before our first game! Every day we get another new player."

There are 44 names on the roster. With the limited practice time due to weather among other things, a lot of time is spent just trying to find out who can play the game and where are they most likely to help the team.

On three fourth-down punts — a fourth-and-32, a fourth-and-24, and

another fourth-and-19 — the Bulldogs failed to kick the ball away, giving the Wildcats a very short field to work on. Butler added, "We haven't had time to practice our punts, we're just trying to get plays put in on the offense."

In the post game breakdown, Butler told the team, "We win as a team and lose as a team. They weren't 40-some points better than us. We lost because of our inability to perform. We will work on that next week, we'll come out fresh and work on everything that we need to do to get better."

There were plenty of bright spots for the team. With the score 46-8, linebacker Josh Taylor dove to break up the two-point pass conversion attempt. He didn't have to do that, since the game was nearly over, but he didn't quit until the last whistle was blown. "We're not that bad and they're not that good. We just have to get better blocking and work harder on defense," Taylor said.

Julio Gaitan had an excellent game for the Bulldogs. He had a couple of bone jarring tackles on defense, but it was when he touched the ball the magic happened.

The first three times he carried the ball he gained 19 yards. It was his 71-yard touchdown run on the Bulldogs' first play of the second half that brought life to the team. With an open field in front of him Gaitan said the only thought in his mind was, "I'm going all the way, all the way." Gaitan also scored the two-point conversion. Gaitan led the ground game with 109 yards rushing on 12 carries.

After the Gaitan gallop, Patrick Jackson recovered a Hardee fumble on their first play. With the ball on the Wildcats 35 and a sudden shift of momentum for the Dawgs, a fumble gave the ball right back to Hardee on the next play.

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DeSoto County's Josh Taylor (3) holds on to the Wildcat ball carrier as Kolby Scott (25) comes to finish him off. Both Taylor and Scott had good games for the Bulldog defense in the loss to Hardee.

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JV Bulldogs edged by former player's team 2-1

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The Port Charlotte Pirates hung on to stop the DeSoto County Bulldogs to even their season mark at 2-2. For the Pirates' junior varsity volleyball coach Brittany Muse it had to be a bittersweet night.

Muse is a 2009 graduate from DeSoto County. She was a star for the Bulldogs and went on to play college volleyball. She worked with the DeSoto staff in a summer volleyball camp at the school this past summer.

When talking about meeting up with the Bulldogs in just her fourth match of her coaching career, Muse said, "It's kind of weird. I've always been a Bulldog and everything I know about coaching came from (former) coach (Dave) Bremer, but of course I still want my team to win."

DeSoto County varsity head coach Laura White said, "We all gave her a hug and wished her well, but now it's game time and she's just another coach until after the game."

Muse's former coaches may have wished she hadn't learned quite so much from the Bulldogs' staff as the Pirates edged the Bulldogs 2-1. Bremer remarked, "Our whole coaching staff at DeSoto are former players and now Brittany is out here. I'm really happy for her, she is a very good coach and they're lucky to have her."

DeSoto started out fast as they usually do with a 6-2 lead. The Pirates battled back to take the lead at 12-11. The Pirates stretched their lead to three points at 19-16 before the Bulldogs

surged back to a 22-21 advantage.

That's when the girls in blue and white fell apart. The Pirates scored four straight points to win 25-22 as the Lady Bulldogs had trouble with every aspect of the game.

The second contest saw the Pirates get the early lead, only to see the Bulldogs come back and tie the game at 14. The game remained tied four different times before the Bulldogs put on a rally to win by the same 25-22 score as the first game.

In the third and deciding game, the Pirates took an early lead 12-5 and never looked back as they held off the late rally of the Bulldogs to win 15-11.

There wouldn't have been a third game if the Bulldogs could have held on to a 22-21 lead in game one. They served into the net, ran into the net and had poor communication to let that game slip away. JV Coach Nora Cail said, "Our serving wasn't perfect, it hurt us, communication hurt us and our defensive positioning wasn't what it should have been."

There were times when the team looked like world beaters and other times when they looked like egg beaters. One of the things they will learn through experience is how to be consistent.

Lizzy Evans said, "We started slow and made a lot of minor mistakes. We played better against Charlotte."

Cassie Rodgers also talked about the loss. "We might have thought they were easier while watching them in practice," she said. "We didn't have our heads in the game. We just weren't into the game tonight."



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DeSoto County's Cassie Rodgers gives a good effort to save the ball as it was heading for an uncovered area in the loss at Port Charlotte September 3. Sarah Bennett (1), Victavia Blanden (13) and Briana Harris (6) were also in the area for the Bulldogs.

Cassie Rodgers (7) and Lizzy Evans (16) wait for the serve to be made as they prepare to get into position in game two of the 2-1 loss to Port Charlotte.

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JV girls fall to Sebring

By **DAVE BREMER**
ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

Before the junior varsity Lady Bulldogs' game against Sebring, second-year player Victavia Blandin felt confident her team was prepared since they had played tough games against North Port, Charlotte and Port Charlotte.

Coach Cail was a little more cautious as she watched Sebring warm up. "They have some pretty good hitters, but it still comes down to passing," she said. Coach Cail was right, as Sebring did a little better job of controlling the ball and came out with a 2-0 victory over DeSoto.

The Bulldogs started out flat in game one and Coach Cail called a time out with her team down 8-4. The Bulldogs couldn't pull any closer than two points, with Sebring pulling away with steady play and good digs against the Bulldogs attacks, winning 25-18.

In the second set the Bulldogs

seemed to settle down and run their system a little smoother. They jumped to a 3-0 lead and the game stayed close during the middle of the set, with the Bulldogs grinding out a 16-14 lead before the passing game fell apart. Sebring outscored the Bulldogs 11-3 the rest of the way to give the Blue Streaks a 25-19 victory.

