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## City staff fume over firings

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The recent termination of two long-time city employees led to a tense and sometimes bizarre back-and-forth between employees and council members during Tuesday's city council meeting.

The issue rose near the close of the city council meeting, when former General Services Director Steve Underwood spoke to the board on his and former Public Works employee Jerry Cordes' recent terminations from the city.

Public Works director Catherine Miller fired Underwood, a 24-year Arcadia employee, for various disciplinary infractions, according

to personnel reports. These included insubordination and having his son's vehicle fixed at the city garage by city staff.

Cordes, who was hired by the city in 1996, was cited for failing to follow directions, not completing proper work on city projects, burning plastic and other material to burn in a pit, and violating the city's on-call policy, among others.

Underwood defended himself to the council, saying he had been targeted by Miller since she was first hired by City Administrator Judith Jankosky.

"I've worked here through four administrators with no problems until Ms. Miller came on the scene," he said. "I've been written up nine

times since her arrival, and I wasn't made aware of most of them until the day of my termination. If anyone has an issue with me then they need to come to me and prove it with evidence. They need to show me what I did wrong so that I have a chance to fix it, and if I've been such a bad employee, why haven't any of the previous administrators informed me? How am I supposed to correct any problems when I wasn't even aware of them in the first place?"

Mayor Keith Keene told Underwood it wasn't the council's place to deal with personnel matters, and that Underwood should go through the city's appeals process.

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## Former Marshal Lee arrested for theft, fraud

By SUSAN HOFFMAN

ARCADIAN EDITOR

ARCADIA — Former Arcadia City Marshal Charles Junior Lee was arrested Wednesday on three felony counts, accused of writing checks from the Arcadia Police Department to himself for \$151,100.



LEE

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement charged Lee, 47, on one count of organized scheme to defraud (greater than \$50,000), one count of grand theft (over \$100,000) and one count of official misconduct, according to an FDLE press release issued Wednesday.

Lee resigned his position as City Marshal on May 20 during a financial audit. By not giving notice of his resignation, he forfeited any benefits to which might have otherwise been entitled.

FDLE agents from the Sebring Field Office began their investigation May 21 at the request of the city of Arcadia. The investigation began after then-Assistant City Marshal Matthew Anderson "discovered suspicious transactions involving checks Lee had written," according to an FDLE press release. (The Arcadia City Council later appointed Anderson to fill out Lee's remaining term.) These checks were made payable to Lee from three police department checking accounts, the FDLE reported.

On May 21, state agents executed a search warrant at Lee's former office at the police department. Investigators examined the checkbooks and found that "information on the receipts and checks did not match," the FDLE reported.

"In addition, agents found several completed checks which had not yet been issued and were backdated to 2011 and 2012," the release states. "Investigators believe that checks were backdated in an effort to cover up fraud."

Investigators reviewed bank records and learned that "between 2006 and 2011, Lee wrote 207 checks to himself from the police department checking accounts, totaling \$151,100," the

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## The Dawgs are back in town



PHOTO BY DANA CLAUSING

Terrell Gordon rushed for 255 yards and two touchdowns as the DeSoto Bulldogs rolled over East Lee County 47-28 in the Dawgs' home opener Sept. 13. • To read about the game turn to page 13.

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# FUME

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Councilwoman Alice Frierson, however, was quick to come to Underwood's defense, saying it was disturbing to see long-term employees being let go by the city.

"We've had too many long-term employees who have been forced to retire or be terminated," she said. "The appeals process seems fruitless to me, since the first person you must appeal to is the one who fired you. I also believe there are more firings coming; I think (Jankosky) has a list of people she wants gone."

Councilman Bob Heine agreed with Frierson, and choked back tears as he expressed his disgust with the recent terminations. "It smells to high heaven around here!" Heine exclaimed. "If he ain't hired back, I guarantee you he needs to get a good lawyer and sue the hell out of every one of them!"

Councilman Bob Allen also expressed his frustration with the firing process, saying he felt the employees were treated unfairly. "In my opinion, city employees need to have better representation, I am not happy with how this process occurred."

## Firings justified?

Councilman Joe Fink was not as sympathetic. He said he had actually read the employees' personnel files, and saw no wrongdoing by Jankosky or Miller in terms of following the proper termination procedures.

"Besides myself, the only other council member who has actually read the files was Councilwoman Frierson, and I don't know what she's looking at, but I don't see any evidence that this was done by error or vendetta," he said. "Judi (Jankosky) has the final say when it comes to hiring and firing around here, and this council has already made it clear in the personnel manual that we are not to get involved in individual hiring and firing."

Fink then cautioned Allen, Frierson and Heine to reconsider any thoughts of firing Jankosky just to enable the firing of Miller.

"A little over a year ago this council spent \$25,000 to get rid of former administrator Lawrence Miller," Fink said. "It would cost the council a minimum of that amount this time, and we would find ourselves in far more hot water if we did the same thing here. After reviewing these documents, I don't feel our administrator has done anything wrong, and if the three of you do, where

exactly are you getting your information from? Apparently you all have already made up your minds, but where's the justification in doing this?"

Frierson responded, "Miller was hired on June 25 and Steve was written up on June 27. There should be some kind of honeymoon period there."

According to Underwood's personnel file, on June 27 he was cited for having his son's car repaired at the city garage by city employees, a violation of city rules and state statutes.

Parks employee Jeannie Raines addressed the board, accusing Miller of being cold-hearted and mean to city employees. "At one point when I was having my home foreclosed on, I went to her and asked her for help," she said. "Not necessarily monetary assistance, but I asked if there was anything she could do. She simply told me to go apply for assistance. I have too much pride to do that, and what kind of person suggests you apply for assistance in a situation like that?"

Raines said she considered Cordes her boss, not Miller, and said it made her sick he was terminated. "I'll do anything for my 'Big Daddy' (Cordes); as far as I'm concerned he's the only person I need to answer to," she said. "I've had conversations about this with my shrink, and he's helped me to keep my composure. We're supposed to follow the chain of command, but how would you like to confront that? I want action by this council tonight, and I want those employees reinstated effective tomorrow."

Keene then asked City Attorney T.J. Wohl if the council could act on any of the personnel moves, and Wohl strongly suggested the city consult with its employment law attorney before moving forward.

"This is an issue you need to be very careful with, and that's why the city has an employment attorney on retainer," Wohl said. "You need to get their legal opinion before you move forward on anything."

Frierson said she wanted the city to meet with the attorney as soon as possible, as the terminated employees would be without wages and benefits in the meantime.

"By all means, let's make this our priority so we can take action on it," she said.

Keene then told the council the issue would be placed on the agenda for the city's Oct. 1 meeting.

## Millage rate increased

In other business, the council gave final approval for the 2013/14 city

budget. In a unanimous vote, the council choose to accept a millage rate of 8.6694, a slight increase from the current rate of 8.5859. One mill equals \$1 of tax on every \$1,000 of taxable value. The finalized rate is 1.33 percent lower than the city's rollback rate of 8.7867. After the reading of the resolution to formally accept the millage rate, there was no discussion from council before quickly moving to vote on the issue.

The council also approved the final 2013/14 budget, which totaled \$11,006,041. Fink again expressed his opposition to the budget numbers, citing his previous concerns over the expanding budget and the small amount of funds being placed into reserves. After Fink spoke, the council voted 4-1 to approve the budget, with Fink casting the lone dissenting vote.

## Prayer policy

Wohl updated the council on the status of the proposed prayer policy the board is considering. He noted he was working with City Clerk Gia Lancaster to continue seeking input from religious leaders across DeSoto County on changes that could be made to the policy.

City resident Beth Carston asked council to reconsider implementing any policy. "A prayer policy is something that just doesn't fit Arcadia," she said. "We really are a God-fearing city. All the meetings I attend around town start with a prayer. What really bothers me is the idea that a council member won't be allowed to lead a prayer. That's a real problem in my opinion, and I ask that this council seriously reconsider adopting this policy."

## Locals only

In other business, City Marshal Matt Anderson said despite information being spread across town, the Arcadia Police Department does not allow officers who live outside the city to take their patrol cars home. "I just want to set the record straight, anyone who has seen an APD vehicle in Sebring or Sarasota should know those vehicles are only there for official business," he said. "Whether it be special training or other approved purposes, any patrol vehicles operated outside the county are not being utilized for personal use, I can assure everyone here of that."

Anderson also noted the department had received a \$13,000 check from an anonymous donor for the purchase of new ballistic vests for APD officers. "These are expensive vests, and we are honored

and humbled that someone provided us with the funds to help protect our officers," he said.

## Flood zones

The council unanimously approved the second readings of two ordinances. The first adopts new flood hazard maps, procedures and criteria for development in flood hazard areas, and amends some of the city's building code in regards to flood hazards. The second ordinance updates certain definitions and other procedural matters for the police and firefighters' retirement program. The move is necessary to stay in compliance with changes made at the state level.

## A CLOSER LOOK

During Tuesday's meeting, several people spoke about the recent firing of two longtime city employees, Jerry Cordes and Steve Underwood. Yet only two of the five city council members, Joe Fink and Alice Frierson, said they had read their personnel files.

The Arcadian has obtained copies of their files. Below is a summary of the incidents and reasons relevant to their termination.

### Jerry Cordes — Former Public Works employee, hired in 1996

- Oct. 3, 2008: Cordes was placed on probation for three months with a 5 percent salary reduction because he reportedly found a roll of vinyl flooring near a curb. Cordes said it looked as though it fell from a delivery truck and he tried to find the owner, then put it in his city vehicle, transferring it to his own vehicle later and took it home. The vinyl was not lost, but had been delivered to an address by Badcock Furniture. The file notes Cordes should have reported it to police.

- Several accident reports are noted in Cordes' file (Dec., 1997, backed into an electrical pole, possibly due to mechanical failure/brake lockup; March 2000, struck power pole causing it to fall in the street; Oct. 2001, while Cordes was driving garbage truck, his helper apparently fell off; May 2007, pulled garbage truck away from stop, struck passenger car that was in his blind spot.

- April 2010: Cordes was cited for selling scrap metals from the livestock market that was being torn down. When it occurred again, he was suspended for three days.

- April 2010: It was learned some city workers were driving vehicles they were not properly licensed for (CDLs). Cordes said these employees had been driving those vehicles for years but he was directed to reassign drivers properly until they could obtain the needed endorsements.

- June 28, 2013: Outline of corrective action plan for Cordes, includes improvements in time management, communication with staff ("Talk to them as adults and he as a supervisor and not as a father figure, AKA 'Big Daddy'"), and need to follow through with projects.

- Aug. 8, 2013: Memo outlines issues with employees taking unused vacation days at the end of the fiscal year without proper planning to staff those vacancies; "Jerry has been told several times about our procedures and chooses not to follow them."

- Aug. 13, 2013: Cordes cited for not following up

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida will hold a Public Workshop on Tuesday, **September 24, 2013 at 9:00 AM** or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room 103, Administration Building, 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida to discuss two issues:

1. Employee and Retiree Insurance Benefits and
2. Bonding for County Construction Projects.

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

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# Gubernatorial candidate visits Arcadia

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Kyle "KC" Gibson of Fort Lauderdale stopped in Arcadia this week as part of his tour of the state where he plans to run for governor.

Gibson, a Tallahassee native, said he has had a "lifelong aspiration" to be governor of Florida, and decided the time is right for him in 2014.



**GIBSON**

He filed his preliminary paperwork, he said, in 2010, the day Gov. Rick Scott was sworn in. He plans to run as an Independent.

Gibson, formerly an elementary school teacher, is focusing on a platform to improve education in Florida. The state "wants to cut Head Start and pre-kindergarten," he said, but studies show you have to invest in children at a young age for them to be successful later in school."

He noted 85 percent of inmates in Florida prisons did not graduate from high school, but believes a solid education can help keep young adults out of prison and usher them into careers or

higher learning.

"We need to get back to basics," Gibson said. "We are competing with other states and countries in this global economy."

He believes improving Florida's education program will also make the state more attractive for business, in part by providing a more capable work force.

Gibson would also like to change the restoration of rights to convicts who have served their prison terms. Presently it takes five to seven years just to be eligible to apply for a restoration of rights, he said, and another two or three years for it to be processed. For those who were not involved in violent crimes, he said, "If someone has served their time and done everything they were required, it should not be so hard to be able to vote again."

Gibson is now collecting signatures for his Candidate Petition, which can be found at <http://kcin2014.com>. Gibson, an avid bike rider, said he plans to ride his bicycle across the state, visiting each of Florida's 67 counties. He promised to revisit DeSoto County as part of that tour.

Gibson can be reached at The Kyle KC Gibson for Governor Campaign, P.O. Box 590581 Tamarac, FL 33359-0581, or by e-mail at [kcin2014@gmail.com](mailto:kcin2014@gmail.com).



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## First State Bank helps with youth programs

Last week, First State Bank of Arcadia became a Community Sponsor of Links2Success by donating \$1,000 to its programs. First State Bank's generous donation will allow the local non-profit to implement three educational programs in 2014. These programs include the Second Leadership & Career Exploration Conference for Middle School Students, the Post Secondary Education Prep Program for High School Juniors and Seniors, and the First Year Retention Program for selected DeSoto Graduates attending South Florida State College's DeSoto Campus. To become a sponsor or learn more about Links2Success and its programs, contact Board President Ashley Coone at 863-990-0527 or visit the website at [www.links2success.org](http://www.links2success.org).

