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Slaughter tabbed as interim manager

By **STEVE BAUER**

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Arcadia City Council voted unanimously to appoint City Planner Tom Slaughter as Arcadia's interim administrator.

The move comes after the council formally accepted current City Administrator Judi Jankosky's resignation, which is effective Friday. Councilman Joe Fink said since Jankosky has made it clear she will not change her mind and stay, the



SLAUGHTER

council should begin the process of finding a permanent replacement. In the meantime, he urged the board to appoint Slaughter for the interim position.

"We need to take effective action on this, and I believe Tom would be a good choice considering he is familiar with many of the issues Jankosky has been working on," he said.

The council then approved Fink's motion 4-0 (Councilman Keith Keene was absent due to the recent death of his mother).

In accepting the position, Slaughter noted he has held the interim role before in other cities, and having the support and cooperation of city staff is the key to a smooth transition.

"I've done this six times in the 18 years I've been in city government, and while I am happy to accept this appointment, I will say sometimes

they go smooth and sometimes not," he said.

Mayor Alice Frierson then requested staff work closely with Slaughter during the transition period, noting individuals such as City Clerk Gia Lancaster can be of particular help to him.

"I like that people such as Gia are in place to assist Tom, and I would hope he uses any internal resources available to him to make this

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An outsider's perspective

By **STEVE BAUER**

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

Editor's note: This is part one of a three-part series exploring DeSoto County's struggles to attract visitors, businesses and new residents to the area, and what local residents and organizations are doing to counter the problem.

Punta Gorda resident Kathy Nichols distinctly remembers her first visit to Arcadia, and her memories of the experience are anything but pleasant.

"Our friends are big into antiquing and they asked my husband and me if we wanted to take a day trip to Arcadia to shop," she said. "We were very excited to go because they were telling us what a hidden treasure this place was, with its unique shops and downtown area."

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Nichols' excitement quickly faded, however, when they arrived in Nocatee while traveling on U.S. Highway 17.

"My first reaction was to make sure the car doors were locked," she



Rusted roof, overgrown vegetation, crumbling drive

recalled. "Coming from Punta Gorda, we only drove for 20 minutes but it felt like we had entered an entirely different world. Our experience downtown was enjoyable, but if it wasn't at our friends' urging, we never would have made it that far into town." Nichols admits she has not been back to the area since her initial visit, and has no plans to do so.

Unfortunately, Nichols' first impression of DeSoto County and Arcadia while traveling from the south is all too common. On what will soon be a four-lane highway running directly into Arcadia, dozens of dilapidated buildings, empty lots littered with rusted cars and machinery and shuttered or shady-looking businesses greet outsiders upon their arrival. In the five-mile stretch from Nocatee to Arcadia, visitors are frequently reminded why the county is the poorest in the state.

"There's no question it's a huge eyesore, and trying to figure out

exactly where to start when it comes to improving that area is an overwhelming exercise," said County Coordinator Mandy Hines. "

Historical landmarks?

Many of the cringeworthy structures scattered along 17 were originally built as company houses for a stump plant in Nocatee. The plant is long gone, but the decaying buildings remain, either occupied by low-income individuals or boarded up and abandoned. When the Florida Department of Transportation announced plans to expand U.S. 17 to four lanes through the area, it seemed like a perfect opportunity to use the properties to make room. During the planning process, however, it was learned that because the buildings are more than 50 years old, they are

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On U.S. 17 north of Nocatee

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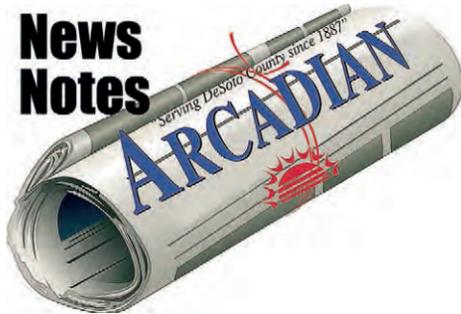
Members of the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce will be groovin' to the oldies Saturday for the Chamber's annual membership dinner.

Find your brightest tie-dye T-shirt and your bell bottoms, man, and come on down to the Elks Lodge starting at 6 p.m. For very little bread, man — only \$35 per person or \$60 per couple for Chamber members— you can have a far-out time with dinner, live music, a silent auction and raffle. Wowie-zowie, you won't want to miss this heavy event. Don't forget your love beads and peace sign necklace.

For more information on Groovin' With the Chamber, call 863-494-4033.

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Hippies of all kinds will be groovin' Saturday at the Elks Lodge for the annual Chamber of Commerce membership dinner.



For the little stories that don't fill an entire article ...

Helping Out: A representative from the Arcadia Center for the Needy stopped in our office one morning to tell us their cupboards were almost bare, and they were desperate to get more food, clothing and other

necessities to serve those in need. We posted it on our Facebook page. Before the day ended, we received a call from a woman who was in charge of a yard sale being held as a fundraiser that weekend. She said whatever they had left over from their sale, they would like to give to the center. We got her in touch with the Center for the Needy — they are grateful for the kind donations and took a truck out there to get the remaining items. Someone can use them. Now that's how to play matchmaker!

The Other Arcadia: A woman from Arizona called to tell us her neighbor, who was originally from Arcadia, had recently passed away. The caller, being a good neighbor, was helping to go through her friend's things to help pack them and clear the house. She ran across a number of items about Arcadia — old photos, newspaper clippings and the like — that had little intrinsic value but seemed to be of some historical interest. So she called the paper to see who we might recommend she contact. We put her in touch with Carol Mahler who staffs the research library for the Historical Society. It was only when Carol gave the woman her address that she realized ... she had the wrong Arcadia. Her friend had been from Arcadia, Indiana.

And Another Arcadia: (AP) An Ohio judge says a man who stood before him in court is still legally dead. Donald Miller Jr. was declared dead in 1994, eight years after he disappeared from his home in Arcadia, Ohio.

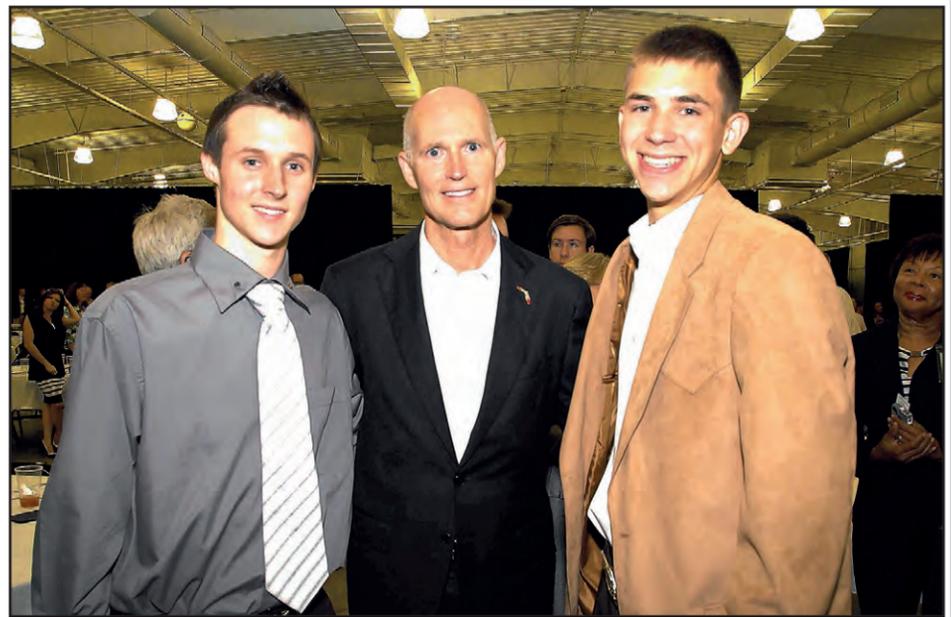
Miller resurfaced about eight years ago and went to court this week to have the ruling changed.

His former wife opposes the move. She says she doesn't have the money to repay the Social Security benefits that were paid out to her and their two children after Miller was declared dead.

The local newspaper in Findlay, Ohio reported she claims Miller vanished in the 1980s to skip out on child support payments.

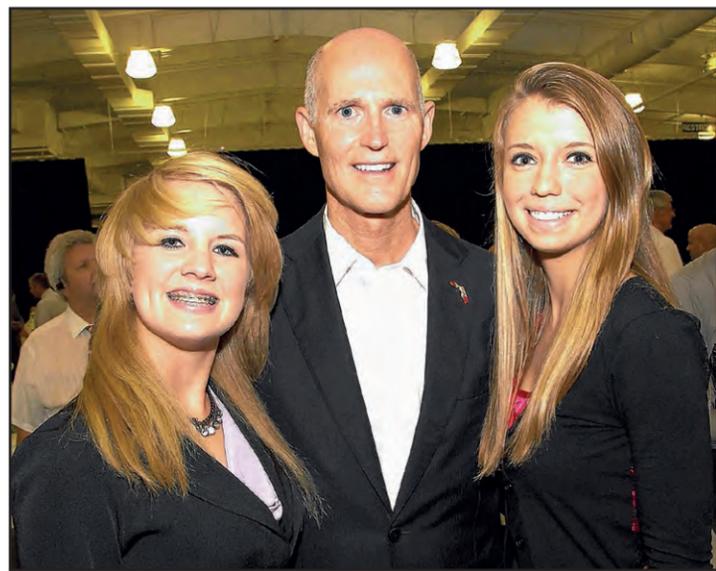
A local judge who denied Miller's request for a reversal of the death ruling calls it a "strange, strange situation."

DeSoto school reps meet with Governor

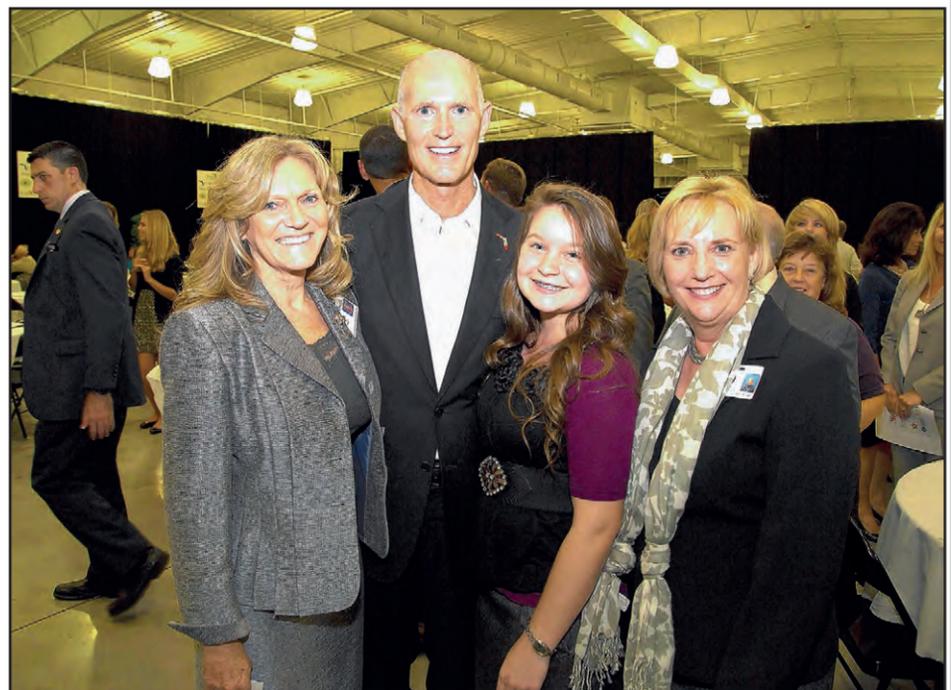


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Gov. Rick Scott, center, poses with Parker Brown and a STEM student on the left.



DeSoto student Eve Pence, left, poses with Gov. Rick Scott and a STEM student. Recently, DeSoto School representatives from the school board, administration and student body had dinner with Gov. Scott to learn about education issues.



DeSoto County School District representatives, along with some students, recently had a chance to meet with Gov. Rick Scott, have dinner with him, and discuss education. Shown here are, from left, School Board member Karen Chancey, Gov. Scott, Governor Scott, Jami Westberry and School Superintendent Karyn Gary.

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Mt. Zion event celebrates survivors



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Ernestine Simons organized the Women's Fellowship "Fighting Back," held Saturday at Mt. Zion AME Church. The event commemorated those who had lost their battles with cancer, celebrated those who had won, and enlightened women about cancer and domestic violence issues.



Janet Preston, left, and Cindy Siegel at the Mt. Zion event Saturday. Preston is organizing "Strolling for a Cure" on Nov. 2 at The Bluffs golf course to help raise money for mammograms and PSA tests for local residents; email her at jataney@hotmail.com for details. Siegel is serving as the Mission Chair for the Relay for Life committee.



Lucy Blue, Emma Davis, Cindy Siegel and Ernestine Simon, members of the woman in fellowship ministry, celebrate the lives of those who lost their battles with cancer. Emma Davis receives a plaque in memory of her family member, Juanita Davis.



Bob Jones and Emma Davis sign the memory board in honor of family and friends who have lost their battles with cancer. An event to spread awareness of cancer and domestic violence issues was held Saturday at Mt. Zion AME Church.