After the game, a disappointed Blandin thought the team lost its intensity at the end of game two. "We just couldn't finish them off when we had the lead or momentum," she said.

Coach Cail felt it was a matter of communication. "Communication was down, and when they did start communicating, then no one was listening," she said. Coach Cail was the eighth grade coach for nine of the JV freshman players last year, so she is familiar with their personalities and tendencies. They have a lot of skill, potential and heart. It's easy to tell when watching them play that if they keep working on their skills, they are going to get much better.



PHOTOS BY DAVE BREMER

All eyes are on the volleyball as the Bulldogs get ready to receive a serve against Sebring. The Bulldogs lost to Sebring 2-0.

Sarah Bennett and Cassidy Furr discuss strategy as Victavia Blandin (13) looks back while DeSoto prepares to serve against Sebring.



Sarah Bennett sets the ball up for an attack in a match against Sebring.

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Alyssa McEwen serves one up during the first set against Sebring.



Coach Cail gives instructions to the JV team before its match against Sebring. The Bulldogs lost the match 2-0.

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the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, as well as at her private studio.

Blizard is a member of the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County, where she has been a site coordinator for Art in Public Places for over 10 years. She is active at the Visual Art Center and takes part each year in its Fine Art Festival. Blizard was one of the first artists to join the Opera House Artists in downtown Arcadia. You can see some of her work there, and on the Opera House web page at www.arcadia-operahouseartists.com.

Lee works with different media and enjoys learning by following some of the works of the masters. She finds joy in teaching and helping others to see as an artist, capture beauty, and express it on paper or canvas. Blizard encourages everyone to try an art class because she believes the rewards are invaluable.

Blizard is holding a reception from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 14 at the Opera House. You can meet her there, see her work and enter a drawing for one of her signed prints at the end of the reception.



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Lee Blizard poses with one of her recently completed portraits, "Andre." She works in oils and other media, and her work is on display at the Opera House in Arcadia.



"Baths" depicts a rocky tropical shore in a loose, painterly style.

RETIRES

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Sarah is married to O. J. Keen and they live in Lake Placid. She has two sons, Gibby (Katie) Randall of Lake Placid and Wayne Randall (Suzanne) of North Carolina; stepdaughter Diane (John) Reschke of Wauchula and stepson Rusty Keen of Lake Placid. She is blessed with three

grandchildren — Garrett Randall of Wauchula, Aaron Randall of Arcadia, Rebekah Randall of North Carolina — and one great grandchild, Aubrey Randall.

Tony Guidry, president of First State Bank, said, "Sarah has a lot of knowledge and experience and is very dedicated to providing excellent service to all of her many customers. She will be greatly missed by the staff at First State Bank and we wish Sarah the very best."

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Over the Garden Gate

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Worldwide there are 39 species of tortoises belonging to 10 genera. Only three species live in North America, and all

belong to the Gopherus family.

The Gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyhemus*) inhabits nearly all of Florida, and is found in southern Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. The desert tortoise (*G. agassizii*) is about the same size as our gopher and is found in southern California, Nevada and Arizona. Berlandier's tortoise (*G. Berlandieri*) is smaller and is found in southern Texas and parts of Mexico.

Gopher tortoises have stumpy hind feet and flattened forelimbs with tough claw-like nails. The upper shell or carapace is joined to the bottom shell or plastron by a well developed bridge. The gopher is an excellent digger and burrows may reach as long as 40 feet or more. The burrow is usually fairly straight, without branches, and with a chamber at the end just large enough for the tortoise to turn around. Depending on soil conditions, burrows may be 3 to 20 feet deep. The gopher has found the ideal habitat — beneath the ground the conditions stay a comfortable 72 degrees year-round.

Usually only one tortoise occupies the burrow. Females typically have only one active burrow; males may have several. It's also not unusual for gophers to relocate to other



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The young hatchlings are about 2 inches long and look like exact replicas of the adult, except they are a bright golden yellow and brown. At this stage they are very vulnerable. Lawn mowers, raccoons, dogs, cats and children are the biggest threats.

burrows. Over 350 other creatures have been found living in gopher burrows. The resident gopher may share space with frogs, toads, lizards, snakes and assorted invertebrates. However, when larger animals such as other gophers, burrowing owls, armadillos, foxes, skunks, opossums, rabbits or quail move in, the easy-going gopher usually moves out and digs a new burrow.

The gopher tortoise is a vegetarian and eats mainly



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Adult gophers are about one foot long and may weigh nearly 30 pounds. They reach sexual maturity at about 12 to 15 years, and may live as long as 80 years.



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Gopher tortoise burrow entrances usually feature a broad apron of excavated soil. The gopher is an excellent digger and burrows may reach as long as 40 feet or more. Beneath the ground the conditions stay a comfortable 72 degrees year-round—an ideal habitat for many other species.

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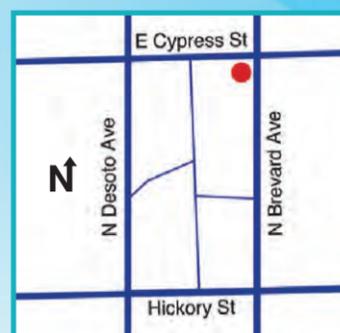


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TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER
THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF
DEATH IS BARRED. The date of
first publication of this notice is
September 5, 2013.