Shown in the photo are, from left, Tony Guidry, president of First State Bank of Arcadia, and Links2Success board members Ashley Coone, Lindsay Turner and Jaccarie Simons.

# FINR emerges from Chapter 11

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The Florida Institute for Neurologic Rehabilitation Inc. announced it has successfully emerged from Chapter 11 Reorganization proceedings.

FINR entered into Chapter 11 early this year under jurisdiction of Judge Catherine Peek McEwen of the Middle District of Florida. On August 29, Judge McEwen confirmed FINR's Plan of Reorganization under the strict dictates of Title 11 of the United States Code. FINR improved its cash flow during the Chapter 11 proceedings while maintaining a high standard of care throughout

their brain injury continuum under the watchful eye of the Court and pursuant to favorable reports from a court appointed ombudsman.

"Our successful emergence is the result of continuous team work and dedication to patients served, their family members, and the brain injury community at large," said Joseph Brennick, CEO of FINR. "We have many people to thank for their unwavering support throughout this difficult period. I would like to specifically recognize the entire treatment team for their medical and clinical leadership, and their dedication to client care."

FINR is a national leader in the

evaluation and rehabilitative treatment of survivors of traumatic and non-traumatic brain injuries. FINR's employees are recognized experts in the treatment of the most difficult traumatic brain injury cases.

Assisting FINR through the complex path of reorganization was attorney Craig I. Kelley of West Palm Beach, as well as Don Dorra, CPA, with assistance from attorney Edward Peterson of Tampa. FINR thanked everyone involved in this successful reorganization process which helped to preserve FINR, one of the few facilities dedicated to brain injury rehabilitation, and allowed it to maintain hundreds of jobs within

the community of Wauchula.

FINR expects to expand its patient services and hire additional employees over the coming year. Founded in 1992, FINR is a nationally-recognized leader in delivering high quality, clinically relevant and cost-effective brain injury rehabilitation. FINR has developed a comprehensive brain injury rehabilitation continuum of care offering specialized inpatient evaluation and treatment for both children and adults. FINR's Pediatric rehabilitation and education program is accredited by the Association of Independent Schools of Florida. For more information, visit [www.finr.net](http://www.finr.net).

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## OUR VIEW

### Friendships and favoritism

A few weeks ago, the Arcadia City Council codified City Administrator Judith Jankosky's complete control over hiring and firing of city staff. By unanimous consensus, all five council members confirmed the administrator's authority over city employees.

That is pretty typical not only in government organizations but also in corporate America — the board of directors does not hire or fire individual employees; they leave it to management to do so. Once the board hires the CEO, they leave it to him or her to run the day-to-day operations.

But two former employees, who had been fired by Public Works Director Catherine Miller, pleaded with council members Tuesday night for their jobs. Surprisingly, three council members entertained the employees' issues and were vocally supportive of reinstating the fired workers. Councilman Bob Heine went so far as to suggest Steve Underwood should sue the city.

To us, Heine's declaration is sabotage and directly contrary to an elected council member's role. Voters put council members in place to watch out for their interests, including the fiscal and legal matters of the city.

We know they were long-time employees and they have many friends in the community and, apparently, on council as well. But council has no business putting personal friendships before their fiduciary duties to voters.

What's more ludicrous is that two of the three council members who spoke openly in support of the fired employees had not even seen their personnel files. (To her credit, Councilwoman Alice Frierson — along with Councilman Joe Fink — had actually read the documents.) How Heine and Councilman Bob Allen could support the two individuals without even knowing the details of the disciplinary incidents smacks of favoritism.

Judi Jankosky has done a commendable job overall. The list of accomplishments under her tenure, such as putting a stop to deficit spending and having the city run with a positive cash flow — even placing something into reserves, instead of taking out — are positive changes.

Hiring Miller as Public Works Director was her decision as city administrator. Based on her resume, she appears to be a sound hire.

Council has put its trust in Jankosky, as it must, to run the city and its staff efficiently and cost-effectively. It's not up to council to micromanage every person, whether or not they are friends: it's up to Jankosky.

Council has an embarrassing track record with its own employee hires over recent years: since Ken Strube retired, Jankosky is the third administrator, following Markae Rupp and Lawrence Miller, who each survived little more than a year. (And that's not counting interim administrators Shelly Baumann, Joe Fink and Jankosky.)

Jankosky must be free to manage city staff as she feels best, and council needs to let the appeals process run its course. The rules in the city personnel manual, including those about appealing a termination, are there for a reason. The council has no business taking this up on their next agenda; it undermines the Administrator and sets a dangerous precedent for the future.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### God Bless You

Editor:

We live in a wonderful world, made and blessed by God.

Any time we wish, we can say "God bless you" to someone.

Any time we wish, we can say a silent prayer for someone and everyone.

Any time we wish, we can give our own place on line to someone behind us in line.

Any time we wish, we can make our world even more beautiful by just giving someone a smile.

We live in a wonderful world, made and blessed beautifully by God, with all of us being placed in the world by God and, any time we wish, we can show the love of God for everyone, by just saying "God

loves you" to someone.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Grace Bordner in Arcadia and all of Community Care Family Clinic always exemplify so very beautifully, giving the love of God to everyone. Thank you to Gary and Grace and all of Community Care Family Clinic.

Mary White  
Arcadia

remove the POW-MIA flag and fly a county flag in its place? Shame. We must always fly a POW-MIA flag until they all come home.

Where was the Honor Guard, the Veterans Council of Desoto County? The lack of attendance by the local veterans groups was a shame. How quickly one forgets. I for one will never forget.

Mary Lyne  
Arcadia

### Misses the POW-MIA flag

Editor:

Today (Ed. Note: Sept. 11) I attended a well planned and reverend 911 ceremony preformed by our First Responders, At Veterans Park. It was beautiful to see the flags flowing in the breeze, but where was the POW-MIA flag? Who decided to

*Editor's note: a Letter to the Editor, submitted by Joey Suggs, ran in the Sept. 12, 2013 issue of the Arcadian but was incomplete. That letter is reprinted in its entirety in issue.*

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## GRITS & PIECES

### In honor of the simple tomato

*Editor's Note: The last part of Luke's column was inadvertently left out of last week's paper so it is reprinted here in its entirety.*

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



### Grits & Pieces

Luke Wilson

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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

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# Garage sale set to help fund lung transplant

BY LISA THORNSBERRY

It's tragic enough when someone you know suffers from a debilitating disease; it seems even more so when the victim is someone with a huge heart full of compassion, who has gone out of her way to help others.

Such is the case of Jackie Angelico of Arcadia. She needs a double lung transplant. Friends and family have planned two fundraisers to help with her need.

Jackie has been with her husband, Alan, for 30 years; they will celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary in December. They have five children: Jimmy, Joey, Jenny, Tiffany and Justin; and five grandchildren. The family attends First Baptist Church in Fort Ogden.

Jackie wants what any grandparent wants: to be able to play with her grandbabies without getting tired and out of breath.

Jackie has lived in Arcadia for most of her life along with her family and friends. Three years ago while getting ready for work one day, she had to stop a few times because she just couldn't catch her breath. She had noticed the same thing was happening to her at work, but she thought it was COPD, which she had for several years. Her mother and sister also had it.

But then she started noticing an unexplained weight loss. She eventually went to the hospital when she weighed only 0- pounds.

After several tests were run, she



PHOTO PROVIDED

Jackie Angelico with her husband, Alan, and some of her grandchildren. She needs to raise money for a double lung transplant, and a garage sale fundraiser is being held for her on Sept. 27 and 28.

followed up with her doctor who told her she needed to see a specialist; the specialist, in Miami, in turn told her she needed a double lung transplant. Without it, she likely would not survive.

Those were not the words she was expecting to hear. In her condition, she could no longer work, and for the last two years has depended on an oxygen tank to breathe.

Everything we take for granted has now become a blessing for her. Her name was placed on the lung transplant list.

Getting on that list was a challenge

in itself. She had to meet several criteria and conditions just to be considered: she needed eye tests, MRI, all needed dental work had to be completed (because the anti-rejection medication could hurt her teeth). She needed an up-to-date chest scan, PET scan and pap test.

In March, she was finally placed on the transplant list. Now it's a waiting game as she tries to maintain her health so she is fit enough for surgery when the call comes. Once she gets the call she will have to go to Miami for surgery and three months of post-op care to ensure her body doesn't

reject her new lungs. She will be on an anti-rejection medication to help her body adjust to the new lungs. Alan will have to travel between Miami to Arcadia to care for her as well as maintain their home.

A double lung transplant can cost around \$600,000. Her insurance will pay 80 percent, but she still has to come up with the remaining balance of \$120,000. The anti-rejection medication will run \$1,000 to \$3,000 a month and her insurance limits the amount of coverage she can get for that.

What can you do to help you ask? Some of her church friends and her family are holding a garage sale for to help her raise money to make life a little less stressful for her. The sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 27 and 28 at First Baptist Church of Fort Ogden, at the corner of Senate Street and U.S. Highway 17-South.

You can also make a donation to First State Bank of Arcadia under the account of Jackie Angelico Transplant Fund. If you have a donation for the sale, call Lisa at 863-567-224-3858 or Rebecca at 863-444-4555, or see her daughter Jennifer Stillwell at the BP (Amoco) station in Arcadia.

There will also be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser from noon to 3 p.m. on Oct. 13 at Fort Ogden Baptist Church. Tickets are \$6 each, and you can call Lisa or see Jennifer at BP. Tickets will also be sold at the garage sale.

Jackie's family and friends thank the community for their help and prayers.

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# Arcadia's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOTE: All area codes are 863 unless otherwise indicated.

## ■ TODAY

- 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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- MAPP committee and VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) meet at 9 a.m. third Fridays at the Family Service Center, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia.
- Friday Night Live — the City Takers for Christ presents "Friday Night Live" with Rev. Troy Rowe, every Friday. Come and experience what God is doing in this season through His word and praise and worship. 37 W. Magnolia St. (across from SunTrust drive-through). For information call 244-4341.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.

## ■ SATURDAY

- MainStreet Farmer's Market is held the first and third Saturday every month in downtown Arcadia from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh produce, pickled products, jams, jellies, homemade granola bars, baked goods, fresh and dried herbs, arts, crafts, woodworking, quilts, sewing, plants and other goodies. For vendor info call the Arcadia Main Street office at 494-2020.
- Classic car show in downtown Arcadia, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. the third Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Team Arcadia. Trophies, door prizes, and 50/50 jackpot. For more information call 494-2020.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125

N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.

## ■ SUNDAY

- St. John Missionary Baptist Church invites you to attend the Male Choir Annual Musical at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 at 208 Gordon St., Arcadia.
- Telephone Reassurance and Friendly Visitors available to those over 55 and homebound. Phone Senior Friendship Centers at 863-494-5965 to sign up for these free services, staffed by trained volunteers who have had background screenings. Phone also if interested in becoming a volunteer for either program.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.

## ■ MONDAY

- Alzheimer's Support Group - every 2nd Sat. & 4th Mon. at Arcadia Oaks ALF. 11 am, complimentary lunch.
- DeSoto County Historical Society board meets at 5:30 p.m. fourth Mondays monthly at the Ingraham Seed House on W. Gibson St., Arcadia.
- The 4-H Stitch in Time sewing club meets every fourth Monday at 5 p.m.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.
- A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. on Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Al-anon, offering help for families of alcoholics, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit www.district13soflal-anon.org.
- The DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1425 Martin Luther King St. The center provides referrals for mainstream resources, elderly food stamps (by appointment) and computer service. Salvation Army has office space on Wed. by appointment. For more information, call 491-5683.
- A faith-based addiction recovery ministry meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the Nocatee Baptist Church (red brick church) on U.S. Highway 17 in Nocatee.
- Prescription Assistance holds walk-in office hours at the DeSoto Center for Health and Disease Management from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday at 519 W. Hickory St., Arcadia. For more information, call 491-7580.

## ■ TUESDAY

- DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in room 103, County Administration Building, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- DeSoto County Board of Commissioners will hold a special workshop on employee and past employee insurance at 9 a.m. in commission chambers at the County Administration Bldg.
- DeSoto County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday in the School Board meeting room, 530 La Solona Ave., Arcadia.
- Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday (except the third Tuesday) of the month, on the 147.075, W4MIN repeater with a pl of 100. All amateurs are invited to participate.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- DeSoto County Library holds story time at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Peace River Woodcarvers meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Speer Center, U.S. Highway 17 North, Arcadia. For information, contact Bill Morse at 207-418-4687 or mamorse1953@gmail.com.
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- Suncoast Community Blood Bank is open from noon to 6 p.m. today at 710 N. Brevard Ave. (U.S. 17 North), Arcadia. For more information, call 993-9366.

## ■ WEDNESDAY

- The AA Serenity Group Anniversary Night is held at 8 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church, 1004 W. Oak St.
- DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council Artist Group is now meeting on Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon at the

## ■ JEWISH HOLY DAYS

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

- Lifelong Learning Institute of Edison College, Punta Gorda, will present classes in Arcadia at South Florida State College starting the week of Jan. 20, 2014. LLI offers interesting, affordable, non-credit courses to retirees who want to keep mentally sharp. LLI is seeking instructors to present a class on an interesting topic. Classes are two hours long, for four weeks in duration. To learn more visit www.lifelonglearning-charlotte.org, click on the 2013 Winter Program to learn about the types of classes offered and the duration of the class. For more information, call 941 637-3533 or email charlottelli@edison.edu.