Links2Success helps students gain skills

By **ASHLEY COONE**
LINKS2SUCCESS

Links2Success of DeSoto County is excited to launch a new program with the help of a \$2,000 donation from South Florida State College's Foundation. The program — The Links2Success First Year Retention Program — will promote student academic success and retention for local college students.

The program will facilitate the development of student success skills for DeSoto High School graduates enrolled at SFSC's DeSoto Campus. It

is designed to equip first-year students with resources necessary for them to achieve their academic goals.

Students participating in the program are eligible for a scholarship for the Fall and Spring semesters of their first year at SFSC. The first scholarships will be awarded in May of 2014. Applications will be available through the DeSoto High School guidance department in Spring, 2014.

"We are truly excited to launch this program, said Ashley Coone, Links2Success President. "Some of the obstacles that students face in their first

year of college are the struggles to manage their time, not utilizing resources, having to study for the first time ever and more. This often leads to discouragement, failures, and ultimately to a student dropping out", she said.

"This program is specifically designed to hold their hand of sorts and equipped them with necessary skills to succeed in the future," said Coone. "It's important to note, this happens

to many students; even those who are extremely bright can struggle with managing their time."

The program will provide students with college success skills through workshops that concentrate on being organized, studying, note-taking, goal-planning and more. For more information about this and other Links2Success programs, call Board President, Ashley Coone at 863-990-0527 or visit www.links2success.org.



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Pictured are SFSC Foundation Director Paul Seusy; SFSC Foundation's Director of Planned and Major Giving, Jane Hancock; Links2Success Board President, Ashley Coone; Director of the SFSC Desoto Campus, Suzanne Demers; and Director William A. Hackney Jr.

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OUR VIEW

Let the healing begin

Our view: Council has taken positive steps toward making Arcadia better.

Tuesday's City Council was the first step in the healing process. We are very encouraged with the steps council took to deal with the vacant city administrator's position.

We commend Mayor Alice Frierson for acknowledging the good work Judi Jankosky did during her tenure here. Although many pleaded for Jankosky to stay, in the end she chose not to. So now comes the task of filling her chair.

The task is going to be more challenging because the Range Riders rejected Arcadia's bid for their assistance. The Range Riders, retired municipal managers, often offer their services for no charge to cities that need help in hiring key people. In this case, though, they turned Arcadia down, citing a lack of volunteers to help with the task. But they also noted the difficulty of trying to work with a divided council.

So now council must forge ahead on its own, but Tuesday's meeting was more civil and cordial than we've seen lately. Councilman Joe Fink came up with two good suggestions which garnered support.

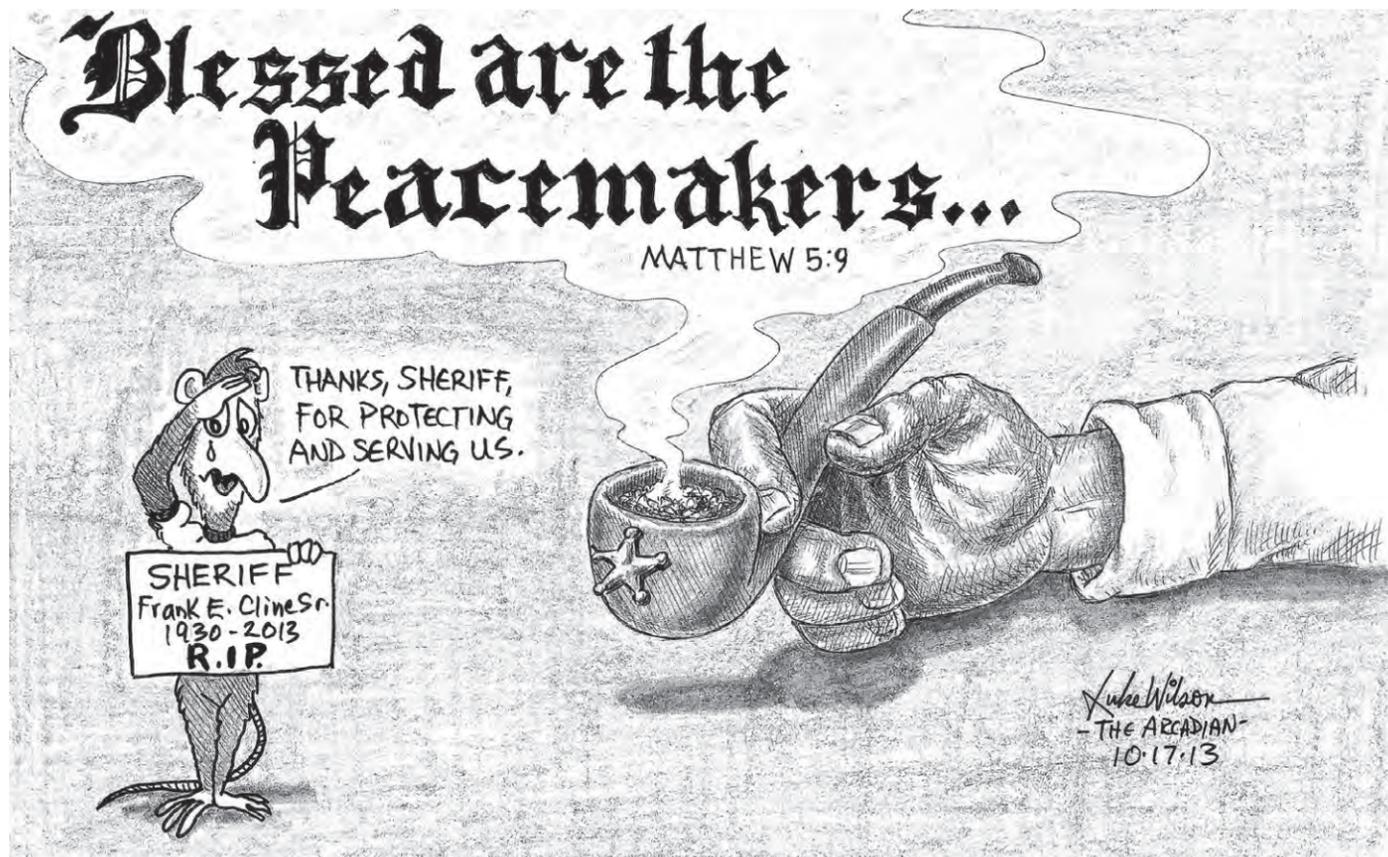
First, he suggested Tom Slaughter be named to serve as interim administrator until a permanent person can be hired. Slaughter is currently the city's planner, and he has a wealth of experience in municipal government, having served in North Port for many years before coming to Arcadia. He seems to get along well with everyone and is familiar with Arcadia's issues, so he can hit the ground running. Luckily, he received unanimous approval from council.

Fink's second idea was to create a citizen advisory committee to help review resumes as they come in from candidates for the administrator's job. Each council member could recommend interested citizens who would conscientiously review the resumes and pick the most qualified and best suited applicants. Again, the suggestion was warmly received. (If you're interested, let a council member know you'd like to be considered for the panel.)

These are positive signs of accord in what had been a divided council, and we hope the good will and cooperation continue. Arcadia will need strong leadership in the days ahead, and the steps taken Tuesday night show maturity and careful consideration. With Slaughter's help and citizen input, we can begin righting this listing ship.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Council may have sounded death knell for antiques fair

Editor:

The city council of our town has mandated that the antique fair be moved to the middle of the street and is drafting an ordinance supposedly to forbid any club or organization from using the sidewalk again for any purpose.

This was brought about because the council has more important things to do than listen to the petty squabbling. The aforementioned squabbling is due to some relatively new business owners who feel that they have the right to

take advantage of someone else's hard work and reap the benefits, in setting up their own vendors in and around their own shop with no permits, no insurance and no right to do so.

The no-brainer answer would seem to be "this Saturday event is sponsored by the Antique Association so back off." Not the case. What if the Watermelon Festival got permission to have their festival downtown? Would I, as a shop owner be allowed to throw some watermelon potholders out in front of my shop and infringe on their event for free?

There is usually an entry fee in the Christmas parade if people want

to participate. But wait. I should be allowed to "rain on their parade" because this is a public street! But again, the city council has bowed to pressure of a few loud voices and has now mandated that the antique fair be moved from our shady sidewalks into the boiling sun of the street and that the only two-way main street with on-street parking convenient to shops will be closed for the day.

After 18 years of building an event that has put Arcadia on the map, this action will very probably be the death of the antique fair. None of our loyal

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GRITS & PIECES

Of beards, bones, and baloney

Last week we resurrected some words from the dead, and this week we will finish up what we started. I don't know that I'd call them zombie words, even though Halloween is fast approaching. And certainly they can't be considered "undead" because they've been laid to rest for so long that it's likely they'll never be finding their way back into our vocabularies. Anyhow, here's a few more fun ones I dug up ...

You may not recognize "snapper-back," but you may be seeing one every Sunday. That is, if you watch football. Today, the position is called the center, and he, of course, is the guy who hikes or hands the ball to the quarterback at the beginning of each play. When I was a kid playing sandlot football, we called it "hupping" the ball. Maybe that's because the quarterback would call the play and then say, "Hup it on three," and then try to fake out the defense by rattling off other digits. "Hup nine, hup seven, hup three!" And that was followed by lots of collisions of young boys with bony elbows, hard heads and stinky feet.

Another of our lost words that you are likely know when you see it in action (especially if you live in a rural region) is the "clawscrum." Sounds like



Grits & Pieces

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some kind of scary monster from a B movie, doesn't it? It is defined as "an old tree which cattle rub themselves against." I've seen it a million times, and will confess that I am guilty of employing one of them myself. Door frames and wall corners make great backscratchers too, but I wouldn't recommend letting your cows use them.

If you were told to go fetch a "sneer-ag," what would you come back with? If I didn't know better, I'd bring them a box of Kleenexes, guessing that they had a snootful of snot that needed evacuating. Much stranger than that — it's a child's toy of yore, made of the larger bone of a pig's foot and a couple of pieces of string. I'm not sure how it's assembled, but working the strings apparently produces a snoring sound. And now I'd like to hear one in action. Also, next time your kids complain about their toys, remind them of what

children played with back in the day.

Did you men know that you can become "woman-tired?" No, this doesn't mean that you've been married too many times and have sworn off them. It's another term for being henpecked. Of course, none of us has fallen victim to that, though we believe there are others who are in the throes of it. Stay strong and keep ruling the roost, my brothers!

How many folks suffer from "pogonophobia?" When I first saw this word, I thought it might be defined as being scared of Walt Kelly's famous possum comic strip character, Pogo, or to be terrified to take a ride on a pogo stick. I was wrong on both counts. Seems it is a fear of beards, of all things. With that being said, I'm guessing the wildly popular TV show "Duck Dynasty" would be like a horror movie to those poor folks suffering from this affliction. And that's a fact, Jack!

Well, I've taken up enough of your time this morning, being the "raw gabbit" that I am. This defines one who speaks confidently on subjects of which they are ignorant. So if there was a dictionary of these long-lost words lying around, and you looked that up, you'd likely find my bearded mug shot next to it. Don't look, though, if you have pogonophobia!

4-H treats residents to Halloween party

Desoto Care Assisted Living residents got a surprise visit from the 4-H Community Club Saturday evening. Shown are Ever Mathewson, Izzibella Rock, Myla Petty John, Giovanni Barajas, Julian Cendejas and Jasmine Torres with Melinda Crites, Home Administrator. The children from the DeSoto County 4-H Community Club partnered with the American Red Cross.



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Blindfolded Izzi Rock searches for apples while blindfolded in a twist on "bobbing for apples." Looking on are Melinda Crites, Vivian Dysko (assisting Izzi), Giovanni Barajas and Ever Mathewson.

Melinda Crites assists Vivian Dysko in bobbing for apples during the Halloween party staged by the 4-H Community Club.



Julian Cendejas of the 4-H Community Club, and Vivian Dysko of DeSoto Care ALF, enjoy the Halloween party staged by the 4-H members for the residents.



The 4-H Community Club threw a Halloween party Saturday for residents at DeSoto Care Assisted Living. Taking part were, from left, Vivian Dysko, James Rock, Jasmine Torres, Mavis Cambell, Myla Petty John, Izzibella Rock, Ever Mathewson and Dorothy Driscoll.

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• Notice: The Lettuce Lake Boat Ramp will be closed starting Nov. 1 for up to six months, through May 1, while the new boat ramp is constructed.

NOTE: All area codes are 863 unless otherwise indicated.