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**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE
3122**

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

CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000153
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYS-
TEM FLORIDA, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY
ANN ADAMS; UNKNOWN TEN-
ANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE
SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pur-
suant to Final Judgment of Fore-
closure dated the 12th day of
August, 2013, and entered in
Case No. 2012 CA 000153, of
the Circuit Court of the 12TH Jud-
icial Circuit in and for Desoto
County, Florida, wherein WELLS
FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM
FLORIDA, INC. is the Plaintiff and
SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS;
UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POS-
SESSION OF THE SUBJECT
PROPERTY are defendants. The
Clerk of this Court shall sell to the
highest and best bidder for cash
at the, SOUTH DOOR OF THE
DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCA-
DIA, FL 34266, 11:00 AM on the
26th day of September, 2013,
the following described property
as set forth in said Final Judg-
ment, to wit:

**LOT 1, BLOCK "B" OF DESOTO
MOBILE ESTATES, A SUBDIVI-
SION ACCORDING TO THE
MAP OR PLAT THEREOF
RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9,
PAGE 37, OF THE PUBLIC
RECORDS OF DESOTO COUN-
TY, FLORIDA**

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE
3122**

**ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN
INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS
FROM THE SALE, IF ANY,
OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY
OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF
THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE
A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS
AFTER THE SALE.**

Dated this 29th day of August,
2013.
By: Michael D.P. Phillips
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR DE SOTO COUNTY,
FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.:
14-2012-CA-000290
GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
LINDOL R. WATERMAN, III A/K/A
CHIP WATERMAN, et al
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pur-
suant to a Summary Final Judg-
ment of foreclosure dated August
21, 2013, and entered in Case
No. 14-2012-CA-000290 of the
Circuit Court of the TWELFTH
Judicial Circuit in and for DE
SOTO COUNTY, Florida, wherein
GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, is Plain-
tiff, and LINDOL R. WATERMAN, III
A/K/A CHIP WATERMAN, et al are
Defendants, the clerk will sell to
the highest and best bidder for
cash, beginning at 11:00 AM at
www.desotoclerk.com, in ac-
cordance with Chapter 45, Florida
Statutes, on the 08 day of Octo-
ber, 2013, the following
described property as set forth in
said Summary Final Judgment, to
wit: **Begin at the Southeast
corner of the North 1/4 of the
Northeast 1/4 of the South-
east 1/4 of Section 21, Town-
ship 37 South, Range 24 East,
DeSoto County, Florida;**
thence North 0 degrees 29
minutes 03 seconds East
along the East line of said
tract, 105.00 feet to the Point
of Beginning; thence continue
on the same line 110.00 feet;
thence North 89 degrees 15
minutes 55 seconds West and
parallel to the North line of
said tract, 396.04 feet;
thence South 0 degrees 29
minutes 03 seconds West
110.00 feet; thence 89
degrees 15 minutes 55 sec-
onds East, 396.04 feet to the
Point of Beginning, less Right
of Way to SR 551 along the
East side. Any person claiming
an interest in the surplus funds
from the sale, if any, other than
the property owner as of the date
of the lis pendens must file a
claim within 60 days after the
sale.

Dated at Arcadia, DESOTO COUN-
TY, Florida, this 23rd day of
August, 2013.
Mitzie W. McGavic
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
As Deputy Clerk
GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC
c/o Phelan Hallinan, PLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
2727 West Cypress Creek Road
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 Ph:
954-462-7000

**If you are a person with a dis-
ability who needs any accom-
modation to participate in this
proceeding, you are entitled,**

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at no cost to you, to the provi-
sion of certain assistance.
Please contact the DeSoto
County Clerks Office, 115
East Oak Street, Arcadia,
Florida 34266, (863)993-
4876, at least 7 days before
your scheduled court appear-
ance, 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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY,
FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDIC-
TION DIVISION

CASE NO. 2012-CA-000815
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
STEPHANIE NEWMARCH AND
CHRISTOPHER PARKER, et.al
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pur-
suant to a Final Judgment of Fore-
closure dated July 11, 2013 and
entered in 2012-CA-000815 of
the Circuit Court of the Twelfth
Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto
County, Florida, wherein NATION-
STAR MORTGAGE LLC., is the
Plaintiff and STEPHANIE NEW-
MARCH; CHRISTOPHER PARKER;
HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORA-
TION III; UNKNOWN TENANT(S)
are the Defendant(s). Mitzie
McGavic as the Clerk of the Cir-
cuit Court will sell to the highest
and best bidder for cash, the
South Door 115 E. Oak Street,
Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 AM
on October 1, 2013, the follow-
ing described property as set forth
in said Final Judgment, to wit:
**THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NE
1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE
SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF
SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 37
SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DES-
OTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS
ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG
THE NORTH SIDE.**

Any person claiming an interest in
the surplus from the sale, if any,
other than the property owner as
of the date of the lis pendens
must file a claim within 60 days
after the sale. Dated this 19th
day of August, 2013.
Mitzie McGavic
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ N. Daughtrey As Deputy
Clerk

IMPORTANT

**If you are a person with a dis-
ability who needs any accom-
modation in order to partici-
pate in a court 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. Telephone:
(863) 993-4876. At least 7
days before your scheduled
court appearance, or immedi-
ately upon receiving this noti-
fication if the time before the
scheduled appearance is less
than 7 days; if you are hear-
ing or voice impaired, please
call 711.**
Submitted by: Robertson,
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Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax:
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**NOTICE OF
MEETING
3126**

The DeSoto County High School,
School Advisory Council will hold
its first meeting on Thursday,
Sept. 12th, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in
room #213 at the high school.
We encourage all SAC members
to attend and cordially invite the
public to attend as well.
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**NOTICE OF SALE
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIR-
CUIT, IN AND FOR DE SOTO
COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION**

CASE NO.:
142012CA000789CAAXMA
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
LORI GARZA BELLEZA, et al
Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