Arcadia Village Cantina Clubhouse. Call Linda at 494-7734 for more information. Free and open to the public.

- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- The Arcadia Eagles, 150 S. Polk Ave., now offers Bingo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak Street.
- "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.
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- Caregiver support group meets at 1:30 p.m. at DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at DeSoto Memorial Hospital Medical Plaza, 1006 N. Mills Ave., Arcadia. For more information, call DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at 494-8432 or Hospice of Southwest Florida at 993-0662.
- The Family Safety Alliance meeting for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. at the McClure Center, 4215 Concept Court, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call 941-316-6009.
- AA Second Tradition Anniversary Night is the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St. Potluck/barbeque before the meeting.
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# NOTICE

## Of PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

On Monday, September 9, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners voted four to one to approve a tentative budget with the highest increase in the ad valorem tax millage in the history of Desoto County. I oppose this 23% millage increase from 6.8987 mils to 8.4810 mils; some 18.4% above the roll-back rate of 7.1653. Your taxes are going up substantially unless you voice your opposition.

**District #1: Commissioner Mansfield voted for the largest millage increase in the history of Desoto County. You can call or email him and let him know how you feel about the proposed tax increase. [b.mansfield@desotobocc.com](mailto:b.mansfield@desotobocc.com), or call him at: 863-990-2323**

**District #2: Commissioner Selph voted for the largest millage increase in the history of Desoto County. You can call or email him and let him know how you feel about the tax proposed increase. [j.selph@desotobocc.com](mailto:j.selph@desotobocc.com), or call him at: 863-990-0668**

**District #3: Commissioner Quave voted for the largest millage increase in the history of Desoto County. You can call or email him and let him know how you feel about the proposed tax increase. [g.quave@desotobocc.com](mailto:g.quave@desotobocc.com), or call him at: 863-558-0466**

**District #4: Commissioner Langford voted for the largest millage increase in the history of Desoto County. You can call or email him and let him know how you feel about the proposed tax increase. [e.langford@desotobocc.com](mailto:e.langford@desotobocc.com), or call him at: 863-990-2822**

**District #5: Commissioner Miller voted against the largest millage increase in the history of Desoto County. You can call or email him and let him know how you feel about the proposed tax increase. [b.miller@desotobocc.com](mailto:b.miller@desotobocc.com), or call him at: 863-558-9210**

**The Workshop is Tuesday September 24, 2013, 9:00AM  
The Final Budget Public Hearing is Tuesday September 24, 2013, 6:30PM. Come and bring your friends and neighbors. It is your money; come and just Say No More Taxes!**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEF**

**Tidewell Hospice Seeks New Volunteers**

Do you want to make a big difference for people in your community

and have the opportunity to meet new friends? You can do that and more when you become part of Tidewell Hospice's family of treasured volunteers. Volunteers are needed in the

office, at the Arcadia Hospice House, in private homes for respite care, as friendly visitors at area nursing facilities and more. Opportunities will be matched with

your interests.

To learn more, visit [www.tidewell.org](http://www.tidewell.org), or contact volunteer coordinators Christine Peters or Nancy Vollmer at 863-231-3300.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE**

The Board of DeSoto County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy:

**Last year's property tax levy:**

A.	Initially proposed tax levy	\$ 10,717,859
B.	Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other changes	\$ (556,355)
C.	Actual property tax levy	\$ 10,161,504

**This year's proposed tax levy**

\$ 11,929,466

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

September 24, 2013  
6:30 p.m.  
at  
DeSoto County Administration Building  
201 East Oak Street  
Arcadia, Florida

**A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.**

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**BUDGET SUMMARY  
DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FISCAL YEAR 2013/14**

**THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE BOARD OF DESOTO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE 6.2 % LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

General Fund 8.4810

Public Safety E.M.S. .4514

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	PERMANENT FUND	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	INTERNAL SERVICE	TOTAL BUDGET
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>								
Millage Per \$1,000	8.4810	0.4514						
Taxes:								
<i>Ad Valorem</i>	11,395,051	561,324						11,956,375
Sales & Use	2,805,931	1,750,448						4,556,379
Charges for Services	1,585,155	903,023				5,125,245		7,613,423
Intergovernmental Revenue	5,554,713	3,930,166				560,540		10,045,419
Fines & Forfeitures	57,975							57,975
Miscellaneous/Other Revenues	322,273	11,495		11,000		1,423,899		1,768,667
Licenses and Permits	1,344,548	1,572,683				2,346,080		5,263,311
Internal Service Charges		-						
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>23,065,646</b>	<b>8,729,139</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,000</b>		<b>9,455,764</b>		<b>41,261,549</b>
Transfers	211,001	4,638,987	1,510,656	600,335				6,960,979
Fund Balance/Reserve/Net Assets	2,348,522	85,506	379,923	3,470,683		2,445,451		8,730,085
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS, &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>25,625,169</b>	<b>13,453,632</b>	<b>1,890,579</b>	<b>4,082,018</b>		<b>11,901,215</b>		<b>56,952,613</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
General Gov't Services	5,265,931							5,265,931
Public Safety	10,282,609	4,886,381						15,168,990
Physical Environmental	1,657,254					7,522,338		9,179,592
Transportation	378,330	5,441,087						5,819,417
Debt Services		222,511	1,890,579			1,051,345		3,164,435
Human Services	1,398,465	169,860						1,568,325
Internal Services	200,438							200,438
Economic Environmental	666,541							666,541
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>19,849,568</b>	<b>10,719,839</b>	<b>1,890,579</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>8,573,683</b>		<b>41,033,669</b>
Transfers Out	3,284,796	2,701,849				686,441		6,673,086
Fund Balance/Reserves/Net Assets	2,490,805	31,944		4,082,018		2,641,091		9,245,858
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS,</b>	<b>25,625,169</b>	<b>13,453,632</b>	<b>1,890,579</b>	<b>4,082,018</b>		<b>11,901,215</b>		<b>56,952,613</b>
<b>RESERVES &amp; BALANCES</b>								
THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS PUBLIC RECORD								

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# State drops all charges against Wesley

The State Attorney's Office has dropped charges against another man initially arrested in connection with the June 9 death of Rashard Watson.

The SAO dropped charges against Aaron Napolian Wesley, 39, in documents filed in the case on Sept. 4. Wesley was arrested July 12 after a warrant was issued for him. He had turned himself in after seeing a report

on Facebook that police were looking for him.

According to the arrest report, Wesley told Arcadia Police Department investigators he had been playing kickball with his children near the location where Rashard Watson was shot and killed. He said when he heard gunshots he took his children and left.

Witnesses, however, told APD Wesley

was seen at the house where Watson was shot, opening the back door of the residence, with a gun in his hand. A witness picked Wesley out in a lineup.

Wesley was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon, and was held on \$250,000 bond. He entered a plea of not guilty.

On August 24, Assistant State Attorney Joseph Polzak determined not to charge Wesley in this incident; the determination was filed Sept. 4 and both charges were dropped.

Earlier, the state dropped homicide charges against Keith LaMont Clark, finding the shooting of Watson had been in self-defense under the Stand Your Ground law.

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

- Theresa Lynn Butler, 35, 700 block of N. Mills Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession or use of drug equipment and violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Bobby Joe Hall, 22, 2000 block of S.W. Robin Road, Arcadia. Charges: battery and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$5,750.
- Ebonnik Danielle Hillman, 22, 1300 block of S.W. 17, Arcadia. Charges: felony battery and battery causing bodily harm or disability. Bond: none.
- Jessica Sue Kimball, 29, Sarasota. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Nicole Christine Krebs, 23, 4500 block of S.E. State Road 31, Arcadia. Charges: four counts of fraud by giving pawnbroker false ownership information under \$300, two counts of uttering a false instrument, one count of giving false ownership statement to second hand dealer, under \$300, three counts of grand theft between \$100-\$300, and five counts of dealing in stolen property. Bond: \$15,500.
- Travis Murray Lee McCrummen, 27, 1100 block of N.E. River Crest Drive, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Joshua Joseph Mount, 26, Lehigh

## 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.

Acres, Fla. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Haymen Mathew Pettyjohn, 37, 2900 block of Ouray Drive, Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended. Bond: none.
- Brian Keith Raymond, 19, 2900 block of N.E. Ouray Drive, Arcadia. Charges: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill and felony battery. Bond: \$5,750.
- Aundra Tyrone Williams, 49, Leesburg, Fla., Charge: out-of-county warrant. Purge: \$350.
- Rafael Martinez Zacharias, 32, 3800 block of N.W. Knollwood Drive, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$1,000.
- Victor Manuel Aguilar, 32, 1500 block of E. Maple St., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$2,600.
- Luis Alfredo Camacho, 21, 400 block of Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Barbara Lynn Fulton, 39, first block of Maine St., Arcadia. Charge: shoplifting from merchant. Bond: \$120.
- Apolinar Juarez Gonzalez, 24,

1200 block of S.E. 3rd Ave., Arcadia. Charges: DUI with BAC .15 or higher or with person under 18, driving without a valid license and refusal to sign citation. Bond: \$1,870.

- Andre Yanic LaCroix, 42, 2900 block of S.W. Durrance St., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$2,500.
- Rogeria Maldonado Jr., 39, 2700 block of N.W. Rimes Drive, Arcadia. Charge: domestic battery by strangulation. Bond: \$2,500.
- Shandria Katise Nicklow, 31, 1300 block of E. Cypress St., Arcadia. Charge: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$1,000.
- Erik Manuel Torres, 28, Fort Myers. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$2,000.
- Gudilber Alexander Velasquez, 19, 1700 block of N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Alicia Kay Hall, 35, Samson, Ala. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Ian Clinton Bremer, 27, 2000 block of S.E. Hansel Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Scott Devon Glisson, 22, 1300 block of U.S. Highway 17, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Rene Aguas Gonzalez, 25, Wauchula. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$5,000.

• Gail Marie Harris, 39, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charges: two counts of failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$3,100.

- Willie James Macon Jr., 39, Orlando. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Thomas James McPherson, 23, 700 block of N. 17th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$1,500.
- Candi Seare Redding, 33, 600 block of Harris Road, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$850.
- Charles Hoyt Wells, 30, 1300 block of S.W. U.S. Highway 17, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Todd J. Lay, 44, 1300 block of N.E. Oak Ave., Arcadia. Charge: petty larceny. Bond: \$120.
- Brian Malcom McComb, 26, 1200 block of N.E. Hickory St., Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$120.
- Yesenia Vargas, 33, 300 block of N. 10th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$500.

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

- Scott Alan Sumner, 43, 6100 block of S.W. Sable Ave., Arcadia. Charge: knowingly driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$1,000.

— Compiled by Susan E Hoffman

## 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 US 17 travel lanes, starting drainage activities and relocating overhead power transmission and distribution lines. No lane closures will be required for this work. Motorists are advised to be aware of work

vehicles entering and exiting the roadway throughout the week. Motorists are reminded to observe the posted speed limit and to drive with caution. Project completion is expected at the end of 2015. The contractor is Ajax

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### U.S. Highway 17 from County Road 760A to north of Flanders Street in Nocatee

Crews are trimming and removing trees ahead of FPL, who will be

installing new power poles and removing existing power poles and lines. Intermittent daytime lane closures may occur while crews are working. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

## GRITS & PIECES

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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 Killer Tomatoes" to be a major cult classic, and in Bunol, Spain, they even have a giant tomato fight celebration. So at least they're getting honored in some ways.

Oh yeah, we were talking about werewolves. The scientific name for

tomatoes is *Solanum lycopersicum*. The *lycopersicum* part of that means "wolf peach," which comes from German werewolf myths. Tomatoes are of the nightshade family, and legends say deadly nightshade was used by witches and sorcerers in potions to transform themselves into werewolves. The tomato, being similar, but much larger, was called the "wolf peach" when it arrived in Europe.

So there you have it — what tomatoes have to do with werewolves. All this tomato talk has made me as ravenous as a werewolf, so I think I'll go find one to eat. And fortunately, I won't have to wait for a full moon or until I sprout any more hair than I've already got!

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**OBITUARIES**

**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; granddaughter Heather Hermine Hudson; and great-grandson Nathan Austin Hudson.

Ellis chose to be cremated and have his ashes spread out in the Peace River. A Memorial Service was held Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013 at DeSoto Veterans Memorial Park.

**Mable Cade**

Mable Cade, 100, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013.

She was born July 30, 1913, in Apalachicola, Fla., to Mr. General and Martha Pope, the eldest of five children.

Mable married Manuel Lee Jenkins in Waycross, Ga., and they had three children. He passed away in 1942. She moved to

Florida and on Aug. 13, 1943, she was united in holy matrimony to the Rev. William Henry Cade, and together they had three children. After the death of her husband on Aug. 22, 1981, she continued to serve faithfully at Mount Olive Baptist Church, where her husband had been the pastor. Mable worked for Dr. George Agnew and family for over 25 years, and also worked at the former G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital as an aide, and retired in 1981. She served as a Sunday school teacher, a member of Choir 1, in the General Mission and any other way she could offer.

Mable is survived by four daughters, Mary, Ada, Daithel and minister Kathleen; two sons, Manuel and minister William; Goddaughter, Grace; nine grandchildren, Tonya, Patricia, Angie, Lucretia, Taska, William, Ayesha, Jackie and Durial; 13 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husbands; four siblings, Mannie, Frazier, Hubert and Geraldine; and grandson, Manuel Lee Jenkins Jr.