■ TODAY

- The DeSoto County High School cheerleaders are hosting a spaghetti dinner on Oct. 17. Only \$6 per dinner. Pickup is between 5:30-7 p.m. at Richard Bowers Stadium and you'll get to see performances by the cheerleaders when you come for your dinner.
- Salvation Army will hold its holiday registration for Arcadia residents from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at Alpha & Omega Church, 1022 Oak St., Arcadia. Call 941-629-5950 for a list of documents you must bring.
- Well known local cowboy artist, Larry Hudson, will exhibit his paintings of Florida ranching and other landscapes at the Martin Art Gallery, for its 13th season of art showings. The exhibit opens with an artist's reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at the gallery, 207 E. Magnolia Ave. (at the Florida Outdoor Properties office). The exhibit will be open to the public through Nov. 17. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Peace River Audubon Society meets at 6:30 p.m. today at First Alliance Church, 20444 Midway Blvd. in Port Charlotte. Speaker will be Stephanie Green, Senior Land Management Specialist with SWFWMD. For details, visit www.PeaceRiverAudubon.org.
- The Howard and Velma Melton Historical Research Library is open in the Ingraham Seed House, 120 W. Whidden Street: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays (except for the second Thursday of the month), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month, and by appointment: 863-445-0789. • Coastal Conservation Association Peace River Chapter is holding a Banquet at the Turner Center on Oct. 17. For more information call Adam Miller 941-270-0895.
- Caregiver support group meets at 1:30 p.m. at DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at DeSoto Memorial Hospital Medical Plaza, 1006 N. Mills Ave., Arcadia. For more information, call DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at 494-8432 or Hospice of Southwest Florida at 993-0662.
- The Family Safety Alliance meeting for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. at the McClure Center, 4215 Concept Court, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call 941-316-6009.
- Drop-in Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m.-5:15 p.m., registration and yoga tea; 5:15-6:15 p.m., yoga class. Come enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
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■ FRIDAY

- 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

- Toys for Tots will hold a Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Oct. 19 at the Arcadia Municipal Golf Course. \$200 team entry fee, 4-man scramble + toy donation for each player (new, unwrapped toy). Sign-up at 7:15 a.m., shotgun start at 8 a.m. Hole sponsorships available. For details, call Bob at 558-2415 or Holly at 990-1056.
- The Friends of Arcadia Airport are resuming their monthly pancake breakfasts at the airport. Breakfasts will be held the third Saturday of every month from October-April. All-you-can-eat pancakes, OJ, sausage and coffee for only \$6. There will also be a 50/50 raffle with all profits supporting airport projects and our "AV8RS" youth program. The first one will be held at 9 a.m. Oct. 19. Volunteers to help out are welcome and encouraged.
- Groovin' with the Chamber, 2013 Annual Membership Banquet, 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Elks Lodge. There will be dinner, live music, silent auction, raffle, and the Cornerstone Award will be announced. For chamber members, \$35 each or \$60 for two; nonmembers are \$40 each or \$75/two; at the door, \$50 each. For more information or to be a sponsor, call 863-494-4033.
- At 10 a.m., Saturday, October 19, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of Confederate Rose & the United Daughters of the Confederacy will honor 5 CSA soldiers with a Cross of Honor: Moses Lightsey, Jasper Newton Arnold, Smith Dade Drawdy, Naan Tomlinson, and J.M. Brewer at the Bereah Cemetery, Corinth Primitive Baptist Church, east on County Line Road from U.S. 17 in Bowling Green. Please bring your own chair. For more info email dpoteat1960@yahoo.com or confederate.cow.cavalry@gmail.com.
- Main Street 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, 208 Gorson St., Arcadia will hold its Senior Choir Annual Musical at 3:30 p.m. today. The public is invited. Call 494-0449 for details.
- Telephone Reassurance and Friendly Visitors available to those over 55 and homebound. Phone Senior Friendship Centers at 863-494-5965 to sign up for these free services, staffed by trained volunteers who have had background screenings. Phone also if interested in becoming a volunteer for either program.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.

■ MONDAY

- The DeSoto County Republican Executive Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's.
- The DeSoto County Fair Association meets at 7 p.m. third Mondays monthly in the fair office on Heard Street, Arcadia.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- 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.district13sofal-anon.org.
- The DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1425 Martin Luther King St. The center provides referrals for mainstream resources, elderly

food stamps (by appointment) and computer service. Salvation Army has office space on Wed. by appointment. For more information, call 491-5683.

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

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■ TUESDAY

- Habitat for Humanity's monthly educational class is on Stress Management, at 6 p.m. Oct. 22. SunTrust Bank, second floor. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments served.
- DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in room 103, County Administration Building, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- DeSoto County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday in the School Board meeting room, 530 La Solona Ave., Arcadia.
- Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1509 E. Oak St. For details visit www.weightwatchers.com and "find a meeting" or call 800-651-6000.
- 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

- Been There Ranchers' and Farmers' Club meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 1 p.m., first clubhouse inside South Entrance of Arcadia Village Country Club. North of Walmart, Highway 70. Call Max R. Fitzpatrick at 863-494-6257. Free. Tours, speakers, conversation, friends, fun — all welcome.
- DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council Artist Group is now meeting on Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon at the Arcadia Village Cantina Clubhouse. Call Linda at 494-7734 for more information. Free and open to the public.
- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- The Arcadia Eagles, 150 S. Polk Ave., now offers Bingo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak Street.
- "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.
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■ THURSDAY

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■ SPECIAL

- From Oct. 18 through Oct. 26, State Farm Insurance is conducting Celebrate My Drive, and giving DeSoto County High School a chance to win a grant of \$25,000 or \$100,000, or a concert by Kelly Clarkson! Visit www.celebratemydrive.com and enter to choose our high school. And visit every day Oct. 18-26 to improve our chances of winning.
- Do you have a head for numbers and/or a heart for community service? If you have either, we need you! United Way Suncoast offers free income tax preparation and needs volunteers for next tax season. Learn a valuable new skill, add a great credential to your resume, and meet some wonderful new people. You do not need to have prior tax experience to do this. Volunteers will receive free training, including IRS certification. The Arcadia site is open from January through the end of tax season. You can make a tangible difference in the lives of hard working DeSoto County families. For information, call Art Keckeissen, VITA Program Manager, at 941-328-6978 or email akeckeissen@uwsuncoast.org.
- Your clutter may be someone else's treasure, so please donate your gently used items to the DeSoto County Historical Society for its annual Yard Sale, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 9 at the DeSoto County Fairgrounds Exhibition Building, 124 Heard St. Drop off your donations on Thursdays before 1 p.m., at the Howard and Vedlma Melton Historical Research Library at the Ingraham Seed House, 120 W. Whidden St., or call 494-6607 or 494-4325 to arrange pick-up or drop-off. Proceeds benefit the society's efforts to preserve and promote DeSoto County's history for future generations.
- The Center for the Needy, at the corner of W. Pine St. and S. Orange Ave., is desperately in need of food, clothing, household goods (such as blankets, towels, cooking and eating utensils etc.), supplies — anything a person in need might require. The center is dangerously low on food, its shelves are almost bare, and they need to replenish supplies before the colder months. Any donations are gratefully accepted, including cash, to help those in real need in our community. For more information, call 863-444-0499.
- 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.

at 941-637-8805.

- Caregiver support group meets at 1:30 p.m. at DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at DeSoto Memorial Hospital Medical Plaza, 1006 N. Mills Ave., Arcadia. For more information, call DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at 494-8432 or Hospice of Southwest Florida at 993-0662.
- The Family Safety Alliance meeting for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. at the McClure Center, 4215 Concept Court, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call 941-316-6009.
- Drop-in Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m.-5:15 p.m., registration and yoga tea; 5:15-6:15 p.m., yoga class. Come enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
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Family Album

FAMILY ALBUM PHOTOS

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FAA students learn to use therapeutic laser

By **SULLIVAN CRAWFORD**
FAA REPORTER

The DeSoto Senior FFA is kicking off a very eventful year. From the successful Agriculture Education program to the highly awarded FFA Chapter, FFA is opening doors to opportunities that may have seemed unimaginable. Some of the latest endeavors include learning tractor safety skills, show stock knowledge, cow-calf operations, general equipment safety procedure courses, and a new therapeutic laser. The program prides itself on premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

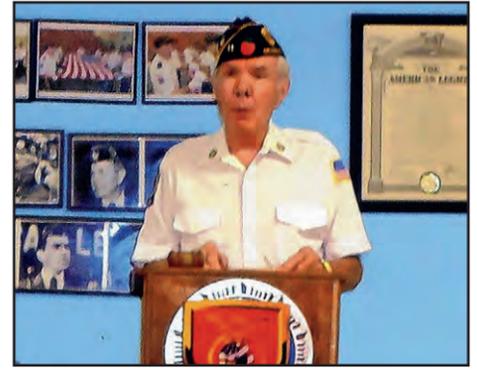
Shelby Bohn learns to use the therapeutic laser to help a horse heal faster from an injury. FAA recently acquired the laser and students are learning how to use it as they develop their skills and knowledge in agribusiness.



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American Legion Auxiliary officers named

Roger Bumgarner, past commander of the American Legion Post K11, explains the history of the Post.



PHOTOS PROVIDED



Arthur Southwell, Commander of American Legion Post K11, presents an award to Ronald Koher for his years of service to the Legion.



Arthur Southwell is installed as Commander of the American Legion Post K11 for this year by Mitch Reinhart, 8th District Commander.

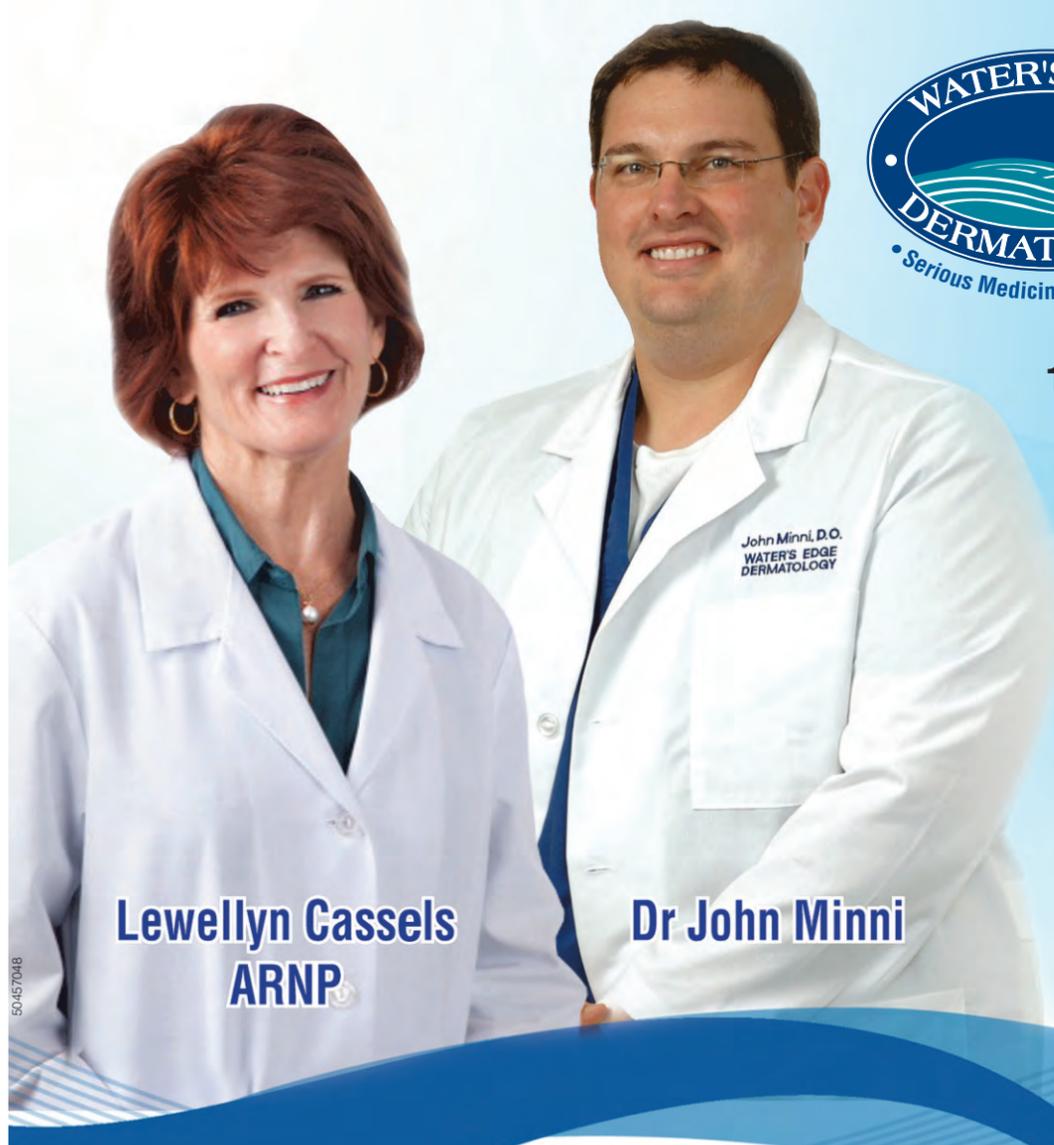


American Legion Post K11 installed officers for the new year: Commander Arthur Southwell, 1st Vice Commander and Chaplain Robert Thomas, Finance Officer Carl Turner, Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Arsenault, and Historian Harry Coleman. Roger Bumgarner and Charles Caldwell are named to the Executive Committee and Joe McKinney is the past Post Commander.