RE-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pur-
suant to an Order Granting Plain-
tiff's Motion to Reschedule Fore-
closure Sale filed August 24,
2013 and entered in Case No.
142012CA000789CAAXMA of
the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH
Judicial Circuit in and for DE
SOTO COUNTY, Florida, wherein
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plain-
tiff, and LORI GARZA BELLEZA, et
al are Defendants, the clerk will
sell to the highest and best bidder
for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM
at www.desotoclerk.com, in
accordance with Chapter 45,
Florida Statutes, on the 08 day of
October, 2013, the following
described property as set forth in
said Lis Pendens, to wit:

**Lot 62 of ORANGE PARK
ESTATES, an unrecorded plat
also being described as:
Begin at the SE corner of the
NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section
18, Township 37 South,
Range 25 East; thence South
89 degrees 58 minutes West
along the South line of said
tract 340.56 feet to P.O.B.;
thence continue along same
line 87.78 feet; thence North
140.33 feet; thence North 89
degrees 54 minutes 30 sec-
onds East 87.78 feet; and
thence South 140.42 feet to
the P.O.B. Lot 63 of ORANGE
PARK ESTATES, an unrecord-
ed plat also being described as:
Begin at the SE corner of the
NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section
18, Township 37 South,
Range 25 East; thence S 89
degrees 58 minutes West
along South line of said tract,
252.78 feet to P.O.B.; thence
continue same line 87.78
feet; thence North 140.42
feet; thence N 89 degrees 54
minutes 20 seconds E, 87.78
feet; thence South 140.52
feet to P.O.B. Any person claim-
ing an interest in the surplus
funds from the sale, if any, other
than the property owner as of the
date of the lis pendens must file a
claim within 60 days after the
sale.**

Dated at Arcadia, DESOTO COUN-
TY, Florida, this 23rd day of
August, 2013.
Mitzie W. McGavic
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
As Deputy Clerk
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
c/o Phelan Hallinan, PLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
2727 West Cypress Creek Road
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309
Ph:954-462-7000
**If you are a person with a dis-
ability who needs any accom-
modation to participate in this
proceeding, you are entitled,**

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at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerks Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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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-000805
Division 02
CENLAR FSB
Plaintiff,
vs.

MARY E. SIMMONS A/K/A MARY SIMMONS, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, 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 27, 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:

LOT 4, ORANGE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 81. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2007 SCTB DOUBLEWID MOBILE HOME MOBILE HOME, VIN(S) SBHGA 1160601691A & B PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO SAID PROPERTY AS EVIDENCED BY REAL PROPERTY STICKERS 12332251 AND 12332252 RESPECTIVELY, and commonly known as: 2317 SW HILLSBOROUGH AVE, 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 8, 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 3rd day of September, 2013.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Mitzie W. McGavic
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk
Published 9/12/13 & 9/19/13 101348 2937889

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that we will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following self storage units in order to satisfy the delinquent storage lien placed in accordance with the State of Florida Statute 83.806.

UNIT# NAME CONTENTS
70W110 John W. Gant

Household Goods
70W131 Sue C. Rivers

The above 2 unit(s) are located @ 4599 NW Hwy 70, Arcadia, FL 34266

NS041 Kary M. Durrance

Household Goods
The above 1 unit(s) is located @ 4981 SW Hwy 17, Arcadia, FL 34266

17N006 Beatrice D Evan

Household Goods
17N032 Sanjuana Calderon

Household Goods
The above 2 unit(s) are located @ 3153 NE Hwy 70, Arcadia, FL 34266

The public sale will be conducted at Easy Mini Storage, 4599 N.W. Hwy. 70, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2013. Units will be sold to the highest bidder. Open door sale, cash only. A cleaning deposit will be taken. (863) 993-2220.

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

Case No. 2013CA000200AXMA
CIVIL DIVISION
Branch Banking And Trust Company, a North Carolina banking corporation, Plaintiff,

v. Ali R. Shahin, an individual; John Doe as Unknown Tenant #1; John Doe as Unknown Tenant #2; and Any And All Others Claiming By, Through Or Under Said Defendants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Uniform Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure entered on April 29, 2013 and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on August 21, 2013, the Clerk of this Court will sell the following described property situated in DeSoto County, Florida:

Lot 3 and that part of Lot 4, BEGINNING at the Northwesterly corner of said Lot 4; thence run East on the Northerly boundary of Lot 4, fifty (50') feet; thence Southerly to a point on the South boundary of Lot 4, seventy-five (75') feet East of the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence Westerly seventy-five (75') feet along South boundary of said Lot 4 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence North one hundred and eighty (180') feet (more or less) on the Westerly boundary of said Lot 4 to the POINT OF BEGINNING. All lying and being in ELLER & TURNER ESTATES, FIRST - ADDITION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 79, of the public records of DeSoto County, Florida. to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, beginning at 11:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, on October 10, 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**

DATE: August 26, 2013
s/ J. Marshall Moorhead
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court 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. Telephone: (863) 993-4876. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. Published 9/5/13 & 9/12/13 336737 2935608

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

Case No. 2013-CA-000298
IBERIABANK, successor in interest to CENTURY BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,
v. WHITFIELD INVESTMENT COMPANY and COASTAL FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment entered September 4, 2013, in Case Number 13 CA 298, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, the clerk shall offer for sale the property, situate in Desoto County, Florida, described as:

The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida, less road right-of-way.

Together with:
The South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida.

Together with:
That part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the South-

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east 1/4 of Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida, lying East of SE Townsend Avenue. (collectively hereinafter the "Real Property", "Mortgaged Property", "Land" or "Premises")

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, appurtenances, privileges, rights, interests dower, reversions, remainders and easements thereunto appertaining. Together with all of the following, referred to as the ("Mortgaged Property"):

A. All structures and improvements on the Property.

B. All right, title and interest to the minerals, soil, flowers, shrubs, crops, trees, timber, emblements and other products on, under or above the Real Property, or any part or parcel thereof.