The funeral service was held Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013, at Shiloh Baptist Church, Arcadia. Burial took place at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Hickson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Arcadia.

**Nathaniel A. Moody**

Nathaniel A. Moody, 79, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

**Harry William Eagerton**

Harry William Eagerton, 81, passed away Friday, Sept. 13, 2013.

He was born May 23, 1932, in Owens Community, Arcadia, Fla.

Harry was a self-employed auto mechanic. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War. Harry loved working on automobiles, watching NASCAR races, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers football team. He enjoyed spending time with his family. Harry was devoted to his Lord and his church, Arcadia Church of God, where he served as a Deacon and treasurer.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Janell Butler Eagerton of Arcadia; son, William Richard "Rick" (Lisa) Eagerton of Wauchula, Fla.; daughters, Linda (Steve) McAllister and Cheryl (Duke) Robinson, both of Arcadia; sister; Maryann Bevans of Arcadia; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Harry was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Metta Senn Eagerton; and brothers, Charles and Albert Eagerton.

Visitation and funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, at Arcadia Church of God, Arcadia. The Rev. Steve Griffin and the Rev. Jimmie Collins officiated. Burial was at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia, with the DeSoto Honor Guard rendering military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arcadia Church of God. Online condolences may be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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

**Linda Kay Connor**

Linda Kay (nee Franklin) Connor, 62, of Palmetto, Fla., crossed life's finish line and entered Heaven's portals Friday, Sept. 6, 2013, following a 17-month-long battle with Ovarian Cancer.

She was born Aug. 4, 1951, in Arcadia, Fla., to Edward (Dee) Franklin and Wilma (nee Wilson) Franklin.

Linda was a devoted, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Connor; daughters, Angelica I. Connor, at home, Kristina (nee Meyer) Stemen and Debbi (nee Meyer) Minick; son, James J. Meyer; stepchildren, Nathan Connor, Sarah (nee Connor) Hewes and Mary Heather Connor; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, all of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and two brothers, Archie and Michael Gause, both of Lakeland, Fla.

A "Celebration of Life Service of Life" service for Linda will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013, at Bartow First Assembly of God Church, 915 S. Main St., Bartow, FL 33830, with the Rev. Roy Pfinkston officiating. A Celebrations service also will be held Monday, Oct. 14, 2013, at The Chapel in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Rick Hawks officiating.

Preferred memorials are contributions to the American Cancer Society for Ovarian Cancer Research, and donations to local church outreach programs.

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# Family Album

## FAMILY ALBUM PHOTOS

Send us a photo to celebrate a birth, birthday, engagement, wedding, anniversary, etc. *The Arcadian* will run it free. We must have it no later than noon on Monday. Bring your photo to the office or e-mail to [Arcadian.editor@gmail.com](mailto:Arcadian.editor@gmail.com)

### Happy birthday



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Happy birthday to Sandra Kaye Robinson today, Sept. 19. Today is the day God sent you to us, and we thank Him for you, our Mother, and Sister, Auntee, Grandma, and Great-Grandma too, cuz we love you very much and hope you have many more birthdays.

Love,

Your kids Faye, Oralee, Buggie, Ronda, 14, 24 grandkids and 1 great-grandkid, and all who call you Ma Kaye, Love forever, Ron.

### Happy birthday



PHOTO PROVIDED

Debbie Stone extends happy birthday wishes to "Brittany," who has just turned 18 - that's equivalent to 88 in dog years. Debbie says she is grateful to repay her companion for some of the love Brittany has given her over the years.

### Happy birthday



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Happy first birthday, Remi!

Love,

Mommy, Meme, Aunt Katie, Uncle Tony, Tate, Aunt Mandy, Uncle Shane, Kyler and Ava

### Happy birthday



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Happy birthday to my wonderful husband and the love of my life! My love for you grows and grows with each passing year. This year we hit the 12-year mark. I can't wait to share the rest of our lifetime full of birthdays together through any type of weather. You are my lover, friend and my confidant to the end. You are my everything and you mean everything to me. May God bless you to see many more.

Love, Sincerely, Yours truly,

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### Happy birthday



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Happy belated 30th birthday to Boss Bear. We love you, God loves you more. From your family and friend, May Faye

### Thank you

Maybe you attended the services, sent a card or flowers, called us, brought food, helped out at home, visited in the hospital or had us in your thoughts and prayers. It was so heartwarming to know that you cared. Thank you all so very much. It meant more to us than you will ever know.

From the Family of Joe Bohannon Sr.

Betty Sue, Joe Jr., Betty Jo, Alice, Dustin, Elizabeth, Cassidy and Chamber

## Closing the doors one last time



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Algie Didlaukies raises a toast on Sunday, the last day for her shop, Glass Antique or Not. She has closed the shop and will be selling on eBay.



Trudi Super found a nice bargain at close-out prices during a party hosted by Glass, Antique or Not. The store closed Sunday after more than a decade in downtown Arcadia.



Lt. Jeff Morse of East Naples Fire Rescue, left, Tim Kilkelly and C.W. Blosser, Boca Grande's Fire Chief, came Sunday to celebrate the closing of Glass, Antique or Not in honor of owners Algie and Wolf Didlaukies. Morse is the organizer of the annual Brotherhood Ride, and Algie is a staunch supporter of emergency personnel.

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# Arcadia Garden Club begins new year

BY HAZEL STROMSNES

The first meeting of the Arcadia Garden Club will be held at noon on Oct. 7. The new officers will take their places to serve the needs of the club.

All members should attend this meeting, to be able to plan for the year ahead. Visitors and guests are welcome, and members would be very pleased to see more folks join in the quest to teach environmental issues, beautifying Arcadia and learning about nature.

It is nice to take the summer off but now it is time to get back to work. The club will have speakers each month on various subjects of interest to the club. Lunch will be served at noon and all visitors will be our guests.

Members have been working hard this summer on the native garden at the clubhouse. It has been a lot of work especially during the rains but it is almost ready to plant native plants for the birds and butterflies.

We have read this summer that the land tortoise is to be protected. When I was growing up in the '30s and '40s, land tortoises were plentiful and we had many on our land. Today they are hard to find except out in the country where land is available. I experimented one day with one I have here. I wondered how they could remember to return to their

hole. I took it to the back yard and turned it in another direction and watched as it turned around and went back in the direction of his home. They have sensory ability to know how to return to their place of origin.

Many of the creatures I enjoyed as a child no longer exist today. When I tell my children and grandchildren about catching lightning bugs and putting them in jars and how plentiful they were and how beautiful at night, they look at me like I was born in the dinosaur days. What else was there to do during those depression days?

The children's camp at Wekiva went well this year. The support that all the clubs in the state gave toward sending the children to this camp gave them an opportunity to enjoy nature. We do this through clubs giving donations or scholarships.

This year members will collect Campbell's soup labels to send to Wekiva to buy equipment and things that they need. A box will be in the back of the clubhouse members are urged to save these labels each month and put them in the box that is labeled "coupons."

We lost another member of our club, Gladys Blocker, this summer. She was a hard worker while she was a member and we will miss her very much.



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Arcadia Garden Club's officers for the next two years take a moment to pose for the camera. From right: Ellen Myers, Vice President; Babs Ames, Treasurer; Sherry Miraldi, Corresponding Secretary; Twighla Russell, President; Iris Varner, Past President; Gloria Dupree, Recording Secretary. Missing from Photo: Evelyn Sasser, Second Vice President.

Morton salt says, "When it rains it pours." This year it did just that. Most of Arcadia was under water. The last time we had this much rain was in 1932. I was 2 years old. However, we needed it. But we did not need the little biting bugs that came from standing water, and most of us know about them.

I like to use a quote concerning flowers since we are garden club members and I found this one by June Racher: "I have always assigned a certain intelligence to sunflowers. Their great golden bonneted heads follow their Master from horizon to horizon. Would that we did the same for Him."

Hope to see everyone in their place on Oct. 7.

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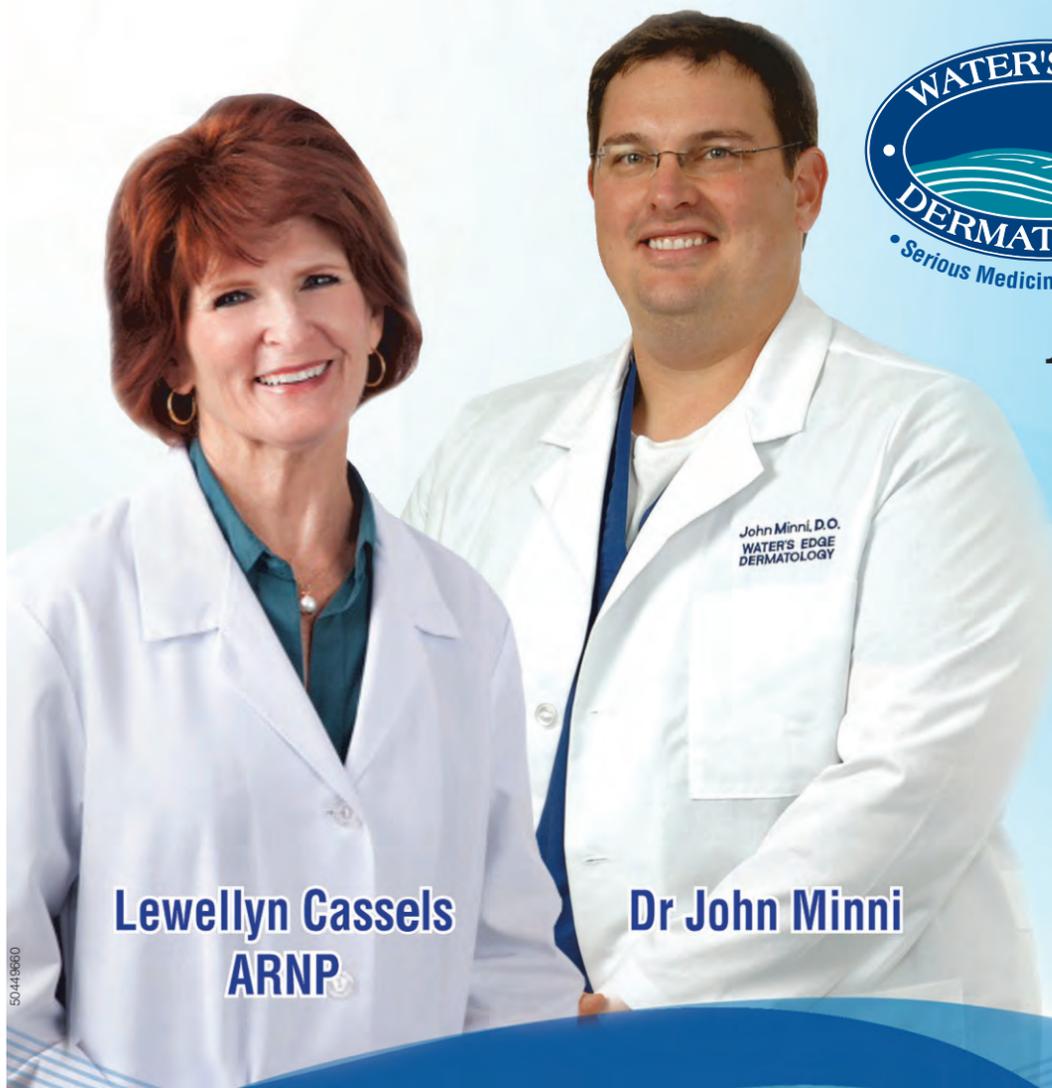
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# Friends, family say goodbye to Ellis Hudson

By HAYLEY MERCER  
ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

For the second time this year, the Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo is mourning the loss of a valuable member of their association. August claimed Kayo Welles, a lifelong participant who carried on the family tradition of his ancestors that made the rodeo a reality in Arcadia for the past 85 years. One month later another instrumental member, Ellis Hudson, joined Kayo in the Cow Pens in the Sky after passing away suddenly September 6, 2013 at the age of 69. Next March, the rodeo will open with two riderless horses in tribute to Hudson and Welles, long after they saddled up and rode off in the sunset.

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

Hudson was the House & Grounds director for the Arcadia Rodeo Association, a 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 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.