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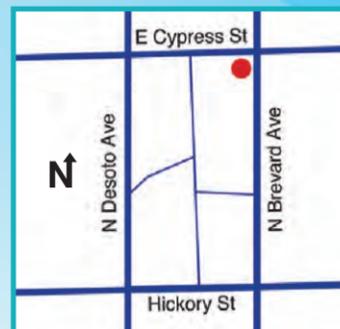


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Man drowns in Peace River over weekend

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission reported that a man drowned in the Peace River over the weekend.

According to FWC Public Information Officer Baryl Margin, the man was part of a large party on a two-day canoe trip on the river. He was reported missing Saturday afternoon, prompting a search by FWC and the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, with help from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office helicopter.

The search continued through Sunday, until the victim's body was recovered early Monday morning. He was identified as Andy Melenez, 19, from New York. He was reportedly enrolled in a college in south Florida.

No further information was available and the incident continues to be under investigation by FWC.

Zolfo woman hurt in single car wreck

A Zolfo Springs woman was injured Saturday in a single-car crash on State Route 66 west of Nursery Road.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Dominique L. Sanchez, 25, was initially listed in critical condition following the wreck but as of Monday she was upgraded to stable. The crash occurred around 3:50 a.m. when a 2007 Lincoln, heading west on State Route 66, left the roadway and entered a ditch next to the south shoulder. The car then collided with a culvert and became airborne, turning over several times before colliding with another culvert

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.

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

- Jammarius Bing, 24, Lake Placid. Charges: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Robert Glen Coker, 24, 2600 block of Burnham Drive, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Damon Dwight Daughtrey, 34, 6700 block of S.W. County Road 769, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$6,000.
- Ricky Joseph Carroll, 26, 4800 block of S.W. U.S. Hwy. 17, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Released on recognizance.
- Latricia Ann Brown, 26, 2600 block of S.W. Lois Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- William Dale Carroll, 36, Wauchula. Charge: failure to appear. Released on recognizance.
- Alicia Syble Hutto, 33, 4000 block of S.W. Adventure Way, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- Lynette Jennine Lovette, 44, 200 block of N. Rogers Ave., Arcadia. Charges: petty theft, second offense and violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Christopher Omar Trevino, 34, 3500 block of Poplar St., Zolfo Springs.

Charges: two counts of failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$3,550.

- Alison Walton Trudell, 26, 5500 block of S.E. State Road 31, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Enrique Luna Viveros, 37, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license and violation of probation. Bond: none.
- William Jermaine White Jr., 21, 300 block of S. Manatee Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Danielle Nichole Baucom, 26, 2000 block of N.W. Garvin Ave., Arcadia. Charge: shoplifting, second offense. Bond: \$120.
- Cecil Brian Brown, 39, 1200 block of N.W. Pine Wood Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$1,000.
- John Lane Drinon, 29, 2300 block of S.E. Shady Circle, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support child or spouse. Purge: \$42.
- Daniel Mendez Hernandez, 32, 600 block of N. Polk Ave., Arcadia. Charges: carrying a concealed firearm and driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$1,120.
- Damian Isaac, 36, 1000 block of N.E. Polk Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment, fleeing to elude police, possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver, habitually driving while license is suspended, and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$6,370.
- Linda Elaine Joslin, 49, 6200 block of Cul de Sac Road, Arcadia. Charge: shoplifting second offense. Bond: \$120.
- Dustin David Meckley, 26, 200 block

of N. Rogers Ave., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.

- Amanda Kay Simkins, 27, no address, Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell or deliver, and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$3,620.
- Jose Zamora, 47, Pear St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Released on recognizance.
- April Star Fairweather, 29, 4700 block of N.W. Lyons St., Arcadia. Charges: petty theft and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$240.
- Richard Tyrone Gross, 50, 1400 block of S.W. Gross Drive, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$4,443.25.
- Rainer Sage Incitti, 19, 2700 block of N.E. Earnest St., Arcadia. Charges: battery and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: none.
- Julian Henry Cobb III, 34, 7800 block of S.W. Albritton Road, Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.

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

- Kyle Travis Robertson, 23, 7400 block of S.W. Oak Creek Road, Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended, third or subsequent offense. Bond: \$2,500.
- Cashina Nicole Cook, 30, 5000 block of Walker Ave., Ona. Charge: violation

One of the silent heroes

By AL HEMINGWAY
SUN CORRESPONDENT

There are heroes who walk among us — those who have been awarded medals during times of war, police officers, paramedics and firefighters.

But there are also the silent heroes. They are the people who quietly perform heroic deeds with no fanfare and prefer to remain out of the spotlight.

One such person is Tom Keberly. He doesn't look like a hero, but the service he does saves countless lives.

Twenty-four times a year, the Lake Suzy resident visits the OneBlood Donation Center in Port Charlotte to donate platelets. For two hours, he patiently sits as whole blood is extracted from his body, spun in a centrifuge to separate red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma, and the one thing that can save the lives of those individuals suffering from cancer — platelets.

On Wednesday, Keberly, surrounded by friends and family, was the first person from Southwest Florida to be inducted into the Donation Hall of Fame. To date, he has given 45 gallons of platelets.

Keberly has a personal reason for donating — his wife, Linda Berry-Keberly, passed away in 1994 from scleroderma, a rare skin disease that eventually attacks all the body's vital organs. It affects only women.

"It attacked her liver and kidneys," Keberly said. "First, we had a bag and we flushed her kidneys out every six hours. When that got to be too much, she went on dialysis. They gave her two years to live. She lived four. She was a fighter."

Keberly was angry and bitter when his wife passed away. He became what he called "an astute drinker."

"I was upset because I was here and she was gone," he said. "I should have died, not her."

Then in 2000, tragedy struck again. Keberly's son, Bill, fell off a tractor and was struck by the blades. When he arrived at the trauma center, he only had two pints of blood left in his body.

"He miraculously survived," he said. "I told him that his mother didn't want him with her just yet, he had to stay here with me."

That incident ignited



SUN PHOTOS BY AL HEMINGWAY

Tom Keberly, second from left, was presented with a trophy and thanked by Dan Eberts, Mike Pratt, Kelly Lambert and Barrett Mulford for donating 45 gallons of platelets to help cancer patients.

Keberly's desire to step up his blood donation. One day, however, he spotted the centrifuge at the Oneblood Donation Center, and when he discovered what it did, he decided to donate platelets.

"Tom has a high platelet count and can give three complete doses, or what we call a triple," Dan Eberts, Oneblood publicity director, said. "Most of the time we have to combine platelets from four to eight different donors."

"An electronic eye in the centrifuge separates the platelets, which are yellow in color. Platelets are vital because they coagulate the blood so we don't bleed to death. They are extremely important for

cancer patients. But there is one drawback: They only have a shelf-life of about five days."

Eberts said that because chemotherapy is so harsh it can "upset the blood factory." Cell counts, including platelets, drop considerably.

Although radiation is beneficial in fighting cancer, it can thin the walls of the capillaries, the small vessels that help in the exchange of carbon dioxide, water, nutrients, and oxygen between blood and tissues.

To prevent this, platelets are needed immediately for cancer patients undergoing chemo or radiation treatments. Every donor undergoes 14 different tests to ensure their platelets

can be used, according to Eberts.

"Donors like Tom are doing a vital service," he said. "He is not only saving lives — he is saving families. People like him are silent heroes."

Despite all the hoopla, Keberly is humbled by the notoriety he has been receiving, but does not consider himself a hero.

"I just figured if my wife could sit on a dialysis machine for hours, and go through what she went through, I could do this for her," he said. "She was quite a lady."

To learn more about giving blood or platelets, call 941-625-1874 or visit www.oneblood.org.

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OBITUARIES

Flossie M. Nickolson

Flossie M. Nickolson, 63, of Fort Ogden, Fla., passed away Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013, at her residence. Arrangements are by Paul Schelm Funeral Home, Lake Suzy, Fla.

George H. Truman

George H. Truman, 91, of Lake Suzy, Fla., passed away Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013, at Tidewell Hospice in Port Charlotte, Fla.



Mr. Truman was born July 3, 1922, in South Bend, Ind., to George L. and Gladys (nee Geyer) Truman, and moved to the Punta Gorda, Fla., and Lake Suzy area in 1990.

Prior to moving to this area, George lived in South Bend for 62 years, before retiring to the Diamond Lake-Cassopolis, Mich., area. He graduated from Riley High School and attended Kalamazoo College. George worked for A.P. Green, a worldwide refractory company in engineering, where he traveled to promote sales and installation of products, along with development of new materials and methods of installing by the pneumatic application. He was a past officer of Elks Lodge 2606 and 235, Punta Gorda and South Bend, respectively; a member of the Moose Lodge 2121 and American Legion Post 110; and was an officer of the Charlotte County, Fla., Royal Order of Ponce de Leon Conquistadors.

George was an active bowler and secretary of the Senior Leagues in retirement. He was also an avid Notre Dame Football fan, with his wife Ginny, with whom he attended games for 61 years. George was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II in the 99th Infantry Division, and received The Presidential Citation and the Combat Infantryman's badge during the "Battle of the Bulge" — European Theater.

George is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Virginia "Ginny" (nee Dean) Truman; daughters, Sharon A. Truman of New Bern, N.C., and Jorga L. Tucker of North Fort Myers, Fla.; grandson, David Straw of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services with Military Honors and inurnment were held Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, at Sarasota National Cemetery in Sarasota, Fla. Please visit George's tribute wall at www.schelmfh.com to share memories and to send condolences to the Truman family.

Arrangements are by Paul Schelm Funeral Home, Lake Suzy.

Sharleen A. Thompson

Sharleen A. "Sherrie" Thompson, 57, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

Richard Gary Farwell

Richard Gary Farwell, 67, of Zolfo Springs, Fla., died Monday, Oct. 7, 2013. Arrangements are by Roberts Family Funeral Home Inc., Wauchula, Fla.

Paul L. Hock

Paul L. Hock, 87, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013, in Tampa, Fla. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Arcadia.

Helen C. Willits

Helen C. Willits, 97, of Lake Suzy, Fla., passed away Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013, in Port Charlotte, Fla.

She was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

Helen is survived by her son, David Willits; daughter, Joan L. Putman; two daughters-in-law, Susan Willits and Cheryl Willits; and several grandchildren and

great-grandchildren.

Friends may visit online at www.robersonfh.com to sign the memory book and extend condolences to the family.

Arrangements are by Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory, Port Charlotte Chapel.

Frank E. Cline

Frank E. Cline, 82, a former DeSoto County Sheriff, passed away Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, in Port Charlotte, Fla.

He was born in Arcadia, Fla., Nov. 3, 1930.

Frank retired from law enforcement after serving his community as a police officer, a FHP trooper, then as deputy sheriff for DeSoto County Sheriff's Dept., and then finally becoming the sheriff of DeSoto County from 1966 to 1981. He also served as chief deputy for Glades County, and a deputy in Okeechobee, Fla., prior to retirement. While serving as a trooper in Pahokee, Fla., he met the love of his life, Donna Jo Spooner, who was working as a dispatcher for the FHP at the time. Frank was an avid gun collector. He was a member of the Florida Sheriff's Association, in which he served as president from 1980 until 1981. Frank loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids. He graduated from Boynton Beach High School, class of 1948. Frank was a member of Calvary Baptist, Arcadia.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Donna Jo Cline of Arcadia; two sons, Frank E. (Belenda Yarbrough) Cline Jr., of New Brockton, Ala., and Craig Landon Cline of Seagrove Beach, Fla.; daughter, Jo Ellen (Pete) Canfield of Arcadia; sisters, Melda (Bob) Allen and Anelia Sullivan, both of Arcadia; seven grandchildren, Zachary (Courtney Wolfe) Cline, Cameron Cline, Caleb Cline, Jordan and Joshua Ostromecki, Heather (Shane) Lowe and Travis Canfield; two great-granddaughters, Journey Rae Ostromecki and McKenzie Rae Cline. Frank is preceded in death by his parents, Frank W. and Alma Landon Cline; and son, Stewart W. Cline.

Visitation, followed by a celebration of his life, were conducted Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, at First Baptist Church of Arcadia with the Rev. Bill Wooten officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch and Girls Villa, P. O. 2000, Live Oak, FL 32064. Online condolences may be made at pongerkays-grady.com.

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

Richard Gary Farwell

Richard Gary Farwell, 67, of Zolfo Springs, Fla., died Monday, Oct. 7, 2013.

He was born in Nov. 26, 1945, Hardee County, Fla., and had been a lifelong Hardee County resident.

Mr. Farwell served in the U.S. Air Force, was a farmer, and attended Cowboy Up Ministry.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Farwell of Zolfo Springs; mother, Hazel Clarice Thompson Farwell of Zolfo Springs; four children, Richard "Rick" (Pam) Farwell of Arcadia, Fla., Renee Spencer of Sarasota, Fla., Robynn Clarice (Jonathan) Bachman of Sarasota, and Richard Bates Farwell of Zolfo Springs; two stepdaughters, Rebecca (Kevin) Rickett of Wauchula, Fla., and Keri See of Zolfo Springs; and five grandchildren, Jadyann Clarice and Jonathan Bachman Jr., Ronnie Farwell, and Kaison and Keeton Rickett. Mr. Farwell was preceded in death by his sister, Sandra Ivy.