C. All of Mortgagor's right, title, interest and privileges arising under all contracts and permits entered into or obtained in connection with the development or operation of the Real Property, including by way of example and not in limitation: all development and construction permits, approvals, resolutions, variances, licenses, and franchises granted by municipal, county, state and federal governmental authorities, or any of their respective agencies; all architectural, engineering, and construction contracts; all drawings, plans, specifications and plats; and all contracts and agreements for the furnishing of utilities.

D. All of Mortgagor's interest in all utility security deposits or bonds deposited in connection with the Real Property.

E. All of Mortgagor's interest as lessor in and to all leases or rental arrangements affecting all or any part of the Real Property and all other rents and profits derived from the Real Property, all income or proceeds from development of or economic activity upon any part of the Real Property.

F. All of Mortgagor's interest in and to any and all contracts and agreements for the sale of the Real Property, or any part thereof or any interest therein, all interest in and right to earnest money deposits made upon such contracts and agreements.

G. All land improvements to and upon the Real Property, including water, sanitary and storm sewer systems, and all related equipment and appurtenances thereto, located in, upon, over or under the Real Property.

H. All machinery, apparatus, equipment, fittings, and fixtures, whether actually or constructively attached to the Real Property, and all trade, domestic, and ornamental fixtures and articles of personal property of every kind and nature whatsoever located in, upon, over or under the Real Property, or any part thereof, and used or usable in connection with any operation or development of the Real Property, and owned or acquired, including by way of example and not in limitation: heating, air conditioning, freezing, lighting, laundry, incinerating, and power equipment, engines, pipes, wells, water filtering systems and softening devices, water heaters, pumps, tanks, and motors; all swimming pools and appurtenances thereto; all electrical and plumbing installations; all furniture, furnishings, wall and floor coverings, blinds, elevators, appliances, television antennas and cables, storm and screen windows and doors, and lighting fixtures; all building materials and equipment delivered to the Real Property or stored at an off-site location which are intended to be installed on the Real Property.

I. All right, title and interest in and to all unearned premiums accrued, accruing or to accrue under any and all insurance policies which covers all or any portion of the Mortgaged Property; all proceeds or sums payable for the loss of or damage to all or any portion of the Mortgaged Property; and any other amounts received in satisfaction of claims for defects in all or any portion of the Mortgaged Property.

Together with all leases and other tenant arrangements which may affect all or any portion of the property and all rents, income and profits arising from the Lease(s) and any and all other rents, income or profits for the

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use and occupancy of the Property by any person, firm, corporation or other legal entity from whatever source derived. Together with all the third party contract rights, security deposits, rents, revenues of any kind or nature, issues, profits and insurance proceeds arising from the Property, all leases affecting the Property and all contracts and contract rights relative to the sale of any portion of the Property. Together with All machinery, apparatus, equipment, fittings, fixtures, whether actually or constructively attached to the Property and including all trade, domestic and ornamental fixtures and articles of personal property of every kind and nature whatsoever located in, upon or under the Property including but not limited to all heating, air conditioning, freezing, lighting, laundry, incinerating and power equipment, engines, pipes, pumps, tanks, motors, conduits, switchboards, plumbing, lifting, cleaning, fire prevention, fire extinguishing, refrigerating, ventilating and communications apparatus, boilers, ranges, furnaces, oil burners or units thereof, appliances, air-cooling and air-conditioning apparatus, vacuum cleaning systems, elevators, escalators, shades, awnings, screens, storm doors and windows, stoves, wall beds, refrigerators, attached cabinets, partitions, ducts and compressors, rugs and carpets, draperies, furniture and furnishings, together with all building materials and equipment delivered to the Property and intended to be installed therein, including but not limited to lumber, plaster, cement, shingles, roofing, plumbing, fixtures, pipe, lath, wall board, cabinets, nails, sinks, toilets, furnaces, heaters, brick, tile, water heaters, screens, window frames, glass doors, flooring, paint, lighting fixtures, and unattached refrigerating, cooking, heating and ventilating appliances and equipment and intangible property; together with all proceeds, additions and accessions thereto and replacements thereof, including after acquired property.

All of the water, sanitary and storm sewer systems located in, upon or under the Property, including but not limited to all water mains, service laterals, hydrants, valves and appurtenances, and all sanitary sewer lines, including mains, laterals, manholes and appurtenances.

All rights, title and interest in and to the materials, soil, flowers, shrubs, crops, tree, timber and other emblements in, upon or under the Property.

All paving for streets, roads, walkways or entrance ways owned and located on the Property.

All interest as lessor in and to all leases or rental arrangements of the Property, or any part thereof, made and entered into, and in and to all leases or rental arrangements made and entered into, together with all rents and payments in lieu of rents, together with any and all guarantees of such leases or rental arrangements and including all security deposits and advance rentals, and any and all assignments of rent with respect to the Property or any part thereof.

Any and all awards or payments, including interest thereon, and the right to receive the same, as a result of (a) the exercise or the right of eminent domain, (b) the alteration of the grade of any street, or (c) any other injury to, taking of or decrease in the value of the Property.

All of the right, title and interest in and to all unearned premiums accrued, accruing or to accrue under any and all insurance policies provided pursuant to the terms of the security agreements, and all proceeds or sums payable for the loss of or damage to (a) the Property herein, or (b) rents, revenues, income, profits or proceeds from leases, franchises, concessions or licenses of or on any part of the Property. All contracts and contract rights of Debtor arising from contracts entered into in connection with development, construction upon or operation of the Property, and all of Debtor's right, title and interest in and to any and all governmental licenses, permits, approvals, allocations and similar matters and documents obtained in connection with said development, construction and operation

of the Property.