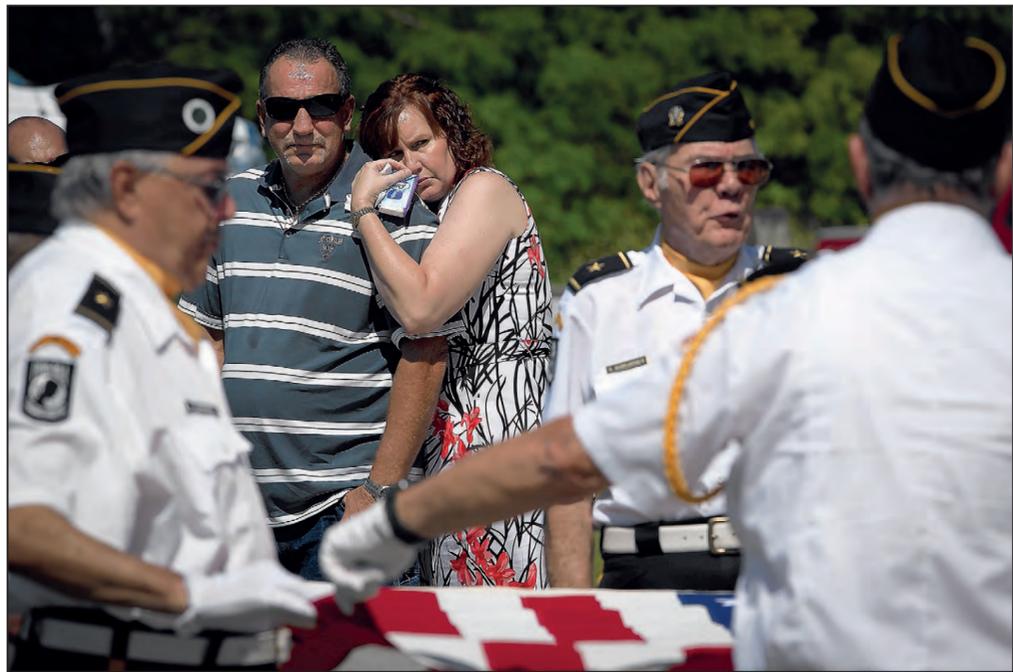
Family and friends gathered Sept. 14 on the banks of the Peace River at DeSoto Veterans Memorial Park to pay honor to the man who went out of his way to instill himself in the hearts of all that knew him. Even Florida's famed Cowboy-Poet Laureate, Carl Sharp, was on hand to offer a tribute for a lost friend. Hudson's wishes were honored and the gift of life via organ donation became another selfless action added to an already long list. His right kidney now enables a 60-year-old lady in North Carolina to enjoy a better quality of life. Several other recipients are now greatly improving thanks to the bone and tissue donations, and Hudson's heart was donated per his wishes for research in genetic and coronary plaque advancements. Ellis continues to assist where he can and those that knew him take comfort in this legacy.

Reese Welch addressed the crowd with scriptures that rang true to Ellis's way of life. "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins." Facebook became a way for Ellis

to stay connected and have his say; his last words to readers there will be remembered as truly fitting for the Man — "Death is Certain Life is Not!! SO Love Your Family and Friends, Tomorrow is not guaranteed."

He had posted this quote from a country song in July: "I pray I don't feel the chill, until I'm too old to die young. Let me watch my children grow to see what they become. Please Lord don't let that cold wind blow until I'm too old to die young." His prayer was answered in a way. After the flag presentation and 21 gun salute rang from the river bank, a celebration of his life was held at the rodeo grounds with local dignitaries including Sheriff Will Wise, Judge Don Hall and Judge James Parker. Rodeo Association President Ronald Neads said the blessing as heads bowed and cowboy hats came off. It was followed by a feast of covered dish contributions, enjoyed in between "remember when's" and "Oh wait 'til you hear this one" stories were shared. "Don't ever wish someone Happy Holidays around Ellis; It's Merry Christmas or else!" one guest remembered.

One theme rang true with all who knew and loved Ellis Hudson and



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Ellis Hudson's son, Harvey Ellis Hudson of Polk City, and his daughter, Manuela Elouise Hiscock of Lake Placid, look on as the DeSoto Veterans Honor Guard folds the flag to present to the family. A celebration of Hudson's life was held at DeSoto Veterans Park—on the banks of the Peace River he loved so much—where his ashes were scattered.

Mary Johnson said it best: "Anybody that says they didn't lock horns with him is lying," she laughed. "Crusty," said Sheriff Wise, "Ellis appeared to be crusty but he was the most tenderhearted man that would do anything for anybody."

Judge Hall knew his friend that well, too, and knew that when the time came, Hall knew the only man for the job was Ellis; he shared his memory with the large crowd. "When I was the president of the association, sometimes the rodeo meetings would end up getting nothing done as other distractions were taking away from the moment at hand, so a sergeant-at-arms position was created and given to Ellis. Gavel included. The next meeting stayed under control and the time was cut in half as with Hudson holding the gavel, there was Order in the Court."

He then presented the gavel to Hudson's daughter and she carried it around as her father would have. All afternoon, tribute after tribute were offered for Hudson. There is a good possibility that if Heaven has Facebook, Ellis would share this with his loved ones: A Cowboy's Last Request:

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With a photo of Ellis Hudson in the background, his son, Harvey Ellis Hudson of Polk City shares some memories with a crowd gathered in his honor at DeSoto Veterans Memorial Park. Hudson, who passed away suddenly at the age of 69, was a member of the Arcadia Rodeo Association and the All-Florida Saddle Club.



Friends and family of Ellis Hudson—including famed Florida Cowboy Poet, Carl Sharp, at right—gathered Saturday for a memorial ceremony commemorating Hudson's life.

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## BULLDOGS PLACE 6TH

The Lady Bulldogs varsity volleyball team notched its first win in tournament action in two years while competing at the Gene Gorman Tournament.



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# Running attack sparks Bulldogs romp

The key to Desoto County's victories this season has been to keep Terrell Gordon smiling. The powerful and speedy running back amassed 255 yards and two touchdowns and sat out most of the fourth quarter in a blowout 47-28 win over East Lee County.

"I feel real good. I was even smiling in the fourth quarter one time," Gordon said. "I normally don't like to smile but my team made me smile tonight."

DeSoto quarterback Kari Williams was thrilled with Gordon's performance too. "He messed up his leg last year and came back ten times stronger than he was," Williams noted. "Nothing can bring him down. He can run through you or jump over you, he's going to make you miss, and he didn't even play his sophomore year."

DeSoto County Coach Matt Egloff added that Gordon's running style is designed to punish any would-be



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tacklers.

"He has violence on his mind when he runs, he's ready to knock you out," Egloff said. "When Terrell runs the ball through there, it's like a hammer coming down on you. He's a special back, more people (colleges) will be zoning in on him. As good as he is on the field, he's just as good off it."

It's almost illegal to have Gordon carrying the ball. On the field he looks like a man against boys, carrying piles



Kari Williams (left) and Terrell Gordon take a break as they watch the defense in the second period. Together they accounted for 394 yards and six touchdowns as the Bulldogs rolled over East Lee County 47-28.

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Junior Dewayne Hearn runs by a Jaguar defender during action in the Bulldogs 47-28 win over East Lee County.



East Lee County defenders struggled all night to contain running back Terrell Gordon, who shredded the Jaguars for 255 yards rushing and two touchdowns during the game.

# Varsity volleyball falls to Lemon Bay

By STEVE KNAPP  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The Desoto County volleyball team went to Englewood September 10 to face their new district foe, the Lemon Bay Mantas. From the results of

the match, it could be a good rivalry for years to come.

The Mantas beat the Bulldogs 3-2, but going into the tie breaking fifth game there were only four points separating the two teams from the previous four games. The Lady Bulldogs

took the opening game 25-18 before falling 25-16 in both the second and third games. After a 25-20 win in game four, the Mantas pulled out the win with a controversial 16-14 victory in last game to take the match.

For the third consecutive match the Bulldogs went the distance with five games. In the previous two matches against Port Charlotte and Sebring, the Bulldogs came out ahead.

Tishonna Riley led the match with 21 kills and used two of them to record the final pair of points in game one, which was a tight battle from the beginning.

In games two and three the Bulldogs had a lot of unforced errors and it showed as they lost both games by nine points each. There was a lack of communication as several "campfire" balls fell in between defenders.

In game four, Casey Hall broke a 3-3 tie with three points from the service line to give the Bulldogs a lead they would never lose.

In the deciding game, the Mantas' Devyn Main broke a 5-5 tie with five points while

serving. Earlier in the match she was serving the ball long and also hit several serves into the net. Main found her mark when it counted most.

The Bulldogs came back and tied the match at 13 with Hall again in the service box. The crowd got into the game as both teams were very cautious and deliberate with their passing and sets.

A hard-hit kill shot down the line was ruled out of bounds, giving the Mantas a 15-14 lead. It appeared as if the ball took a sudden upward path as it went out of bounds, which could have only happened if the ball hit a Manta defender's hands. The referee ruled it was not touched, and the Mantas finished the game and match with a serve off of the arms of a back row player.

Before the game Main, who scored her first basket in her basketball career against DeSoto as a freshman and still has that photo on her wall, said she wasn't so concerned about scoring points as she was with playing defense against Riley. The Mantas had spent recent practice time working

on a defense specifically for the DeSoto star. "I know she is good but we both have the same vertical jump so I'll just try my best and see how it turns out," Main noted during pregame warmups. DeSoto County Coach Laura Hall said, "I think tonight we played a little more balanced. We're still hunting for the perfect lineup and we may have found it in the last few rotations. It was a tough match and they have to come to our house and we'll welcome them there."

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DeSoto County's Datasia Wallace makes a great attempt to save the ball before it hits the court with this diving effort against Lakewood Ranch.

# Lady Bulldgos compete in tourney action

By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS EDITOR

The DeSoto County varsity volleyball team finished sixth in the Gene Gorman Tournament held Sept. 14-15 at Charlotte High. The finish featured the team's first tournament win in the past two years.

When entering tournaments with bigger schools and very good programs, it has been hard for DeSoto to pick up wins in the past. The Bulldogs did gain

valuable experience, however, and that showed with a tournament win over Mariner.

Behind accurate serving from Bethany Bonville and some excellent passing from her teammates, the Bulldogs surged to a 14-1 lead over the Tritons that led to a 25-5 win. The second game with Mariner was much closer as the two teams were tied at 14. Bonville again came to the line and rattled off 5 straight points to put the Lady Bulldogs up 19-14. That was part

of an 11-3 run that gave the Bulldogs a 25-17 victory for their first match win.

The Bulldogs lost to the Manatee Heat, who finished fourth, and also to the eventual overall tournament winner Lakewood Ranch. Those losses put them into the Silver Bracket, where they beat Lehigh to advance to the championship round against North Port.

DeSoto had already beaten North Port in four games in their first match of the season. On Saturday, however,

they came out flat and were upended by the Bobcats 25-23 and 25-13.

A 2-3 record wasn't so bad considering they lost to the eventual tournament champions and to a team they had beaten earlier this season and could have beaten again.

Bonville led the team with 12 aces and 63 assists. Tishonna Riley had 47 kills in five games, with Casey Hall second with 13 and Bonville at 10. Lucero Perez and Hall tied with 27 digs apiece, with Riley at 18 and Bonville with 16.



Tishonna Riley blasts one of her 47 kill shots of the tournament in the loss to Lakewood Ranch.



Datasia Wallace puts up a nice set with Bethany Bonville (left) and Kaitlin Steyer watching as the Bulldogs beat Mariner 25-5 and 25-17.

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DeSoto County assistant coach Lauren Bonville (left) along with the rest of the team watch as the Bulldogs lose to eventual tournament champion Lakewood Ranch.

# JV football blanked by Sebring

By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The undefeated Sebring Blue Streaks came into Arcadia Sept. 12 with wins over Lake Placid and Avon Park, while the junior varsity Bulldogs were coming off a 52-8 loss at Hardee. With the Dawgs playing in front of their home fans in the first home contest of the season, an upset could have been possible.

Those thoughts ended in the first quarter as the Blue Streaks put up 22 points while shutting out the Bulldogs. The halftime score was 36-0 and a continuously running clock in the second half kept the score down to 42-0.

The Bulldogs JV team has had its troubles this season. Against Sebring they had a string of 19 straight plays where only one gained positive yardage, and that was a five-yard run by Julio Gaitan.

Gaitan, who scored the only Bulldogs touchdown against Hardee with a 71-yard run, was held to just two yards on eight carries. The Bulldogs leading rusher was Jermiah Castillo, with three yards against Sebring. The offense ran 34 plays and had a total of minus-16 yards.

DeSoto failed to complete a pass in four attempts and fumbled the ball ten times (they recovered it six times). In the first quarter alone they had seven penalties, ranging from three holding penalties to an offsides, false start,

roughing the passer and an encroachment infraction.

The only time they crossed the 50-yard-line was on a Sebring penalty that put them on the Blue Streaks' 45. The next play resulted in a loss and they never again got into enemy territory. The highlight of the game was a pass interception by Joshua Taylor and a good performance from the punting team. That was an area coach Leroy Butler said they needed to work on and the results have been positive.

## Growing pains

It would be easy for these players to get down on themselves, but they have to stay positive. They have several good football players and athletes who must learn how to take their athletic abilities utilize them on the football field. There are a lot of players on this team who only lack experience. They must take their lumps until they gain more experience and turn the team around.

DeSoto varsity coaches Richard Koonce and Darryl Nicklow came down from the stands to work with the kids during the game. The players were attentive and paying attention to what the coaches said. More important is that they asked questions, meaning the desire to get better is there.

Tonight the squad travels to face an 0-3 Ft. Meade team that is also



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**Bulldogs running back Jermiah Castillo tries to cut back to his right and is met by a bunch of Sebring tacklers. Castillo led the team in rushing in their first home game.**



**DeSoto County JV quarterback Shawn Brown rolls to his left and flips a short pass against Sebring September 12. It looks like Alex Hatcher (64) might be guilty of a little holding on the play.**

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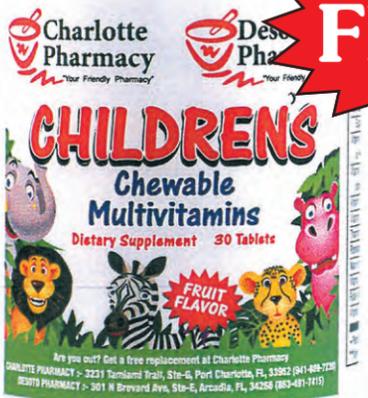
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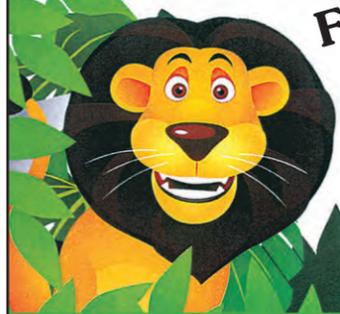
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# JV girls swept by Lemon Bay

By **STEVE KNAPP**

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Some people believe it is a Mother Goose nursery rhyme, while others believe it to be a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. It's called "The girl with a curl."