Memorial services were held Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, at Roberts Garden Chapel in Wauchula. Donations in memory of Richard Farwell may be made to Cowboy Up Ministry, 117 Evangeline St., Arcadia, FL 34266; or to Global Serve International, 2102 S.W. 47th St., Cape Coral, FL 33914.

Arrangements are by Roberts Family Funeral Home, Wauchula.



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May the Lord fill your heart with love.

Enjoy October, the time of harvest

The enduring classic daily devotional guide, "Streams in the Desert," calls for giving thanks for the planned kaleidoscope we call the year that the earth in its journey makes the one cycle a perpetual delight. It emphasizes then how this is especially true in the season of splendor that arrives every October, asking: "Who with the least bit of love of nature in his disposition has not gone out of his way to see hills covered and the vales filled with the glory and splendor of falling leaves?"

October abounds with lessons about life. While approaching the end of their cycle, leaves leave even more beautiful than when they arrived. Colors that have been hidden from spring until now suddenly burst forth declaring the design of the Creator, reminding us that the later years of life have their own special beauty.

One of the wonders of this season is the preparation of birds to head to warmer places for winter. Flocks of these feathered friends fill the air and



Roger Campbell

line up on utility wires awaiting some inner signal to sound before making their departure, seemingly wanting to capture a few more days of viewing October's colors before flying away.

And then there's the beauty of the harvest. October's leaves add color to this special season, but the harvest contributes both beauty and bounty to our lives, providing food to enjoy and carry us through the cold winter season, another reason for giving thanks for God's great plan which, according to the Bible, leaves us all without excuse for unbelief (Romans 1:20). Creation's beauty and bounty are intended to bring us to faith and we'll

be held accountable for ignoring their clear lessons of love.

Generations past saw October as an ideal time for another kind of harvest: a harvest of people being brought to their Lord. Churches regularly planned October revival meetings when outreach in communities ran in tandem with harvests in the fields. Traveling preachers and musicians were often scheduled months or even years in advance for these efforts and the year's program pointed to them, frequently involving weeks or months of prayer meetings expecting these to enlarge the harvest.

Our Lord spoke often of this kind of harvest and urged His hearers to recognize its importance and get involved. "The fields are white already to harvest," he said and promised rewards to the reapers.

Are we missing opportunities that those before us seized? What would happen in your church if October's beauty signaled the time for a spiritual harvest had arrived? What would the

result be if this birthed a new vision of what could be accomplished if everyone in the congregation decided to labor in the harvest?

One of October's most moving sights is a large flock of Canada Geese flying from lake to lake increasing their number for the long trip to their winter home. The trip ahead will be difficult and massive organization and cooperation will be required to make it safely but they've been divinely equipped for this journey.

We're also divinely equipped. And as we allow October's splendor to remind us of God's love we'll enjoy this October more than ever. This will be especially true if we share in the joy of a harvest of people whose lives have been changed, enlarging the flock and filling our churches with people who now know they're on their way home.

— Roger Campbell is an author, broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net.

L and E Club begins year investigating

By **MARTHA JO MARKEY**
L AND E CLUB

The L & E Club of Arcadia began its 2013-14 year with a gathering of members to meet local published writer, Virginia Czaja (also writing as Virginia Crane).

Czaja transferred her love of reading into a love for writing. "When I first began to write, I was told to write 200 words a day," Czaja mentioned. "Now I may write up to 2,000 words a day."

Moving to southwest Florida from the Washington D.C. area, Czaja found herself reading and editing the writings of others. "Promise me that someday you will write," a close friend said. "You have the desire and the talent." And so her journey began. Since 2009 Ms. Czaja has had six novels published and a seventh

one to be released this fall: "Emeralds on Wednesday," "Gently Generous," "The Snow Concerto," "Hunter's Redemption," "Get Real," "All in the Game" and coming soon, "Starting Over."

The October meeting was held at the home of Mary Ann Treadwell. Assisting her were Adrienne Daly and Betty Brown. Guests were served scrumptious carrot cake and coffee. Those attending were: Jane Adams, Geraldine Barnwell, Shirley Cullom, Muriel Hall, Margaret Hays, Susan Head, Lindsey Knoche, Sheila Knoche, Mrs. Susan Lanier, Mrs. Martha Jo Markey, Mrs. Genie Martin, Mrs. Sue Overcash, Mrs. Ann Ryals, Mrs. Sue Ellen Smith, Mrs. Betsy Sorrells, Mrs. Kathryn Standard, Mrs. Nancy Jo Vaughn, Mrs. Angie Waters, Mrs. Edith Wildt, and Mrs. Marlou Zolkos.



Jane Adams and Virginia Czaja at the October meeting of the L and E Club.

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transition as seamless as possible."

After further discussion, the council then turned its attention toward finding a permanent administrator. With the Range Riders turning down the city's request for assistance, and the \$25,000-\$35,000 price tag to hire an employment consulting firm, Frierson asked if council had other ideas on how to find Jankosky's replacement.

Fink said he had talked with the Florida League of Cities, and they offered to help the city fill the position through advertising, and perhaps recommending applicants. He also suggested the council form a blue ribbon citizens advisory committee, which would allow input from residents during the hiring process.

"Not only is this cost-effective, but it would allow Arcadia residents to have direct input in the hiring of our next administrator," he said.

Frierson, Councilman Bob Allen and Councilman Bob Heine also liked the idea, and the council agreed to come up with a list of potential panelists by the board's next meeting. Frierson also encouraged any residents interested in being on the committee to contact the council directly.

Code enforcement ordinances

City Attorney T.J. Wohl presented the council with three proposed code enforcement ordinances he and City Marshal Matt Anderson had been working on. The first is a requirement for banks or other entities foreclosing on a property within city limits to provide a local contact person for Arcadia's Code Enforcement Department.

"This will allow our code

enforcement department to have a direct contact if there are code issues such as long grass, etc.," Wohl said.

The other proposed ordinances addressed housing code and property maintenance standards, and sleeping in public places, which Wohl said will take some time to complete to ensure the city doesn't over-regulate. The latter responds to complaints from several business owners about people sleeping during the day on public benches and in parks.

"There is still considerable work to be done on these, but I wanted to bring them to the council to get a consensus that you would like Matt and I to continue working on getting these to the point where they can be placed on the agenda for a vote," Wohl said.

The council agreed that Wohl should move forward, and Frierson commended both Wohl and the Arcadia Police Department for their efforts. "We know this is not an easy job to create these ordinances, and I think the APD is doing a great job of enforcing the codes we have in place now," she said. "We appreciate all the hard work being put into this."

In other business, Dr. Sharon Goodman announced that on Oct. 27, Mt. Zion AME will be hosting a church service to welcome back James Richardson. In 1967, Richardson's seven children died from pesticide poisoning. He was sentenced to life in prison until a state investigation overturned his conviction in 1989.

Goodman asked the council to present Richardson with a key to the city as a gesture of goodwill. "We want him to know that he should never have to fear coming to Arcadia," she said. "We want to welcome him with open arms, and presenting him with a key would be a nice gesture on the city's part," she said. The council unanimously approved the request.

FFA

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The FFA program recently received a new piece of equipment, approved by Superintendent Karyn Gary: the Pegasus Companion Therapy Laser, manufactured by Litecure. This laser produces both pain-free healing and assistance with site damage for animals, and will

prove beneficial in the community. As Bio-Tech, Ag. Tech, and Animal Science students, FFA members are learning about photo-biomodulation, as well as the necessary skills to maintain and manage agribusiness operations and affairs. Photo-biomodulation is the therapeutic use of a low-level infrared laser that amplifies light energy emitted as radiant energy for absorption into tissues used to enhance wound healing and pain management after

musculoskeletal injury.

This class IV therapeutic laser is allowing our agriculture students to follow the FFA motto "Learning to Do and Doing to Learn" and maintain agribusiness goals through a supervised agriculture experience. Courses will eventually be offered so students can be certified to administer this equipment.

Thus far, the agriculture education program and the DeSoto FFA chapter have given students the skills to

successfully conduct animal husbandry operations and agribusiness protocols through a variety of projects, including a steer, show swine, and horses. Furthermore, as the FFA chapter strives to build positive community relationships, it also offers an opportunity for career success for every student who completes the program.

For more information on the new Therapeutic Laser, call Christi Pryor at 941-809-5596.

Arcadia Literary Club holds elegant dinner

By **DARLENE FOSTER**
ARCADIA LITERARY CLUB

The former home of past member, Mrs. Marjorie Embrey, was the site of the Oct. 9 dinner meeting that signified the beginning of the new season for the Arcadia Literary Club. Her downtown Arcadia home was decorated by the Executive Committee and sparkled with the brilliance of thousands of tiny twinkling white lights. Embrey's historic home was a perfect link from the past to the present. As 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of this organization, the club chose to commemorate such a milestone with the theme for this upcoming season of "Reflecting On Our Heritage."

To illustrate heritage over the decades, each executive committee member decorated a dining table and dressed according to a particular decade. One table depicted the 1940s and its centerpiece was the photo of a WWII soldier and books about WWII, as the member wore a snappy 1940s dress and hat. Another table depicted the 1960s complete with lava lamps, and the member wore a peace caftan and flower-child headband. The 1950s table had a floral centerpiece of 45 rpm records with 78 rpm records as dinner plate chargers, as the member wore a poodle skirt and rhinestone-rimmed glasses. Several committee members represented the Roaring



PHOTOS PROVIDED

To celebrate its 100th anniversary this year, the Arcadia Literary Club enjoyed a dinner with tables set to represent the decades of the club's existence.

'20s and 1930s, wearing adorable flapper-girl dresses, long gloves and sequined headbands. President Laura Amendola represented 1914 wearing an elegant dance-hall dress such as the famous "Rose" wore on the Titanic.

That is just a sampling of the creativity, as all of the dining tables were decorated beautifully, and the ladies obviously enjoyed dressing up. Vintage accessories were encouraged for the general membership, and everyone

had fun wearing anything from large-brimmed hats to clip-ons to feather head wraps.

President Laura Amendola opened the meeting. Tara Welles-Jones gave the blessing. Beau Carson read the quote by Sir Arthur Thomas:

Literature is not an abstract science, to which exact definitions can be applied. It is an Art, the success of which depends on personal persuasiveness, on the author's skill to give as on ours to receive.

This quote was part of the 1963-1964 Arcadia Literary Club yearbook. The 100th Anniversary Celebration is set for March 2 — watch for more details on this exciting event.

The minutes from the last meeting were read by Heidi de Jong, as Secretary Raye Southwell was unable to attend. Sally Aldrich read the Treasurer's report. Correspondence included the resignation of member Beverly McAllister for personal reasons, which the club regretfully accepted. Laura thanked Beau Carson for compiling the season's printed programs.

Twenty five members attended, along with

seven guests: Heather Steele (granddaughter of Marjorie Embrey, who came from the Panhandle to celebrate with us); Heather's friend

Jennifer Bennett; Sandra Dyal (daughter of member Cherie Holingsworth); Megan Pike Paige (Diane Baxley's granddaughter); Megan McGibben and Stefony Welles (friends of Diane Baxley); and Carol Auster (from Laleham, England, friend of Darlene Foster).

Dinner consisted of London broil grilled to perfection by Laura Amendola. Each member brought a special dish for an assortment of appetizers, salads, breads, vegetables, and desserts.

Members present were: Sally Aldrich, Laura Amendola, Pam Ames, Susan Barnes, Diane Baxley, Marcia Brown, Beau Carson, Shirley Cullom, Julie Crews, Kathy Crouse, Heidi de Jong, Kim Fender, Darlene Foster, Muriel Hall, Cheri Holingsworth, Eloise Johnson, Tara Welles-Jones, Jennifer Kamberg, Jamie Kirschner, Lorraine Mohammadbhoj, Bonnie Molloy, Ann Pepper, Jessica Ritch, Janie Watson, Theresa Wheeler.

The next meeting of the Arcadia Literary Club will be held Nov. 13 at the home of Shannon Fusco.



The tables set to the decade of the 1940s included World War II memorabilia: books, photos and a uniform.



Sandra Dyal and her mother, Cherie Hollingsworth, enjoy wearing old-fashioned accessories to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Arcadia Literary Club.

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eligible to be listed as historical buildings. Although few would argue the homes have any historical value, FDOT used the classification to enact the state's Uniform Relocation Act, which in part prevents state departments from displacing low-income occupants living in buildings that are "eligible" for historical classification.

It's understandable that FDOT didn't want to evict these individuals, but the end result is the expansion is taking place on the east side of 17, which will result in minimal demolition," Hines said.

Another problem Hines sees is members of the community becoming desensitized about the community's appearance. It is a phenomenon common in many low-income areas, where residents pass by the same structures daily and eventually don't see them as a problem.

"If someone drives by a boarded-up house every day for a year, for example, eventually you tend to simply look past it," she said. "Something that an outsider might look at with disgust, to you doesn't seem as bad because you have gotten used to seeing it every day. I can see that occurring here. What might look normal to you could be considered the complete opposite from someone outside the community. This is especially true if you tend to stay close to home and don't have much exposure to areas outside of your community."