All right, title and interest in and to any trade names, names of business or fictitious names of any kind used in conjunction with the operation of any business or endeavor located on the Property.

All of Debtor's interest in all utility security deposits or bonds with respect to the Property or any part or parcel thereof.

At Public Sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, on the south courthouse steps, Desoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 am on the 15th day of October, 2013.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

Dated: September 9, 2013.
SHUMAKER, LOOP & KENDRICK, LLP

240 South Pineapple Ave.
Sarasota, FL 34230
(941) 366-6660
(941) 366-3999 facsimile

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

By: /s/ Christian T. Van Hise
Florida Bar No. 0058459

NOTICE: 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 JURY OFFICE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, (863)993-4876, WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS DOCUMENT; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

By Order of:
Gia Lancaster, City Clerk
CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA
Published 9/5/13, 9/12/13, 9/19/13 & 9/26/13 114862 2932018

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

Case No. 14-2012-CA-000805
Division 02
CENLAR FSB
Plaintiff,
vs.

MARY E. SIMMONS A/K/A MARY SIMMONS, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Mitzie W. McGavic
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk
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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-000805
Division 02
CENLAR FSB
Plaintiff,
vs.

MARY E. SIMMONS A/K/A MARY SIMMONS, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Uniform Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure entered on April 29, 2013 and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on August 21, 2013, the Clerk of this Court will sell the following described property situated in DeSoto County, Florida:

Lot 3 and that part of Lot 4, BEGINNING at the Northwesterly corner of said Lot 4; thence run East on the Northerly boundary of Lot 4, fifty (50') feet; thence Southerly to a point on the South boundary of Lot 4, seventy-five (75') feet East of the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence Westerly seventy-five (75') feet along South boundary of said Lot 4 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence North one hundred and eighty (180') feet (more or less) on the Westerly boundary of said Lot 4 to the POINT OF BEGINNING. All lying and being in ELLER & TURNER ESTATES, FIRST - ADDITION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 79, of the public records of DeSoto County, Florida. to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, beginning at 11:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, on October 10, 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**

DATE: August 26, 2013
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 2013-CA-000298
IBERIABANK, successor in interest to CENTURY BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,
v. WHITFIELD INVESTMENT COMPANY and COASTAL FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment entered September 4, 2013, in Case Number 13 CA 298, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, the clerk shall offer for sale the property, situate in Desoto County, Florida, described as:

The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida, less road right-of-way.

Together with:
The South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida.

Together with:
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**NOTICE OF SALE
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use and occupancy of the Property by any person, firm, corporation or other legal entity from whatever source derived. Together with all the third party contract rights, security deposits, rents, revenues of any kind or nature, issues, profits and insurance proceeds arising from the Property, all leases affecting the Property and all contracts and contract rights relative to the sale of any portion of the Property. Together with All machinery, apparatus, equipment, fittings, fixtures, whether actually or constructively attached to the Property and including all trade, domestic and ornamental fixtures and articles of personal property of every kind and nature whatsoever located in, upon or under the Property including but not limited to all heating, air conditioning, freezing, lighting, laundry, incinerating and power equipment, engines, pipes, pumps, tanks, motors, conduits, switchboards, plumbing, lifting, cleaning, fire prevention, fire extinguishing, refrigerating, ventilating and communications apparatus, boilers, ranges, furnaces, oil burners or units thereof, appliances, air-cooling and air-conditioning apparatus, vacuum cleaning systems, elevators, escalators, shades, awnings, screens, storm doors and windows, stoves, wall beds, refrigerators, attached cabinets, partitions, ducts and compressors, rugs and carpets, draperies, furniture and furnishings, together with all building materials and equipment delivered to the Property and intended to be installed therein, including but not limited to lumber, plaster, cement, shingles, roofing, plumbing, fixtures, pipe, lath, wall board, cabinets, nails, sinks, toilets, furnaces, heaters, brick, tile, water heaters, screens, window frames, glass doors, flooring, paint, lighting fixtures, and unattached refrigerating, cooking, heating and ventilating appliances and equipment and intangible property; together with all proceeds, additions and accessions thereto and replacements thereof, including after acquired property.

All of the water, sanitary and storm sewer systems located in, upon or under the Property, including but not limited to all water mains, service laterals, hydrants, valves and appurtenances, and all sanitary sewer lines, including mains, laterals, manholes and appurtenances.

All rights, title and interest in and to the materials, soil, flowers, shrubs, crops, tree, timber and other emblements in, upon or under the Property.

All paving for streets, roads, walkways or entrance ways owned and located on the Property.

All interest as lessor in and to all leases or rental arrangements of the Property, or any part thereof, made and entered into, and in and to all leases or rental arrangements made and entered into, together with all rents and payments in lieu of rents, together with any and all guarantees of such leases or rental arrangements and including all security deposits and advance rentals, and any and all assignments of rent with respect to the Property or any part thereof.

Any and all awards or payments, including interest thereon, and the right to receive the same, as a result of (a) the exercise or the right of eminent domain, (b) the alteration of the grade of any street, or (c) any other injury to, taking of or decrease in the value of the Property.

All of the right, title and interest in and to all unearned premiums accrued, accruing or to accrue under any and all insurance policies provided pursuant to the terms of the security agreements, and all proceeds or sums payable for the loss of or damage to (a) the Property herein, or (b) rents, revenues, income, profits or proceeds from leases, franchises, concessions or licenses of or on any part of the Property. All contracts and contract rights of Debtor arising from contracts entered into in connection with development, construction upon or operation of the Property, and all of Debtor's right, title and interest in and to any and all governmental licenses, permits, approvals, allocations and similar matters and documents obtained in connection with said development, construction and operation

of the Property.