"There was a little girl, who had a little curl in the middle of her forehead. And when she was good, she was very, very good, but when she was bad, she was horrid."

That verse rang true while watching the DeSoto County junior varsity volleyball team lose Sept. 10 at Lemon Bay in two straight games.

The Lady Bulldogs at times were very, very good and in other moments were simply horrid as they dropped their fourth straight match of the season.

The "good" in the first game was a 13-9 Bulldogs run that tied the contest at 17. They battled back and tied the game five times before falling.

The scores were close. A 17-17 tie in the first game ended up a 25-20 loss for

the Dawgs, as the Mantas outscored them 8-3 to close out the game. That was one of the "horrid" stretches in the night.

The second game saw another bad streak as Lemon Bay had an 11-2 run that turned a tight game into a potential blowout and a 19-9 Manta lead.

Then the "good" side came back out, as the Bulldogs went on a 13-3 run. Briana Harris stepped to the service line in game two with the Bulldogs trailing 21-12. By the time she was finished the lead had been cut to one at 21-20. The Bulldogs tied the game at 22, but Lemon Bay scored the next three points for a 25-22 win.

Lexi Williams had a good night, as her two blocks and kill shot tied the first game at 17. Williams also had a strong night at the service line, as she started the 13-3 second game comeback.

Williams and Jayla Cowell led the team with eight digs each and both had four kills, just one behind team leader Cassidy Furr's five.

Sarah Bennett had another good game setting the ball and on defense. She

finished with a team-high 14 assists and seven digs.

But there was also that "horrid" part of the games. At times the team looked flat; they seemed confused with no communication. Several shots dropped untouched as two or more players watched them fall. There were the usual amount of service errors and unforced errors that went along with a lack of energy and enthusiasm.

DeSoto County JV coach Nora Cail said, "They're like night and day. They practice ten times better than they play,

I just don't get it. They played so well at Charlotte and Port Charlotte but didn't have anything tonight."

Briana Harris didn't know the answer for the performance either. "I think we just need to work on talking more, we didn't play so well tonight," she said.

Lexi Williams thought she knew the answer to the lackluster performance. "Everybody just put their heads down, we weren't concentrating on the game," she noted. "When we started losing we got all mad and when we started coming back it was too late. We had a lot of errors



Jayla Cowell passes the ball on a serve return with Briana Harris (6) looking on. The Bulldogs lost to Lemon Bay 2-0 Sept. 10.

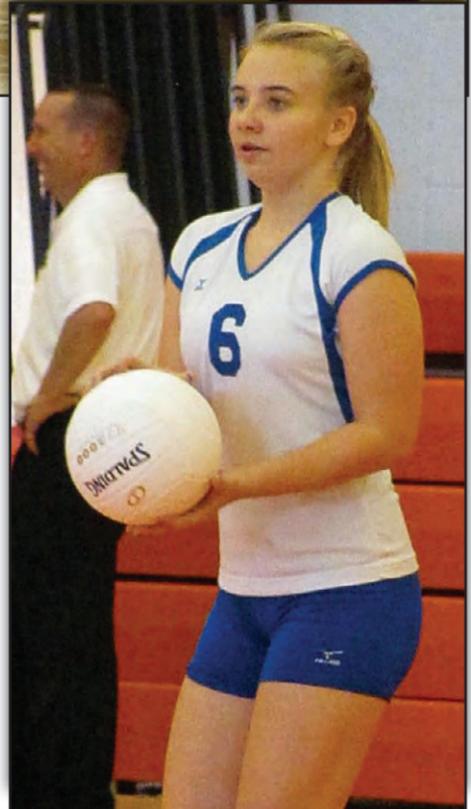
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DeSoto County's Sarah Bennett puts up one of her team leading 14 assists with Lexi Williams (15) and Victavia Blanden (13) preparing to attack.



Lady Bulldog Cassidy Furr gets down low to dig the ball out in the first game Sept. 10 at Lemon Bay. Furr led the team with five kills. Jayla Cowell (10) had four kills for the Bulldogs.



Briana Harris prepares to serve during her eight-point run in game two, bringing the Bulldogs back into the game. DeSoto County fell short and lost the game 25-22.



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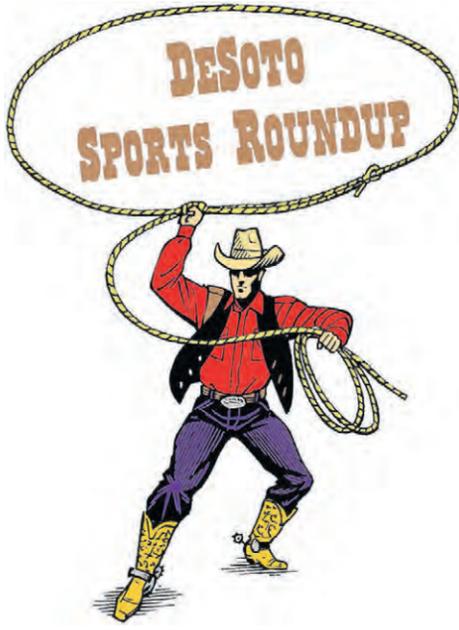
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for the golf teams or shockers or DeSoto County Youth Football teams.

**Upcoming games**

The varsity football team travels to Booker for a 7:30 p.m. game tomorrow night. Hear it live on the radio at WFLN 1480 AM, or you can access the broadcast over the Internet.

The JV football team plays at Ft. Meade 7 p.m. tonight.

The girls golf team will be home tonight against Hardee and at Lake Placid next Tuesday.

The boys golf team will host Charlotte on Sept. 23 and then Lake Placid Sept. 24.

The cross country team will be at Lake Placid next Tuesday.

The varsity volleyball team will be at Lake Placid tonight and at Sebring next Tuesday.

The JV volleyball team will be on the road for the next week as they travel to Lake Placid tonight, and then to North Port Sept. 21 for tournament action. They will then play at Sebring next Tuesday night.

The DeSoto Middle School gets their softball season underway with a game at Lake Placid tonight, and their first home game Sept. 23 against Sebring.

The DeSoto Middle School Panthers football team will be at Bok next Tuesday as they go for Coach McLeod's 75th win in his career at the school.

**This is the happiest sight for a football coach as DeSoto County quarterback Kari Williams kneels down for the final play of the game. The Bulldogs rolled over East Lee County 47-28.**

In their home opener, the varsity football team beat East Lee County 47-28.

The junior varsity football team lost at home to Sebring 42-0.

The varsity volleyball team lost 3-2 at Lemon Bay.

The JV volleyball team was shut out 2-0 at Lemon Bay.

The varsity volleyball team finished sixth in the Gene Gorman tournament at Charlotte last Saturday.

The DeSoto Middle School Panthers football team beat Clewiston 56-12.

The Panthers had a halftime lead of 40-0 when Coach Monte McLeod put in the reserves. With only six days of practice, McLeod was very proud of the team and their effort. There were 128 boys who tried out for the team, with a final roster of 38 players.

There have been no results reported

**Davis names new kids' fishing rods**



Fishin' Frank, owner of Fishin' Franks Bait & Tackle in Port Charlotte, has recently developed a line of fishing rods for kids. He reached out to his customers for suggestions on what to name the new fishing poles. After numerous suggestions and much deliberation, he chose Naomi Davis' submission of "Early Angler," and generously rewarded her with eight Early Angler poles. "I am beyond excited that he chose the name Early Angler, and to see it printed on the new poles is surreal!" says Naomi.

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# Avoid these stinging caterpillars

Caterpillars employ many strategies to survive. Many use crypsis — or blending in with their surroundings. Coloration, shape, or even attaching bits of plant matter helps conceal them. Some use disruptive colors and bold patterns to serve as a warning. Strategies such as dropping off a plant at the least disturbance, or hanging from a belay line, also help caterpillars survive. Other behavioral actions such as feigning an attempt to bite, regurgitating, making a noise, or even enlisting the help of other insects to defend them help caterpillars survive.

Many use hairs or bristles called setae to disguise the outline of the caterpillar. Some of those hairs are loaded with potent chemicals that can cause a painful stinging sensation.

The caterpillars' venomous spines are used to defend them from birds, lizards and other predators.

Summer and fall are prime months for caterpillars. Many caterpillars have spine-like projections that resemble stinging caterpillars but are harmless. There are no general characteristics that differentiate these from the stinging types, so it's best to learn to identify them and know their host plants.

The most common stinging caterpillars encountered in Florida are the lo moth, the Saddleback caterpillar, the Southern Flannel or Puss caterpillar and the Hag moth caterpillar. Most have three to four generations per year, and may be encountered anytime.

Caterpillars go through several molts or instars as they grow, and then finally transform into a moth or butterfly. The appearance can change with each



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instar, so learn to recognize all variations of these stinging caterpillars.

The lo moth caterpillar is pale green with yellow and red stripes. It usually exceeds two inches in length and is fairly stout-bodied. Spines are usually yellow with black tips. Ixora and rose are their favorite hosts.

The Saddleback caterpillar is brown with a green back and flanks. The green area looks like a saddle blanket, with a brown spot that looks like a saddle. This stout-bodied caterpillar has poisonous spines borne on the back of paired fleshy protuberances toward the front and hind ends. There is also a row of smaller stinging organs on each side.

The Southern Flannel Puss moth caterpillar has a convex, stout body about one inch long and is completely covered with stinging hairs intermixed with soft hairs in diffuse tufts. Color is white at first, turning dark as they mature. They feed on oak, citrus and various other shrubs and trees. The

mature caterpillar resembles a hairy plant gall. Beneath the soft hairs are stiff spines attached to poison glands. When touched, the poisonous spines break off in the skin and cause severe pain. In Florida there are at least two generations a year. It is said the Puss moth caterpillar's sting is the most intense.

The Hag moth or Monkey slug caterpillar is not as common as the other species. This unusual looking caterpillar is light to dark brown with usually nine pairs of curved and twisted projectiles which bear the stinging hairs. Some say the caterpillar resembles the shed skin of a tarantula spider. It feeds on various forest trees and ornamental shrubs.

Other less common caterpillars you may encounter include the Buck moth caterpillar which is yellow-brown to purplish-black with many small white spots and a reddish head. It feeds on oak, willow and other deciduous plants. The Spiny Oak slug caterpillar is a pale-green caterpillar about 3/4 inch long when mature. Favorite food plants include oak, willow and other deciduous plants. Purple Crested slug moth caterpillars are found in our area also.

In most cases, stinging caterpillars do not occur in large numbers. If control is needed on ornamental plants, spray young caterpillars with *Bacillus thuringiensis*. If you would like to control them mechanically, knock them off plants with a stick and squash them. But really — given the clever defenses these insects have developed, let them exist.

Individuals vary greatly in their reaction to the venom from stinging caterpillars. Initial reaction to a stinging caterpillar is a feeling of severe burning and pain, numbness, and swelling in the affected area. In addition to intense pain, you may experience difficulty with speech and breathing. Other allergic reactions may include nausea, vomiting, fever, shock and convulsions.

The sting from these caterpillars is more of a burning sensation than the intense pain associated with a bee or wasp sting. And, if the fine hairs remain on the skin, a burn-like blister soon develops.

The Poison Control Center recommends: "Place Scotch tape over the affected area and strip off repeatedly to remove spines. Apply ice packs to reduce the stinging sensation, and follow with a paste of baking soda and water. If the victim has a history of hay fever, asthma or allergy, or if allergic reactions develop, contact a physician immediately." (<http://www.poisoncentertampa.org/venomous-critters/caterpillars.aspx>)

Of course — as there are so many caterpillars with stinging hairs, just the presence of hairs, whether they sting or not, is a protective device. So there are many fuzzy caterpillars that are harmless, or give only a slight tingling sensation when touched. We remember

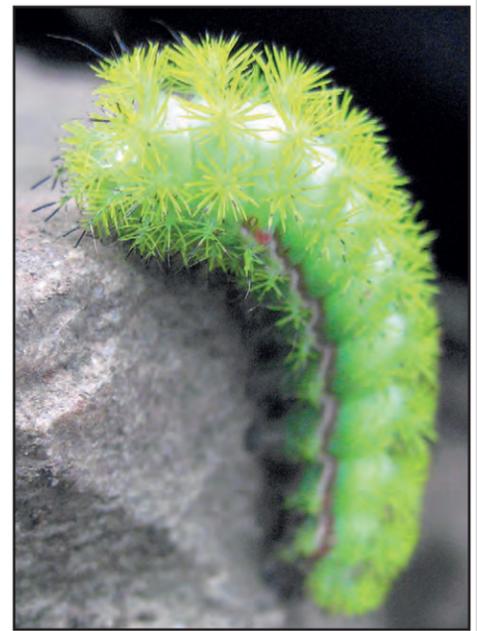


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collecting the non-stinging Woolly Bear caterpillars as children. These large black and orange banded caterpillars are frequently seen crossing roads at about the time of first frost, and folk lore is that the width of the orange band predicts the severity of the coming winter. But they come in many color variations, including all black and a light blond or rust color, and there is no correlation to weather patterns. They eat a wide variety of plants. No one knows why they cross roads; they don't need to get to the other side in search of food because they eat just about any plant.