Help on the horizon

One group that has dedicated serious time to finding ways to improve the look of the corridor is the county's Economic Development Advisory Committee. Since its formation by the DeSoto Board of County Commissioners, the committee has focused on ways to improve the area as part of its efforts to attract businesses and development to the county. A recent move by the BOCC to set aside \$150,000 yearly for EDAC to use for redevelopment purposes has sparked several ideas for the corridor. Among those are demolition projects to remove unsafe structures, facade improvements and improved landscaping, among others. EDAC is also working on drafting new code enforcement ordinances that will focus on property maintenance and increased structural standards.

"We are excited to see these ideas come before the BOCC soon, but a lot of these initiatives will come up short if we don't have voluntary participation by the land owners themselves," Hines said. "The biggest problem with improving the look of that corridor is that you are mostly dealing with private property owners, and there is a line we have to walk

tween respecting their rights as land owners and ensuring our building and structural codes are fully enforced."

County Commissioner Bob Miller says although EDAC is doing a great job in taking the initiative to help improve this area, he believes private citizens and organizations can also be a tremendous asset in helping to improve the corridor.

"This has to be more than just a band-aid approach. We need for everyone living in the county, whether you live near this area or not, to take an interest in how our county is perceived by others, and take personal responsibility in helping establishing a sense of pride in the appearance of DeSoto County."

Several churches in Charlotte County, for example, have combined resources to take a day or weekend to improve the exterior appearance of homes in disrepair. One church in particular, Deep Creek Community Church in Punta Gorda, coordinates

with other churches in the area to improve the exterior appearance of homes for owners who cannot on their own due to age or disability. In 2013 alone, the church has helped enhance the appearance of nearly a dozen homes.

Miller says not only does the home look better to anyone passing by, but it also provides the homeowner with a renewed sense of pride in their property, increasing the chances

they will make a dedicated effort to keep up the appearance of their residence.

"It tends to be a snowball effect: the more people see others helping out, the more they want to assist in helping their neighborhood look its best," he said.

As for Nichols, she says although she knows Arcadia and DeSoto County have a lot to offer visitors,

negative first impressions like the one she experienced are hard to overcome.

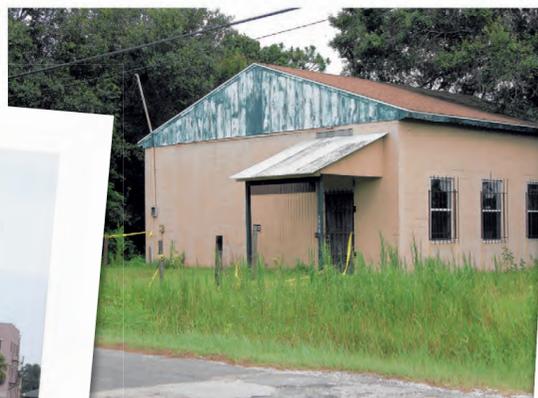
"There are bad parts to every city, but typically you don't see those areas when you are coming in on a major highway," she said. "It's not fair, but first impressions are often lasting impressions."



Fading graffiti on a house on U.S. 17



The old rail siding at U.S. 17 & Pine has been razed



A building on U.S. 17 north



Leaning to the left on U.S. 17



Overgrown with weeds on U.S. 17 north



U.S. 17 at taxi stand - rodeo visible in background



Entrance to the city mobile home park



An old sofa and other junk piled in front of a Nocatee house



Closed pawn shop across from Nocatee Dollar Store

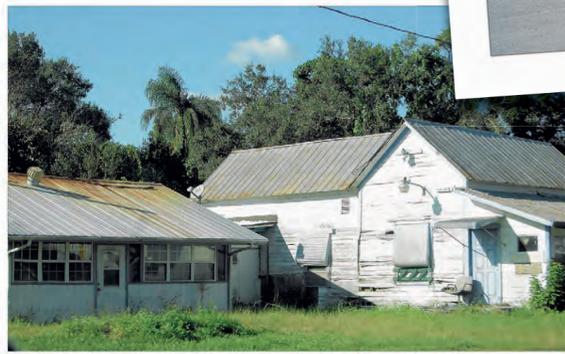


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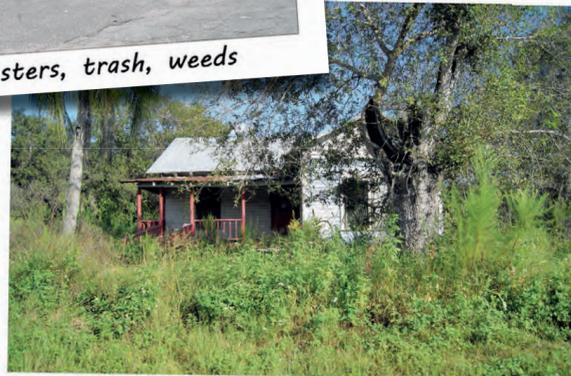


Entrance to Allied Recycling on U.S. 17

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Peeling paint and boards on U.S. 17 north



There's a house in here somewhere ...



Hi-Way motel: "Inspected, Approved"

— Next week: We explore poverty, homelessness and hunger.

The DeSoto County High School boys' and girls' cross country teams prepare for district action next week.



Bulldogs steamrolled by Frostproof

By STEVE KNAPP

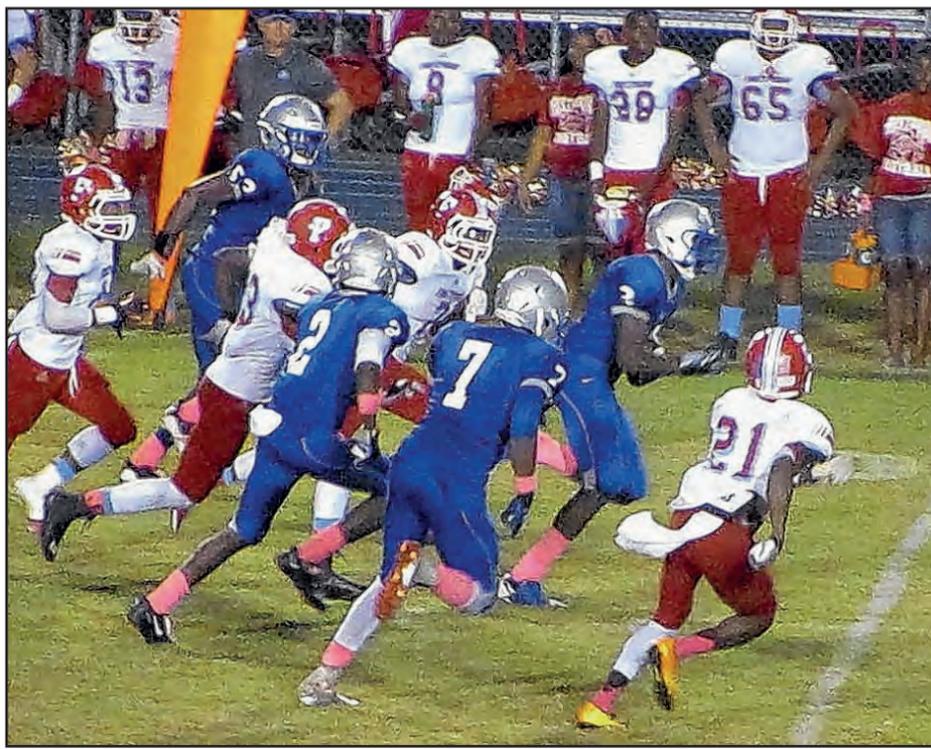
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

As I was listening to DeSoto County Head Football Coach Matt Egloff talk to his team after their 61-21 embarrassment against Frostproof, I wondered what I could write about this game that would be positive.

The Bulldogs scored two quick touchdowns in the first two minutes of the second half to give them a glimmer of hope as they tightened up the score to 33-14. They needed another big stop to give them the ball again and if they would score again they could make a game out of it. They did score again, but it didn't come until midway in the fourth quarter when Frostproof had a 61-14 lead and had emptied their bench.

Dequan Richardson scored on the first play of the second half on a 66-yard run. That score was followed up by a Kari Williams 33-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Jones after the Bulldogs had stopped Frostproof on a fourth-down attempt. Their final score was on a two-yard run by DaWayne Hearn.

Jones had the crowd on their feet after a pass reception to end the first half. He ran about 50 yards in order to gain 20, reversing his field twice and putting on a show as he dodged would-be tacklers. That was the only time the Bulldogs had gotten past the 50-yard-line in the first half. DeSoto had only



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DeSoto County's Dequan Richardson runs 66 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the second half to give the Bulldogs their first points of the game. Richardson gained 78 yards on just three carries for the Bulldogs.

two first downs in the first half and six for the entire game.

Terrell Gordon took a late pitch from Williams down the sidelines to set up Hearn's touchdown. Both Andre

"Big Dawg Dre" Jones and Oscar "The Cuban Assassin" Alfonso recovered fumbles for the Bulldogs.

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Crunching the numbers

STEVE KNAPP

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It's been said that statistics are used like a drunk uses a light post: It's for support rather than illumination. Here are some statistics that shed light on some interesting facts about this season's DeSoto County football team.

As officer Joe Friday from the old TV series *Dragnet* might say, "Give me the stats ma'am, just the stats." So here they are. These are unofficial stats that I have found through a couple of Internet sites. One only goes back to 2005 so that is all I have to work with. There may be some stories in the archives somewhere that could give me different information but this is what I have.

The Bulldogs have scored more points than any other team in the 5A-13 district with 191, 30 points ahead of Booker. The problem is that DeSoto County has also given up the most points with 248, 29 points more than this week's opponent Southeast.

With DeSoto's air attack being

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Lady Bulldogs fall to Port Charlotte, sweep Hardee

By STEVE KNAPP

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Very few coaches like to play a game without a practice the day before a big game, especially against a team like Port Charlotte. The Pirates edged the Bulldogs 3-2 in their first meeting at Port Charlotte and the Bulldogs were excited about the Oct. 7 rematch on their home court.

"I was watching the films from our first match and they (Port Charlotte) had improved quite a bit from the

first time we met them. I know we had too, so I was expecting a good match," coach Laura White said. "I think when I show them the films of the game I'm going to slow it down about three speeds. That's how we looked tonight in our transitions and defense. We just didn't do well."

The three days with no practice was due to the homecoming festivities after school. There was a pep rally in the gym Friday which made it impossible to hold a practice, and since it was homecoming weekend there was no

practice on Saturday.

The Pirates took game one 25-21, and after a 25-22 Bulldog win in the second set the Pirates put an end to the match with a 25-22 third-set victory and a 25-20 win in the finale.

As the scores would indicate, all four sets were close, well fought games. There were many well-played volleys and several errors for the Bulldogs that led to their demise. The Pirates were coming off a five-match tournament Saturday and the Bulldogs looked slow and rusty because of the three-day layoff.

The Bulldogs rebounded with a 3-0 win over Hardee the next night to wrap up the first seed in district competition, and more important, home court advantage throughout the tournament. The Bulldogs will host Hardee in the first round. The Wildcats have lost all six games to the Bulldogs this season.

Tishonna Riley, the Beef O' Brady's athlete of the month for September, led the Bulldogs in kills for both matches, notching 18 against the Pirates and 21 at Hardee. Bethany Bonville had 28 assists against Port Charlotte and 32 against the Wildcats.

The defense for the Bulldogs has improved and the digs have been spread around. In the game against Port Charlotte, Lucero Perez and Riley each had 18 digs, while Datasia Wallace and Casey Hall both had 16. Against Hardee, Perez had 10 with Wallace and Riley both at seven.

The Bulldogs have lost their last two home matches. In both contests the west bleachers have been pulled out for the fans rather than the customary east bleachers. The Bulldogs will

host Lake Placid tonight in their final regular season home game. It is senior night and the senior Bulldogs will be honored before the game. This will be a great opportunity to see the Bulldogs before the district games begin.

The east bleachers will be pulled out, there will be practice the day before the match and it is not scheduled for a Monday. The Bulldogs should be in good shape as they continue their march into the playoffs.



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Bulldog senior Tishonna Riley drills one of her team-high 18 kill shots past the Port Charlotte defense as Lucero Perez (6) and Casey Hall enjoy the results. The Pirates downed DeSoto 3-1 in the Oct. 7 meeting.



Newly crowned 2013 DeSoto County Homecoming Queen Casey Hall picks up a point for the Bulldogs as she finds a spot on the Pirate side of the net. Her Majesty had seven kills and 16 digs in the loss.

JV Bulldogs shut out by Frostproof

By **STEVE KNAPP**

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The DeSoto County junior varsity football team was shut out 24-0 by a very good 5-1 Frostproof team Oct. 10. In earlier games this season the boys from Arcadia really didn't have much to be happy with or proud of in their losses. Against Frostproof, however, there were a few glimpses of light at the end of the tunnel.

Coach Wade Huckaby told the team, "We hit and we got hit, but we never laid down and quit."

The Bulldogs certainly had every reason to give up and quit after the first quarter. They had fumbled twice in the first four plays and lost the first one to Frostproof. Their total yardage after those four plays was minus-five yards. Their total yardage after the first quarter was a single yard and they trailed 8-0.