All right, title and interest in and to any trade names, names of business or fictitious names of any kind used in conjunction with the operation of any business or endeavor located on the Property.

All of Debtor's interest in all utility security deposits or bonds with respect to the Property or any part or parcel thereof.

At Public Sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, on the south courthouse steps, Desoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 am on the 15th day of October, 2013.

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By:

BULLDOGS

FROM PAGE 12

Fast start for Bulldogs

The Bulldogs got on the board first as defensive lineman Chace Higgins put a big paw up into the quarterback's face and deflected a pass on the first drive of the game. Linebacker and running back Terrell Gordon picked the ball out of the air and the big senior rambled 60 yards to the end zone.

After Tyson's touchdown run, Tony Lee caught a 63-yard touchdown pass with 1:21 left in the first half. Quarterback Kari Williams threw a laser that Lee caught in full stride for the score. The Bulldogs led at the half 20-14.

Williams, who again had a good game with 200 yards in total offense, stretched the lead to 14 points with a one-yard keeper and Richardson's two-point conversion run.

The Lightning scored the next three times to pull ahead 35-28 and set up the final Bulldog score. With just 1:22 left in the game, Williams found Tajahs Jackson on a 17-yard scoring strike to make the score 35-34. There wasn't much thought about kicking the extra point to tie the game. The DeSoto County coaching staff chose to either win the game or lose it on one play.

They made the right call as they put the ball into the hands of their leading rusher Gordon. There was no stopping Gordon as he hit the right side and pushed the pile of tacklers into the end zone to give the Dawgs the 36-35 lead and set up Richardson's last-second heroics.

It was an unusual game right from the start. It was postponed from Friday night due to a constant barrage of lightning in the Fort Myers area and was rescheduled for Saturday morning. Playing in the early morning heat affected both teams. DeSoto only had 24 players dressed for the game compared to Lehigh's 44.

Big defensive tackle Deionte Turner came out of the game and nearly passed out. Not only was it hot but Turner hadn't eaten breakfast that morning. "I wanted to make sure I got to the school before the bus left at 8 a.m. and didn't have time to eat," he said. After a ten-minute break, big "Juice" went back into the game. After the game he said, "I learned a lesson today: eat first."

Oscar "The Cuban Assassin" Alfonso left the game early with a badly bruised left index finger. The doctor reports it's not broken, but he has to miss practice this week but may be able to play tomorrow night.

Caleb Blackwood took a hard shot to his knee and missed much of the final quarter. The extent of his injuries are



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DeSoto County quarterback Kari Williams picks up a first down on this second quarter run. Williams passed for 165 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 35 yards and a touchdown in the 36-35 Bulldog win.

not known at this time. Richardson was dragging his leg as he left the field due to a badly sprained ankle from the last play of the game.

Several players went down with cramps, two players were suspended for the first half due to breaking a team rule while another missed the entire game for a team infraction. Machale Harville and Andre Jones were both sick and didn't make the trip. Senior lineman Austin Tompkins has missed the entire season due to a knee injury but hopes to be back in action in two weeks.

With a shrunken roster, DeSoto Coach Matt Egloff was short on options when it came to substitutions. When a player dragged himself off the field, Egloff looked to his bench and asked, "Who do I have?" The bench looked like the famous revolutionary war

painting with the drummer, fife player and flagman covered with bandages and limping into war.

Coaches talk about "leaving it all on the field" and the Bulldogs did. Their conditioning was essential as many players played both ways and on special teams. The fatigued players were barely able to pull off their jerseys in the locker room. They rested against the lockers as they tried to muster enough strength to walk to the bus. But they were smiling, they won the game. They had been through a war together, battled with everything they had and left it "all on the field".

The game against East Lee County starts at 7 p.m. It can be heard on WFLN 1480 am as Joe Gallimore and "Big Daddy" Knapp bring you all of the action with play-by-play and color commentary.



Rayshawn Stroman (left), and Stefan "Thumpa" Williams congratulate Terrell Gordon after scoring the winning two-point conversion in the 36-35 win over Lehigh September 7.

SIDELINE CHATTER

I asked assistant coach Richard Koonce if his team liked to play in bad weather. With a surprised look on his face he asked what I meant. "Last week you played the Thunder (Lake Region) and this week you play the Lightning (Lehigh). In two weeks you play the Tornadoes (Booker). Are you going to schedule a game against the Miami Hurricanes for your bye week?"

After his team had given up 429 yards on defense and the Lightning had run roughshod through the defensive line, DeSoto Coach Matt Egloff said, "We sure didn't win this game because of our defense."

Tajahs Jackson and Nirion Washington missed the first half of the game because they skipped practice on Monday. After apologizing to the team for letting them down they sat nervously on the bench for the first half. Jackson looked at his worn out and battered teammates and told Washington, "When we get in there we'd better light it (scoreboard) up." Jackson caught the game winning touchdown. He also is the fastest player on the team, and outran and tackled a fleet-footed ball carrier as he appeared to be going into the end zone in the third quarter.

After the postgame tongue lashing Kari Williams gave his teammates last week he said, "There was no playing around this week, they worked!"

Offensive coordinator Bumper Hay called an excellent game. Being caught up in the emotion of the game and after running up and down the sidelines in the heat all game long, he leaned against two players in the postgame huddle and struggled to softly whisper. "Being a tight score like this and it being so hot was so exhausting."

Zach Beeles on what it felt to drop an easy interception that could have wrapped up the victory before Dequan Richardson's interception. "It gives you an angry, empty feeling in your stomach knowing that could have been it, especially if something else would have happened." (Beeles couldn't even say the words, "if they would have scored".)