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The first instar of the lo moth caterpillar is bright orange. They are often seen clustered on plant stems as they feed voraciously at this stage.

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## NOTICE OF ACTION 3116

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO:  
14-2013-CA-000061  
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Plaintiff,  
vs.  
PEDRO SANCHEZ A/K/A PEDRO SANCHEZ, JR.; REGINA B. WILLIAMS; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: REGINA B. WILLIAMS  
2652 SW TERRELL STREET  
ARCADIA, FL 34266  
OR  
709 OLEARY DR  
ARCADIA, FL 34266  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN  
And any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

**ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN BEING KNOWN AS ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATE IN DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, VIZ: COMMENCE AT IRON STAKE IN ROAD AT CENTER POINT OF NORTH SIDE OF BLOCK 11, RAILROAD SURVEY OF NOCATEE, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 315 FEET TO P.O.B. WEST 165 FEET, SOUTH 70 FEET, EAST 165 FEET, NORTH 70 FEET TO P.O.B. ALL IN DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT 200814000327 RECORDED ON 01/14/2008 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF DE SOTO COUNTY, FL.**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Mikael L. Hirsch, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 9th day of September, 2013.  
**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Mitzie W. McGavic  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

## NOTICE OF ACTION 3116

By: /s/ B. Wynn  
Deputy Clerk  
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## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.:  
14-2012-CA-000068  
DIVISION: 1  
SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CHAD KNIGHT, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 21, 2013 and entered in Case No. 14-2012-CA-000068 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST BANK is the Plaintiff and CHAD KNIGHT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHAD KNIGHT N/K/A SALLY KNIGHT; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 at 11:00AM, on the 8th day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:  
**LOT 10, BLOCK 1, OF SECTION 10A, OF SUNNYBREEZE HARBOR, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 84, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. AND A PORTION OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING NORTHERLY OF AND CONTIGUOUS TO LOT 10, BEING MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 10, MARKED BY AN 3/8 IRON ROD (NO ID); THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 27.09 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE IN A CONCRETE SEAWALL; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 0.5 1 FEET TO THE MOST NORTHERLY OUTSIDE EDGE OF A CONCRETE SEAWALL; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID SEAWALL, A DISTANCE OF 80.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1.0 FEET TO A 5/8 IRON ROD (NO ID); THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 26.90 FEET TO A 1/2 IRON ROD PIPE (NO ID) AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 10; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 10, A DISTANCE OF 80.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LANDS CONTAINING 2196.38 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR**

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

**LESS SAID LANDS SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
**A/K/A 8580 SW RIVIERA DRIVE, ARCADIA, FL 34269**  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 23, 2013.  
Mitzie McGavic  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/B. Wynn  
Deputy Clerk  
**See Americans with Disabilities Act** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:

**Ms. Ann Olson  
P. O. Box 48927  
Sarasota, FL 34230  
Phone: 941-861-4813  
Fax: 941-861-7810**  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION 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 pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure 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 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC., is the Plaintiff and STEPHANIE NEWMARCH; CHRISTOPHER PARKER; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendant(s). Mitzie McGavic as the Clerk of the Circuit 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 following 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, DESOTO 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 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,

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

**115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. Telephone: (863) 993-4876. At least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711.**

Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L., Attorneys for Plaintiff  
6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487  
Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-241-9181  
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## NOTICE OF SALE 3130

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

CASE NO. 2009CA000145AX  
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
PEGGY V. ELSBERRY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PEGGY V. ELSBERRY; MURRAY GUINN BENTON; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MURRAY GUINN BENTON; DOROTHY L. WEBB; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DOROTHY L. WEBB; LINDA W. NIPPER; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA W. NIPPER; HENRY R. NIPPER; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HENRY R. NIPPER; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Desoto County, Florida, described as:  
**LOT 18 AND THE SOUTH 6 FEET OF THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 4; TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTH THREE (3) FEET OF LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 49, ORIGINAL SURVEY OF THE TOWN OF ARCADIA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 67, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, South door of the courthouse facing Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 33821 at 11:00 AM, on December 3, 2013.  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 10th day of September, 2013.

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**NOTICE OF SALE  
3130**

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ B. Wynn  
Deputy Clerk  
THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED  
BY:

Law Offices of  
Daniel C. Consuegra  
9204 King Palm Drive  
Tampa, FL 33619-1328  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

**If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.** Published 9/19/13 & 9/26/13 107236 2941094

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

CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.:

2011-CA-000196

DIVISION:  
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
ANTONIO MARTINEZ, et al,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF  
RESCHEDULED SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated September 6, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2011-CA-000196 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, NA, is the Plaintiff and Carla Martinez a/k/a Carla Vanessa Martinez, Antonio Martinez, Atlantic Credit and Finance, Inc., State of Florida, Tenant #1 n/k/a Raul Hernandez, are defendants, the DeSoto County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266; www.desotoclerk.com, DeSoto County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 10th day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

**LOT 131, ELLER AND TURNER ESTATES, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 78. A/K/A 1245 SE OHIO AVE, ARCADIA, FL\* 34266-7621**

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.

/s/ Matthew Bronkema, Esq.  
FL Bar# 91329

Albertelli Law  
Attorney for Plaintiff

P.O. Box 23028  
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**If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Court's ADA Coordinator at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876 for voice or (800) 955-8771 for hearing impaired, within two working days of your receipt of this document. TDD users may also call 1-800-955-8771 for the Florida Relay Service. To file response please contact DeSoto County Clerk of Court, 115 E. Oak Street, Room 101, Arcadia, FL 34266, Tel: (863) 993-4876; Fax: (863) 993-4669. Published 9/19/13 & 9/26/13 272484 2941185**

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

**NOTICE OF SALE  
3130**

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

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**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

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

Case No. 2013-CA-000298

IBERIA BANK, successor in interest to CENTURY BANK, FSB,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
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.

and profits arising from the Lease(s) and any and all other rents, income or profits for the 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.

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Together with:

That part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the South-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, emblems 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.

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Arcadia, FL 34266  
Parcels 157/801  
Unknown Tenant  
1491 S.W. Forbes Road  
Arcadia, FL 34266  
Parcels 157/801

To all said Defendants who are living, and if any or all Defendants are deceased, the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any such deceased defendant or defendants, if alive, and, if dead, their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, legatees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any such deceased defendant or defendants, and all other parties having or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in and to the property described in the Petition, to-wit:

**F.P. NO. 1938982**  
SECTION 04020-000 STATE ROAD 35 DESOTO COUNTY DESCRIPTION PARCEL 157 ESTATE OR INTEREST TO BE OBTAINED: FEE SIMPLE -RIGHT OF WAY That portion of the southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Township 38 South, Range 24 East, Desoto County, Florida.

Being described as follows: Commence at the southwest corner of the southeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence along the south line of said Section 1, North 89°44'38" East a distance of 429.94 feet to the survey base line of State Road 35(US 17); thence along said survey base line North 19°50'32" East a distance of 868.85 feet; thence North 74°29'50" West a distance of 444.45 feet for a POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 74°29'50" West a distance of 128.78 feet; thence North 66°07'52" West a distance of 142.00 feet; thence North 15°43'47" East a distance of 308.00 feet to the south line of the northwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence along said south line North 89°52'44" East a distance of 280.00 feet; thence South 15°43'47" West a distance of 404.07 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 2.232 acres.

**F.P. NO. 1938982**  
SECTION 04020-000 STATE ROAD 35 DESOTO COUNTY DESCRIPTION PARCEL 801 ESTATE OR INTEREST TO BE OBTAINED: PERPETUAL EASEMENT That portion of the southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Township 38 South, Range 24 East, Desoto County, Florida.

Being described as follows: Commence at the southwest corner of the southeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence along the south line of said Section 1, North 89°44'38" East a distance of 429.94 feet to the survey base line of State Road 35(US 17); thence along said survey base line North 19°50'32" East a distance of 868.85 feet; thence North 74°29'50" West a distance of 33.09 feet to the northerly existing right of way line of said State Road 35 (per R/W Map Section 04020-2520) for a POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along said northerly existing right of way line South 19°50'32" West a distance of 30.00 feet; thence North 76°30'04" West a distance of 286.00 feet; thence North 74°29'50" West a distance of 154.96 feet; thence South 61°03'01" West a distance of 14.40 feet; thence North 74°29'50" West a distance of 86.81 feet; thence North 15°30'10" East a distance of 50.00 feet; thence South 74°29'50" East a distance of 540.14 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 21,001 square feet.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PERPETUAL EASEMENT IS FOR PERMANENT DRAINAGE AND ACCESS EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN DRAINAGE PIPES AND APPURTENANCES, MAINTAIN AN EXISTING DRAINAGE DITCH, TO RESURFACE A PORTION OF THE EXISTING ROADWAY (FORBES STREET) AND TO PROVIDE INGRESS AND EGRESS FROM US 17 (SR 35) TO THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY (S.M.F. POND 6). You are each notified that the Petitioner filed its sworn Petition and its Declaration of Taking in this

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Court against you as defendants, seeking to condemn by eminent domain proceedings the above described property located in the State of Florida, County of DESOTO.

You are further notified that the Petitioner will apply to the Honorable Don T. Hall, one of the Judges of this Court on the 18th day of November, 2013, at 2:30 P.M., at the Desoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Room 101, Arcadia, Florida, for an Order of Taking in this cause. All defendants to this suit may request a hearing at the time and place designated and be heard. Any defendant failing to file a request for hearing shall waive any right to object to the Order of Taking.

AND Each defendant is hereby required to serve written defenses, if any, and request a hearing, if desired, to said Petition on:

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL 801 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830 c/o Kenneth L. Hadley, Assistant General Counsel (863)519-2623

on or before the 21st day of October and file the originals with the Clerk of this Court on that date, to show cause what right, title, interest, or lien you or any of you have in and to the property described in the Petition and to show cause, if any you have, why the property should not be condemned for the uses and purposes set forth in the Petition. If you fail to answer, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. If you fail to request a hearing on the Petition for Order of Taking you shall waive any right to object to said Order of Taking. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court on the day of 11 day of September, A.D., 2013. Mitzie W. McGavic

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Marlene Harris Deputy Clerk (S E A L) **"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 9/19/13 & 9/26/13 109283 2941078

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS**

The City of Arcadia, Florida (the "City") hereby provides notice, pursuant to section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the Incorporated area of the City, for the cost of providing fire and stormwater services commencing for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2014 and continuing until discontinued by the City. The City will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 1, 2013 at the Council Chambers, 23 N. Polk Avenue, Arcadia, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the Clerk's office, City Hall, 23 N. Polk Avenue, Arcadia, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the City with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is

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made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk at (863) 494-4114 at least a week prior to the date of the hearing.

DATED this 23rd day of August, 2013. 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

**AUCTIONS**  
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Farm, Ranch, Construction Misc tools, Equip Auction Saturday, October 5th 9am **NOW ACCEPTING EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENTS** Lee Civic Center 11831 Bayshore Rd. N. Ft. Myers, FL 33391 Frank E Land, Auctioneer www.landauctionservice.com (239) 936-4121 AB2084/AU2814 **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!**

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# Ice cream social downtown on Saturday

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

There was a time when ice cream wasn't available in every grocery or corner store. You could only have the delicious cold treat if you made it yourself. So an ice cream party was a special occasion.

The ice cream social of the late 1800s recalls a time in America when lives were slower, times were simpler, and people learned to appreciate the special things in life.

Turn back your own clock on Saturday and enjoy an old-fashioned ice cream social sponsored by Team Arcadia. Starting at 5 p.m. and running



through 8 p.m., Team Arcadia will be serving up bowls or cones of ice cream plus a variety of toppings at the Tree of Knowledge Park in downtown Arcadia.

You can listen to the beautiful tones of the Suncoast Dulcimer Society of Punta Gorda. And remember, the monthly Classic Car Show is also going on that night so you can stroll around some iron beauties while enjoying your frozen treat.

The cost is only \$2 a serving (so go ahead — treat yourself to two or three scoops!). Proceeds will benefit Team Arcadia's various projects, including work to renovate the Lake Katherine Park, and the Holiday Tour of Homes coming Dec. 14.

## CLOSER LOOK

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with staff, who were observed sitting idle under a tree for 30 minutes.

- Aug. 15, 2013: First warning for leaving a section of sidewalk on Cypress unrepaired for two weeks after replacing a meter.

- Aug. 16, 2013: Cordes was cited in March and again in August for burning PVC, Fiberglass and other unpermitted material in a burn pit. The form notes one more instance will be grounds for termination.

- Aug. 23, 2013: File memo indicates Cordes allowed staff he supervised to be "on-call" for more than the two days allowed, for which they expected extra pay. Cordes had been told about the "on-call" policy in February; a memo notes the city was paying more than \$43,000 per year just in on-call pay. On Sept. 10, he was placed on 30 days probation.