Even when they did something right or the Frostproof team did something wrong, it seemed to work against the boys in blue and white. The Frostproof score came on a broken play during their first possession, and they scored with just over two minutes gone in the game. When the quarterback turned to give the ball to a running back there was nobody there. He tucked the ball under his arm and ran 13 yards for a score.

Frostproof was knocking on the door again later in the first quarter when Garrett Little recovered a fumble on the DeSoto eight-yard-line to stop the Frostproof drive. Frostproof also scored on a 53-yard run to take a 14-0 halftime lead.



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Garrett Little gives the ball to a referee after recovering a Frostproof fumble on the DeSoto County eight-yard-line in the 24-0 loss.

DeSoto played much better after the first quarter. They netted 24 yards in eight plays but the drive stalled. A 45-yard field goal attempt by Cesar Barajas was blocked, but at least the Bulldogs were gaining positive yardage.

Cornerback Authur Hinson intercepted a pass deep in DeSoto territory to stop a Frostproof drive. A fumble in the end zone resulted in a safety to tack on two more points for Frostproof.

Hinson recovered a Frostproof fumble early in the third quarter to get

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An outstretched Angel Gaitan makes an excellent play as he bats down a Frostproof pass.



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DeSoto County setter Sarah Bennett gets one of her team-leading nine assists with this set to Cassidy Furr, as the Bulldogs downed Port Charlotte 2-0.

JV Bulldogs sweep Port Charlotte

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On Sept. 3 the DeSoto County junior varsity volleyball team went to Port Charlotte and dropped a close 2-1 match to the Pirates. A month later the Pirates came to Arcadia and were swept by the much improved Bulldogs squad.

"They have improved a lot since we last played them," Port Charlotte coach Brittany Muse said. "They dug everything we hit to them and did a nice job of passing."

The Bulldogs never trailed in game one as they prevailed 25-21. The second set also saw the Bulldogs take an early lead, but they fell behind for the first time all night at 14-13. With the score tied five times before the end of the game, the Bulldogs scored five of the last eight points to win 25-23.

That makes two opponents out of the last three matches the Bulldogs have beaten after losing to them earlier in the season. Two weeks ago they beat Lemon Bay 2-0 after losing the first match against the Mantas Sept. 3.

"I promised them pizza if they won; I guess they were hungry," Bulldogs coach Nora Cail said.

Lexi Williams led the Lady Bulldogs with five kills and an ace, and Sarah Bennett recorded nine assists and an ace. Jayla Cowell had 11 digs.

The Bulldogs traveled to Hardee the next night and swept the Wildcats 2-0. Other than the match against Charlotte, the Bulldogs have not lost a set in their past three matches. Bennett and Williams each had three kills, while Williams and Cowell led the team with five digs each. Bennett led with eight assists.



Jayla Cowell dives for the ball during the Bulldogs' match against Port Charlotte. Hannah Lambricht (3) and Alyssa McEwen watch as Cowell gets one of her team-leading nine digs.

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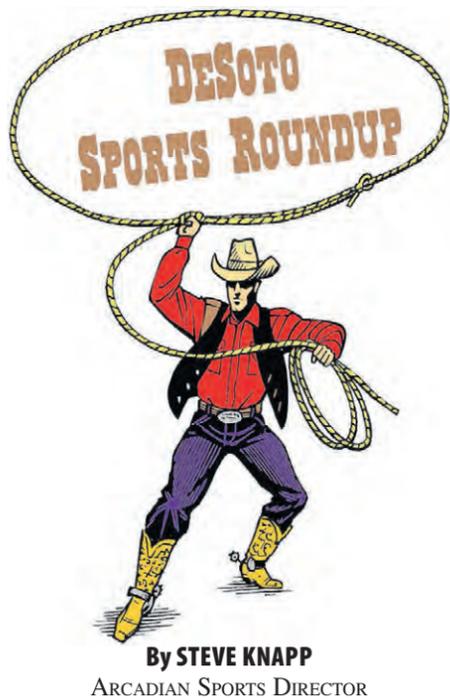
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The junior varsity and varsity football cheerleaders get a look at their post-game snack of chicken wings from Beef O' Brady's.



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the JV team beat Hardee and Port Charlotte by the same 2-0 score.
•The varsity volleyball team lost to Port Charlotte 3-1, but secured the top seed in the district with a 3-0 win over Hardee.

DeSoto County Middle School

•The DCMS football team won by forfeit as BOK failed to show up for their game. BOK decided the week before the game not to play but failed to call anybody at the school to cancel. Last year they claimed to have scheduled two games on the same date so they canceled the game at DeSoto. They don't mind teams going through the expense of traveling to them but somehow they can't return the favor, which causes the team to lose the proceeds from the game along with the organization running the concession stand for that game.

Upcoming games

- The varsity football team will host Southeast at 7 p.m. tomorrow before they go into their bye week. The team will then travel to Hardee Nov. 1 to continue the oldest running rivalry in the state.
- The JV football team hosts Port Charlotte tonight at 6 p.m.
- The varsity volleyball squad wraps up its season tonight at 6 p.m. at home against Lake Placid. The JV team's season will be done, but the varsity team will host the district tournament next week. The Bulldogs' first opponent will be Hardee. Game time for the match is still undetermined.
- The middle school football team travels to Hill-Gustat this week, and finishes its season Oct. 29 at 5:30 p.m. when it hosts Hardee.

DeSoto County High School

- The varsity football team was beaten by Frostproof 61-21.
- The junior varsity team also lost to Frostproof 24-0.
- The volleyball teams did well as

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Cross country teams prep for districts

The boys and girls cross country teams for DeSoto County rest after a workout at Morgan Park. The boys team is coached by Keith Carlton, while the girls are coached by Cathy Schaper (in the back row). The runners in attendance at this workout are Manolo Mejia, Dionicio Ordenez, Germone Brown and Israel Villegas, Kaylyn Castro, Alondra Morales, Adriana Olvera, Elizabeth Montero, Karen Sanchez and Lissette Camarillo. The team will be running in district action next week.

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the Bulldogs rolling. DeSoto moved the ball down field behind the strong running of Emmanuelle Wesley and Julio Gaitan. Wesley carried three times for 27 yards, including a crowd-inspiring 26-yard gallop. Gaitan ran four times for 19 yards and picked up two important first downs. A 19-yard pass from Shawn Brown to Joshua Taylor was part of the drive that got the Bulldogs to the Frostproof 16 yard line.

An illegal procedure penalty took the wind out of the Bulldogs' sails as the next three plays netted minus-one yard. The strong-legged Barajas attempted a 33-yard field goal but again it was blocked by a heavy Frostproof rush.

After a failed onside kick, the Bulldogs started their drive on their own 43 yard line. DeSoto ran seven rushing plays for 39 yards down to the Frostproof 18 yard line. Gaitan carried twice for 15 yards and two first downs, and Jermiah Castillo picked up another on a nice 12-yard run.

Another penalty (illegal shift) stopped the drive as the Bulldogs came up empty on the next three plays. Facing a fourth-and-15 situation, Brown's pass was picked off and ran back to the Frostproof 31. Frostproof then killed the clock to preserve a 24-0 win.

"I'd like to be mad but I can't be. You played a very good game and did what we told you. We just have to get better at the things that we are still doing wrong," Huckaby told the team after the game.

Blocking and tackling were the key weak points in the game. DeSoto



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Author Hinson listens to the post-game talk from his coaches. Hinson had a good game, with an interception, several tackles and a fumble recovery.

County had 15 plays where they either lost yards or gained nothing. They need to be able to block and open lanes for the running backs. Those running backs need to continue outside and outrun the defense rather than cut back inside into the defense. They also need to learn how to wrap up on their tackles and stop emulating what they see on TV where collegiate and professional players throw their bodies at a runner and knock them down. It doesn't work in high school ball.

Hinson had a good game with a pick and fumble recovery along with several tackles. He said, "We need to learn how to tackle and block the defensive line out of the play."

That's the basics of football, blocking and tackling. The Bulldogs have come a long way since the beginning of the season. Their final game of the season is 6 p.m. tonight at home against Port Charlotte.



Julio Gaitan is caught from behind as he follows Emmanuelle Wesley's block. Gaitan led the Bulldogs with 59 yards on 16 carries.



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Lady Bulldogs volleyball calendar now available

The DeSoto County High School Volleyball team is selling a calendar as their fundraiser this season. Photos were taken by Melanie Bonville of every player on both teams. They are available from any JV or varsity player or coach, or you can buy one tonight at the final regular season home game for the Lady Bulldogs. The game starts at 6 p.m. and the calendar is only \$10. They are also available at the Basket Peddler in downtown Arcadia.

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so much out of the norm for the team, quarterback Kari Williams has set a bunch of passing records this season. He has more completions than any other quarterback who has ever played for the blue and white. The previous mark was 46, and he has 55 going into this week's game with Southeast. He also has 132 attempts, beating the old mark of 108. His total yardage is 1,031, which by the end of the season should double the old mark of 675. The yards per game in the air is up from 141 to 147 this season. He has 12 touchdown passes, which doubled the old mark of six. He has also thrown 11 interceptions (seven in the last two games) which tops the old mark of nine.

The record for the most touchdowns in a season is 47, and the current Bulldog team has just 22 so that mark should stand. The most points scored in a season is 316. With 15 more points the 2013 Bulldogs will move into second place in total number of points scored with 217.

Senior running back Terrell Gordon

is leading the area in rushing with 871 yards, with his closest rival 372 yards behind him.

Defensive disaster

Anyone who has seen the Bulldogs play this season knows the offense is just fine but the defense has been hurting the team all season. Of the 231 games played in Florida last weekend, 12 other teams gave up more than the 61 points the Bulldogs allowed. Of those 231 games, 32 teams lost by a margin bigger than the Bulldogs' 40-point loss. It could be worse; Leto lost to perennial football power Armwood 74-0. Or better yet how about Seacoast Christian, which lost 82-0 to Hawthorne.

The Bulldogs have won two games. The two teams they've beaten this season are a combined 0-10. The closest East Lake County has come to winning a game was against DeSoto County when they lost by 19. In that game their quarterback had his highest completion game of the season, along with the most completions and longest completion of the year. They were two yards short of having their season high in passing yardage and their running backs rushed for nearly



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Andre "Big Dawg Dre" Jones (55) and Oscar "The Cuban Assassin" Alfonso (1) come off the field after forcing Frostproof to punt. Both players recovered a fumble for DeSoto County in the loss to Frostproof.

two-and-a-half times as many yards against the Bulldogs as they have against anybody else.

The Lehigh quarterback had the most completions, attempts, yardage, completion percentage, most touchdowns and the longest touchdown

of the season against the Bulldogs. Lehigh also managed to rush for 306 yards that game. As weak as those two teams are, they still managed to put up 63 points on the DeSoto defense.

If you take away the game last week and the games we lost, the Bulldogs opponents have a season record of 5-27. That would have to be considered a cupcake schedule in any league.

Don't put the blame on the coaches. They are good and know what they are doing. The players just seem to have problems executing the plays. I am on the sidelines during the games and have heard the coaches tell the players exactly where to stand and what to do yet they seem to forget and get out of position and big plays happen.

There is too much freelancing going on and they don't operate as a team. The poor ability to wrap up ball carriers has led to many missed tackles. It has to be so frustrating for the coaches to design a defense and practice it, but when the game starts everyone seems to forget or are incapable of doing what they are supposed to do.

Just imagine how much different this season would be if the Bulldogs had even an average defense to go along with their potent offensive attack.

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Defense, special teams struggle

The Bulldog defense again made the opposing quarterback look like a star and he wasn't even their number one quarterback. Kaleel Gaines took over for his brother Xavier, who was suspended for the game. The rumor was he didn't want to wear a tie and khaki pants to school on game day like the rest of the team. He won the starting job as a freshman last year and perhaps he thought the rules didn't apply to him.

Kaleel ran for 272 yards and four touchdowns and even threw a touchdown to another brother, Kijana Gaines. In all 10 different running backs carried the ball for Frostproof and picked up 487 yards on the ground.

The Bulldogs had a rough night in every facet of the game. There were five interceptions, four by Williams and one by punter Rosario Zavala. Earlier Zavala fielded a bad snap and got a good kick off, and another bad snap resulted in a short punt. But eventually the poor snapping would be costly for the Bulldogs, as one ended up in the end zone, with a Frostproof player recovering it for a touchdown. Another bad snap forced Zavala to scramble with the ball during his next punt, and as he was being tackled he lofted the ball up for grabs and it was intercepted.