When the Bulldogs fell behind late in the fourth period, Kari Williams described his feelings about the game winning touchdown pass to Tajahs Jackson. "I just said I hope we get the ball back I know we can win it. Their safety was biting on the slant all day. I told Taj just go around him. When he (safety) took one step I said 'Oh I got him, I got him.'"

TORTOISE

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grass and other low-growing plants. Gophers play an important role in spreading seeds and eat more than 250 different plants.

Because so many other species depend on the gopher, they are considered a keystone species — meaning other species may decline if the gopher population shrinks.

Gophers typically are found in open high pasture areas, but they will also live in wetter areas such as river floodplains. They may sense flooding danger and move to higher ground; however, we once found three tortoise shells in a low area where they may have been trapped by flood waters. They are also reported to have a keen ability to detect smoke, and will burrow deep during a forest fire.

Adult gophers are about one foot long and may weigh nearly 30 pounds. They reach sexual maturity at about



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Gopher tortoises mate in early spring. In case you've wondered how tortoises mate, the male plastron (lower shell) is concave so that he doesn't slide off the female.

12 to 15 years, and may live as long as 80 years. Mating takes place in early spring. In case you've wondered how tortoises mate, the male plastron (lower shell) is concave so that he doesn't slide off the female. The female digs a shallow nest near her burrow and deposits 4 to 7 round eggs about the

size of a ping-pong ball. Eggs hatch 80 to 90 days later.

The young hatchlings are about 2 inches long and look like exact replicas of the adult, except they are a bright golden yellow and brown. At this stage they are very vulnerable. Lawn mowers, raccoons, dogs, cats and children are the biggest threats. They only grow about 3/4 of an inch per year. Young gophers begin digging their own burrow within a few days, but may winter in the burrow of an adult gopher.

The gopher tortoise is on the Endangered Species List and is categorized as a Threatened Species. In the past tortoises were killed for food, or by people trying to kill rattlesnakes that are found in gopher burrows. It is illegal to disturb either the tortoise or its burrow. By law, a permit must be obtained and gopher tortoises must be relocated before any land clearing is done.

It is permissible to move a tortoise that is in danger, such as one seen crossing a highway, but only carry it across the road in the direction it is

traveling and watch until it is a safe distance from the road. Do not ever put a tortoise in water — and do not attempt to relocate a tortoise. Some populations harbor an infectious respiratory disease, and moving an infected tortoise to a new area may endanger other tortoises.

Should you have a tortoise burrow in your yard, consider yourself very lucky. It is not necessary to feed the tortoise, and it is not recommended. Once the tortoise is used to your presence it will go about its business and let you observe it. Horse owners often worry that a horse may stumble in the burrow and break a leg. Determine the direction the burrow runs and then without disturbing the burrow place posts about six feet from the burrow opening and attach woven wire fencing so that the bottom is about a foot off the ground.

Tortoises are often portrayed as easy-going, nonchalant and steady. They may be threatened, but we'd bet on the gopher to survive longer than mankind.

Remembering Ellis Hudson



Passed away September 3, 2013 Born December 20, 1943

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 14 at 11:00 am on the Peace River at the DeSoto Veterans Memorial Park.

Immediately following the memorial, there will be a celebration of life at the Arcadia Rodeo grounds located at 124 Heard St., Arcadia.

In lieu of flowers please bring a covered dish.



Ellis (Butch) Eli Hudson

New Leadership class embarks on learning adventure

PROVIDED BY DeSOTO CHAMBER

The DeSoto County Chamber recently announced the nominees who were selected for its Leadership Desoto Class V.

They are Jamie Atherton of Eugene E. Waldron Jr. P.A., Bryan Backer of Bethel Farms, John Black of Photeke, Myron Carlton of Carlton Construction, Ashley Coone of the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce, Andrew Crites of Turner Realty, Cheryl Dicks of Geo Care, Michelle Fields of First State Bank, Esperanza Garza of South Florida State College, Debra Harrison of AgServices, Kristie Popa of the UF/IFAS DeSoto Extension, James Potter of the Florida Highway Patrol, Lorel Reinstrom of the DeSoto County Library, Lynn Shelfer of Joshua Citrus, Nelson Stephenson of DeSoto County High School, Ashley Utter of Bethel Farms, Tim Vowels of McDonalds, Peggy Waters of DeSoto County, Ken Willis of Heartland Workforce and Robert Womack of Womack Sanitation.

Leadership DeSoto is a program through the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce which seeks to educate, challenge and develop a select group of leaders who live or work in DeSoto County. Participants are selected on the basis of ability, demonstrated interest in the community, and potential for effective leadership.



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The program kicked off with an ice-breaker on Sept. 5. Class members

will meet monthly for sessions on various topics and organizations in and around

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DeSoto County High School Bulldog Football



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Aug. 23	Port Charlotte	Away	7:00p	15	19
Aug. 30	Lake Region	Away	7:00pm	18	19
Sept. 6	Lehigh Acres	Away	7:30pm	36	35
Sept. 13	East Lee County	Home	7:00pm		
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		
Nov. 1	Hardee	Away	7:00pm		
Nov. 8	Braden River	Home	7:00pm		



Dequan Richardson (right) consoles linebacker Zach Beeles after he misses an interception that could have ended the game.

The fumbled ball is lying on the turf with nobody around it waiting for someone to recover it. Whoever recovers it will win the game.

Photos provided by: Steve Knapp (sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com)



Senior speedster Dequan Richardson gets the game saving interception but gets a badly sprained ankle and fumbles the ball on the return.



DeSoto County's Alfredick Tyson recovers the fumble and saves the game in the 36-35 Bulldog win over Lehigh.

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