- Aug. 28, 2013: Citizen complained about damage to her car from a pothole. Cordes reportedly told his workers the city no longer fixes potholes, which Public Works director said was not true.

- Aug. 30, 2013: A resident complained that city staff using the claw truck tore up her yard and asked for repairs. Cordes was requested to have someone repair the damage by Sept. 5. The work was not done by that date. On Sept. 6, Cordes said he had to find sod to fix the yard. He was given three warnings on this; as a result, his employment was terminated effective Sept. 9.

- Sept. 7, 2013: Memo states he had not satisfied any corrective plan and his "attitude and work manner has gotten progressively worse."

- Sept. 10, 2013: A memo notes Public Works head was told Cordes was "willfully & intentionally being disobedient & insubordinate and not following directives & lying to the public, council & his own staff."

He also directed them to write letter to council that included lies about administration." This was the third warning; he was being terminated, was not eligible for rehire and would lose all his benefits. Termination letter dated Sept. 9 said he had "intentionally create(d) a hostile work environment for your staff by lying to them about the City's future ..."

**Steve Underwood — General Services Director, hired in 1989**

- June 27, 2013: Underwood had his son's vehicle in city garage being repaired by city staff using city tools and supplies, a violation of city rules and state statute.

- July 9, 2013: "Displays disdain toward safety meeting committee; ... makes smart remarks, rolls his eyes, ... acts as if safety ... is not a concern."

- Aug. 5, 2013: Cited for not managing staff vacations.
- Aug. 20, 2013: Cited for using profane language and "disrespectful and intolerable behavior" after complaining about being "micro-managed."

- Aug. 27, 2013: Did electrical and structural work at mobile home park clubhouse without getting a building permit; third warning.

- Aug. 28, 2013: Cited for violating on-call policy and incurring extra costs for the city.

- July 9, 2013: Memo list a corrective action plan for Underwood, including: learn that disruptive, insubordinate behavior is not tolerated, learn that a supervisor cannot be a friend at work.

- Sept. 3, 2013: Asked to evaluate putting an old claw truck back into service, he failed to thoroughly examine it and as a result it broke down because seals were not inspected.

- Sept. 4, 2013: Memo outlining various issues including in-call policy violations; using profane language to supervisor; allowing worker to wear tattered, ratty clothing; unprofessional attitude, combative and aggressive.

- Sept. 6, 2013: Disciplined for "willfully & intentionally being disobedient & insubordinate ..." On this and several other Disciplinary Action Forms, it is noted "Refused to sign."

## ARRESTED

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release states. "These checks ranged in value from \$200 to \$3,000. Check images were not available prior to 2006, so it is unknown whether Lee wrote checks to himself before that time."

Lee was elected to the office of City Marshal in 2001.

"Investigators believe that of the \$151,100, only \$6,100 may have been used for expenses related to legitimate police department work. Agents were unable to identify any legitimate use for the remaining \$145,000.

In a July 11 interview, Lee told FDLE

Agents he began misusing funds in approximately 2006 to "maintain his standard of living," the report states.

"Lee also stated that when he learned of the pending audit, he attempted to create fictitious documents to conceal theft from the accounts."

Lee's salary as of the time of his resignation was \$79,934.

Lee was arrested at the Desoto County Sheriff's Office around 11:35 a.m. Wednesday and booked into the DeSoto County jail on a \$41,500 bond. His arrest was listed on the sheriff's website, but no picture was included under a state law exempting former law officers from having their photos included.

The Office of the State Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit will prosecute this case.

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# DEATHS

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## Wanda Kay Browning

Wanda Kay Browning, 65, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013.

She was born in Cadiz, Ky., Nov. 21, 1947, to Kenneth and Martha Banister Hall.

Wanda moved to Arcadia, from Kentucky, 25 years ago and worked for Bright Hour Ranch for 22 years. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, her many cats and playing piano. Wanda had a heart of gold, a contagious smile and fought a courageous battle with her illness. She was a loving mother, wife, sister, grandma and friend to many and will be deeply missed.

Wanda is survived by her husband of 21 years, Zeb Browning Jr. of Arcadia; her "Sweet Pea" daughter, Sonya Shellhouse of Punta Gorda, Fla., stepsons, Justin Browning of Arcadia, Jarrett Browning of Fort Myers, Fla.; brother, Ken Hall of Kentucky; sister, Alice (Ken) Lunte of Kentucky; and grandson, Austin R. Browning.

A visitation was held Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, at First Baptist Church of Arcadia. The funeral service followed with Pastor Matt Clayton officiating. She was laid to rest at Caldwell Blue Springs Cemetery in Cadiz. Online condolences can be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

Arrangements are by Ponger Kays Grady Funeral Home of Arcadia.

## Mary R. Edwards

Mary R. (nee Daughtrey) Edwards, 83, of Fort Ogden, Fla., passed away peacefully Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013.

She was born Jan. 18, 1930, in Fort Ogden to Julius and Palma Daughtrey.

Mary graduated from DeSoto High School in 1948. She went on to raise three daughters and served as Postmistress at the El Jobean Post Office for 37 years until she retired in 2006. Mary truly loved and enjoyed all the cats and dogs that found their way into her life over the years and made sure to take care of the birds and squirrels in her yard. She was a very loving daughter, mother, grandmother and friend and will be deeply missed.

Mary is survived by her three daughters, Mary L. Edwards of Port Charlotte, Fla., Florence J. Edwards of Port Charlotte, and Edwina R. Edwards of Fort Ogden; grandson, Jordan Chatham of Columbia, S.C.; three great-grandsons; and many friends that she considered family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Julius and Palma (nee Thomas) Daughtrey.

A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013, at First Baptist Church of Fort Ogden. The funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Wayne Earnest officiating. Burial will follow at Fort Ogden Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or Suncoast Humane Society, 6781 San Casa Dr., Englewood, FL 34224, [www.suncoasthumane.org](http://www.suncoasthumane.org) in Mary's name. Online condolences can be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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The family would like to thank Virginia Tooker, Mom's caregiver, who was always there for her and Fred and Kelly Brandon, who are always a source of inspiration and comfort.

## Lawrence A. Grantham

Lawrence A. Grantham, 78, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Friday, Aug. 30, 2013.

He was born Feb. 7, 1935, in Live

Oak, Fla.

Lawrence lived in Wauchula, Fla., for awhile, prior to moving to Arcadia 45 years ago. He worked as a supervisor for the Florida Department of Transportation, where he oversaw the maintenance of the highways. Lawrence enjoyed riding his golf cart around the neighborhood, meeting and making new friends and keeping up with old friends. He loved the times he spent with his family. Lawrence enjoyed gardening and doing things with his grandchildren. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and was of the Baptist faith, attending services at the Ft. Ogden First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Helen Grantham of Arcadia; sons, David L. (Ellen McIntosh) Grantham of Arcadia, and Tracy Lee (Dena) Grantham of Dadeville, Ala.; daughter, Carolyn (Lowell Roberts) Rayl of Sneads, Fla.; brother, Richard C. (Elizabeth) Grantham Sr. of Wauchula; sisters, Betty G. (James M. "Mack") Windham, and Louise Grantham Marchesini, both of Warner Robbins, Ga.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Lawrence is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Clarence, and Dora Elizabeth Raulerson Grantham.

Visitation was held Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013, from the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia, FL. Funeral services followed with the Rev. Jerry Atkins officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Mid-South Division, Inc., Attn: Shirley Waters, 1100 Ireland Way, Suite 300, Birmingham, AL 35205. Online condolences can be made at [pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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

## William Irl Boggess

William Irl "Bill" Boggess, 79, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2013, with his family by his side, after a long illness.



He served in the United States Air Force, and was honorably discharged in 1957. After discharge from the Air Force, he settled back in his hometown of Fort Ogden, Fla., where he worked in construction for many



years. The remainder of William's working years was spent on the family farm, growing citrus and working cattle. He was a lifetime member of Fort Ogden Baptist Church, and a member of the American Legion, the Florida Farm Bureau and the Florida Cattlemen's Association.

William is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Diane Boggess; his children, Richard (Annette) Boggess, Steven (Heather) Boggess, Julie (Dale) Johnson, David (Cheryl) Sunnarborg, Duane (Tara) Sunnarborg and Dawn Sunnarborg; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Will Frank Boggess and Mavis Martin Boggess; his sisters, Janice (Jim) Brewer and Jean (Edward) Williams; and recently by his brother, Robert "Del" (Nancy) Boggess.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, 2013, at Fort Ogden Baptist Church, 9500 S.W. Hull Ave., Arcadia, Fla. Burial will immediately follow at Fort Ogden Cemetery. Please visit William's tribute wall at [www.schelmfh.com](http://www.schelmfh.com) to share memories and to send condolences to the Boggess family.

Preferred donations may be made in loving memory of William to the Fort Ogden Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 157, Fort Ogden, FL 34267.

Arrangements are by Paul Schelm Funeral Home, Lake Suzy, Fla.

# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4

## 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. What has happened to the City of Arcadia is funds have apparently been mismanaged, and now the City Council is doing their level best to keep the state from coming in and auditing the books to find this out. Maybe an audit is just what this city needs. This way, the residents of the city that are paying the taxes will know just where the money has gone. Especially the money for the services they have been paying for and not receiving.

A question for Councilman Fink. Why did you leave North Port?

A suggestion for Councilman Fink and the other city councilmen for that matter. If you are so worried about the city, then let's see you offer to give back your salaries. That would be a start to funds going back into the "reserve fund."

In closing I would like to say this. There are a lot of areas of the city budget that need to be looked into and trimmed before talk of doing away with something as important to the property owners and citizens of Arcadia as the police department is even an idea. Some of these areas I have noted above, and there are a lot more that can be added to this list before we do away with the police department.

Joey Suggs  
Arcadia

# FOOTBALL

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struggling. This would be an excellent time to get a few points on the board and even if they don't win, at least show improvement. They need that to build their confidence and continue believing in themselves.

One player told me that, "There are too many players who want to freelance and not do what they are supposed to do. The team needs to come together. We've got a lot of new guys who haven't played before and they need time to get better."

Lineman Chance Miller is one of

the players who believes in the team and knows they will get better. As he walked off of the field after the loss he was passionate when he said, "We will be better once we come together. We're just as good as them, we just beat ourselves!" he exclaimed. "We all have to work together, the line and everybody. We have to stop the fumbles and interceptions. I believe that in the next game and through the season we will get better!"

There is a man to follow and when the team does work together they will get better, it just takes time. So players, parents and fans, stay behind these young men and encourage them. Give them something to believe in and good things will happen.

# BULLDOGS

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of defensive players on his back and punishing Jaguar tacklers. He left a lot of East Lee County players sore after the game.

Williams also was outstanding on the night, throwing four touchdowns. In fact, half of his completions went for touchdowns! He hit Dawayne "Pooh" Hearn twice in the first half for touchdowns. One was from 13 yards out while the other covered 74 yards of real estate. Williams also connected with

Tajahs Jackson from 20 and 14 yards for scores. His four touchdowns was a first in his football career. "I can't remember ever doing that before, maybe in practice or something," he said. He finished the game with 139 yards on eight-of-13 passing.

Jackson also intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown in the fourth quarter to close out the scoring for DeSoto County.

## Defense raises concerns

While it was nice to see the scoreboard man work overtime, the DeSoto defense caused concern for the second

straight week. They allowed 35 points last week in their win over Lehigh and 28 against East Lee County. That's not the kind of "smash mouth" defense DeSoto fans are used to seeing, especially against teams not known for scoring much this season. You can't expect a team to score more than 40 points a game like the Bulldogs have the past two weeks.

"We have flashes of doing the right thing and then we have blank spots," Egloff said. "We made strides from last week and we're a work in progress; hopefully we'll be better next week."

Machale Harville, one of the cornerstones of the Bulldog defense, told the team in their post game huddle, "That scoreboard wasn't what it was supposed to be. They weren't supposed to score all night. Next week we've got to turn it up."

Egloff told the team, "It was nice to get a victory tonight, but next week (district game) we've got to win. If we are 1-0 in the district then we're in the driver's seat. Tonight we did a great job on a lot of things. I want to tell you that you can be so much better."

As long as Gordon is smiling, the Bulldogs will keep on rolling. The defense needs to step it up Friday as the Bulldogs travel to Booker for a 7:30



Bulldogs quarterback Kari Williams had a great night through the air against the Jaguars, throwing for 139 yards and four touchdowns in the Bulldogs 47-28 romp.



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Running back Terrell Gordon freezes an East Lee County defender as he makes a cut during a run. Gordon rushed for 255 yards and two touchdowns in the Bulldogs 47-28 win.

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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
<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>East Lee County</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>28</b>
Sept. 20	Booker	Away	7:30pm		
<b>Sept. 27</b>	<b>North Port</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>		

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	Us	Them
<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>Bayshore</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>		
<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>Frostproof</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>		
<b>Oct. 18</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>		
Nov. 1	Hardee	Away	7:00pm		
<b>Nov. 8</b>	<b>Bradén River</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>		



The DeSoto County Bulldogs take the field in their home opener against East Lee County.



Terrell Gordon had a stellar night running the ball, rushing for 255 yards and two touchdowns against the Jaguars.

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Bulldogs quarterback Kari Williams takes off on a run during the game. Williams threw four touchdowns on the night, helping the Bulldogs defeat the Jaguars 47-28.



The Bulldogs cheerleaders and mascot did a great job keeping the crowd entertained throughout the game.

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