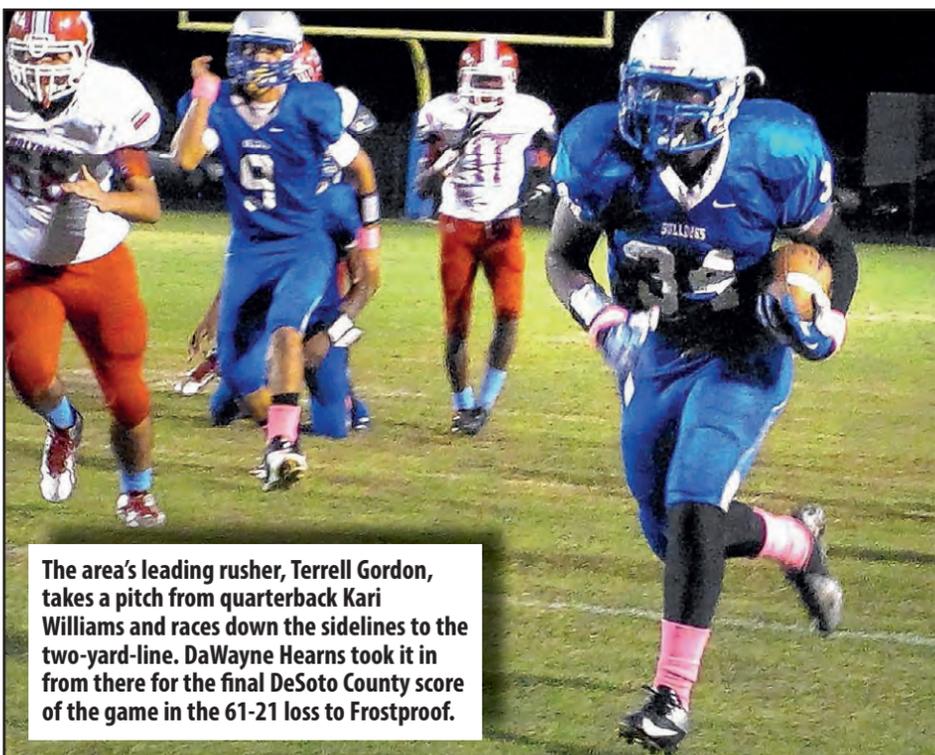
As I thought about my story during

Egloff's speech, he told the team, "The sun will come up tomorrow." And he's right, things will get better and as Egloff said, "The good thing about football is that you get to play another game next week."

So I thought perhaps I could use a few sports cliches too. These all seem appropriate for the team and the game. Remember, I didn't start the cliché game, Egloff opened the door for me. Please bear with me.

Even though the team got their clock's cleaned, it isn't time to throw in the towel. It's gut check time. The team shot itself in the foot and dug a deep hole and now have their backs against the wall. It was a bitter pill to swallow, maybe this will serve as a wake up call or maybe the team was just caught on an off night. The Bulldogs must execute, they were out hustled and out muscled as they came out flat. Frostproof just came to play, they made the plays and we didn't. We didn't get the job done and we didn't get the big break in the game. The ball just didn't bounce our way. Now it is time to put the "big boy pants" on and just put that loss behind us. We have to take it one game at a time. We just need to make some plays, execute better and overcome adversity. It is part of the process, we need to play within ourselves for four quarters every game. At the end of the day, it is what it is. Everything resets and we just try to go 1-0 every week.

There you have it, a season's worth of cliches. If you think about it, they are all true about the Frostproof game and this season.



The area's leading rusher, Terrell Gordon, takes a pitch from quarterback Kari Williams and races down the sidelines to the two-yard-line. DaWayne Hearn took it in from there for the final DeSoto County score of the game in the 61-21 loss to Frostproof.

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Full migration is on, our annual snowbird visitors and residents are returning, and our avian populations are being swelled by numbers of migrant birds. Both fall and spring are great times to see new and unusual bird species. Some will only be passing through our area, while others will linger here over the winter season.

The Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail is a program of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The trail is a network of more than 500 sites throughout Florida selected for their excellent bird watching, wildlife viewing or educational opportunities. The GFBWT helps conserve and enhance Florida's wildlife habitats by promoting birding and wildlife viewing activities, conservation education and promotes economic opportunity.

Florida's wetlands, forests and hammocks provide migrants with a place to rest and feed. While many migrants follow the coasts, quite a few fly over our inland county. Florida is the number one wildlife viewing destination in the United States. According to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service survey, wildlife viewing generates more than \$5 billion annually in Florida, making it an important part of the state's economy. Bird watching is one of the most popular outdoor nature activities.

Two sites in DeSoto County have recently been added to the trail. Both Morgan Park (ZZ117) and Brownville Park (ZZ118) are now listed on <http://www.floridabirdingtrail.com/>. Go to the site and use the Trip-Planning Wizard, which uses an interactive map to search by site name, county, city, trail section, bird species, habitat or amenity/feature, get GPS coordinates and driving directions. You can also order or download the four GFBWT guidebooks, or download a free mobile device app entitled "Nature Viewing along the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail" at iTunes.com or at play.google.com/store/. The free mobile device also maps the GFBWT locations and provides GPS coordinates and driving directions. Stay in touch with www.facebook.com/floridabirdingtrail or www.twitter.com/mygfbt.

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Over the Garden Gate

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What surprises most people about bird migration is the fact that some of our local birds, such as the swallow-tailed kite, head further south for the winter. And, birds not only migrate in spring and fall. Indeed, although migration peaks at those times, birds migrate 365 days a year. The actual dates when they take wing depend on many factors, including species, migration distance, travel speed, route, climate and more. Some birds may be on the move only a few weeks, others will travel for up to four months.

Hawks, swifts, swallows and waterfowl migrate primarily during the day. The larger birds take advantage of solar-heated thermal currents to aid soaring. Songbirds migrate at night, in part to avoid the attention of migrating predators, and also to take advantage of the cooler, calmer night air. Birds may fly from 15 to 600 miles or more per day, and those that take transoceanic routes may spend up to 100 continuous hours or more in the air. Birds fly at speeds ranging from 15 to 50 miles per hour. Most fly at heights lower than 2,000 feet, but some may fly up to 29,000 feet high.



The signs marking the Great Florida Birding Trail feature the Swallow-tailed Kite, a bird seen frequently in this area soaring high overhead. They migrate to Mexico, Cuba, Central and South America for the winter.

How do they manage to do it? Many birds enter a state of hyperphagia. Hormone levels force them to drastically increase their body weight to store fat to use as energy while traveling. Some birds may double their body weight in the weeks leading up to migration.

Bird migration is not completely understood, but it is believed birds use the stars for navigation, as well as the sun, wind patterns and landforms, all of which help guide them to the same locations each year. The earth's magnetic field also plays a part in how birds migrate. Birds face many threats along their journeys, including window collisions, confusing lights that disrupt navigation, hunting, habitat loss and predation.

Maintaining a bird feeder is one way to enjoy this activity daily. Feeders should be cleaned regularly, and if you have a problem with squirrels or other mammals eating bird seed, only put out what the birds will consume in a single day. Sunflower seed is a favorite of many birds, while a seed mixture or smaller seed such as thistle seed will attract

smaller songbirds. Some favorite winter visitors include painted and indigo buntings, gold finches (although they are not so golden in winter), and flocks of robins. Hawks and buzzards take to the skies now too, and often congregate in tall trees. Hummingbirds mostly migrate south to the Yucatan Peninsula for winter, but we have had hummers stay through the winter. Leaving sugar water feeders up will not cause them to stay, and may help save hummers after freezes destroy natural nectar sources. Again, keep the feeders clean and change the solution regularly.

A great way to learn more about birds and migration patterns is to go out with a group such as Florida Audubon. Visit the website <http://www.peacerveraudubon.org/> to learn more about field trips and walks. Dedicated birders keep life lists of species spotted, and note the date of arrivals and departures. Individuals may submit data to several sites that collect information on bird migrations.



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Migrating songbirds such as these Painted Buntings arrive in our area in Fall to spend the winter. Some will come readily to feeders but you can also spot them in our woodlands.



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NOTICE OF ACTION 3116

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 14-2013-CA-000314
 SEC.: 02
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ACCREDITED MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1 ASSET BACKED NOTES Plaintiff,
 v.
 CYNTHIA BROWN, et al Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION 3116

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING-PROPERTY
 TO: CYNTHIA BROWN (AVOIDER)
 ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 7 ROBINSON COURT ARCADIA FL 34266
 TENANT (AVOIDER)
 ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 7 ROBINSON COURT ARCADIA FL 34266
 Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendant(s) are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant(s) as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in DESOTO County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: LOT 6, BLOCK B, ROBINSON COURT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 65, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 7 ROBINSON COURT, ARCADIA, FL 34266
 This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, such as Morris Hardwick Schneider, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 5110 Eisenhower Blvd, Suite 302A, Tampa, FL 33634 within thirty (30) days of the first publication and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 24th day of September, 2013.
 Mitzie W. McGavic
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ B. Wynn Deputy Clerk
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. Published 10/10/13 & 10/17/13 329037 2948333

NOTICE OF ACTION 3116

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Case File No.: 2013-CA-00579
 Division: Civil

NOTICE OF ACTION 3116

ANDREW JENDRUSIAK and SHIRLEY JENDRUSIAK, Plaintiff(s),
 v.
 RONALD W. ZIELAZNICKI, Defendant(s),
NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: RONALD W. ZIELAZNICKI, 2291 Abscott Street, Port Charlotte, Florida 33962, if alive, or if dead, their unknown spouses, widows, widowers, heirs, devisees, creditors, grantees, and all parties having or claiming by, through, under, or against them, and any and all persons claiming any right, title, interest, claim, lien, estate or demand against the Defendant(s) in regards to the following described property in Desoto County, Florida:
PARCEL 1
 Commence at the East quarter corner, which is the SE corner of SE1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 6 in Township 39 South, of Range 24 East and run West along quarter line 985 feet to East side of Highway (66 foot right-of-way) to a gas pipe flush with ground; thence north 32D15' East 315 feet along said road to iron corner and point of beginning; thence East 210 feet; thence North 32D15' East and parallel with said road 170 ft.; thence West 210 feet to East side of said road and pipe; thence South 32D15' West 170 feet along said road to point of beginning.
PARCEL 2
 LOTS 14, 15, AND 16, BLOCK "B", KING PLACE 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 10.
 Notice is hereby given to you that an action of mortgage foreclosure to the above described properties has been filed against you and you are required to serve your written defenses on Plaintiff's attorney, BILL MCFARLAND, P.A., P.O. BOX 101507, CAPE CORAL, FL 33910, and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Desoto County, 115 East Oak Street, Room 101, Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before November 11, 2013 or otherwise a default judgment will be entered against you for the relief sought in the Complaint. THIS NOTICE will be published four times, once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Desoto County, Florida. Dated this 2nd day of October, 2013.
 MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
 Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ N. Daughtrey Deputy Clerk
 Bill McFarland
 P.O. Box 101507
 Cape Coral, FL 33910
 Fla. Bar No. 195103
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NOTICE OF ACTION 3116

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 3120
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. 2013-CP-078
 Division Twelfth
 IN RE: ESTATE OF William Gaylord Welles, IV a.k.a. Kayo Welles, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 3120

The administration of the estate of William Gaylord Welles, IV a.k.a. Kayo Welles, deceased, whose date of death was August 6, 2013, and whose social security number are xxx-xx-8563, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is October 17, 2013.
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 Eugene E. Waldron, Jr.
 Primary Service E-mail: Service@eewj.com
 Secondary Service E-mail: Ewaldron@eewj.com
 Florida Bar No. 0794971
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 Sandra W. Welles
 3779 SE County Road 760
 Arcadia, Florida 34266
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION:
 CASE NO.: 14-2010-CA-000849
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC., Plaintiff,
 vs.
CATHY L. MILLER; LESTER MILLER; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 27th day of September, 2013, and entered in Case No. 14-2010-CA-000849, of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC. is the Plaintiff and CATHY L. MILLER, LESTER

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MILLER and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, SOUTH DOOR OF THE DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, 11:00 AM on the 7th day of November, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOTS 1 AND 2, THE NORTH 33.0 FEET OF LOT 3, AND THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 15, BLOCK 58, ORIGINAL SURVEY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.** Dated this 11th day of October, 2013.
By: Carri L. Pererya
Bar# 17441
Submitted by:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.
14-2011-CA-000686
Judge: Parker, James S.
NEW FLORIDA VENTURES MINING, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff,
v.
NEW FLORIDA VENTURES, INC., a Florida Corporation, LESTER W. HILTS, ERIC T. NITZSCHKE, and JOSEPH G. STILL WAGON Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Mitzie W. McGavic., Clerk of the Circuit Court of DeSoto, Florida, will, on November 7, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., at DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property situated in DeSoto County, Florida, to-wit:
The East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 38 South, Range 23 East, Desoto County, Florida, less the round right-of-way. The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 38 South, Range 23 East, Desoto County, Florida.
Parcel Identification Number: 13-38-23-0000-0051-0000
pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered into on September 25, 2013. 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 sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court, this 27th day of September, 2013.
Mitzie W. McGavic
Clerk of Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk Published 10/10/13 & 10/17/13 102854 2949608

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2012-CA-000529
SUNTRUST BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRADLEY J. GARROD.; BRADLEY J. GARROD, TENANT #1, TENANT

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#2, TENANT #3, TENANT #4, Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed June 21, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000529 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Arcadia, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the south door of the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL. 34266 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 14 day of November, 2013 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:
PARCEL 2 OF GARROD SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN MINOR PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 145, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH IS A 7.51 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO ROAD AND DRAINAGE RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE SOUTH 33 FEET OF SAID PROPERTY.
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 4th day of October, 2013.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn Deputy Clerk
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 10/10/13 & 10/17/13 338038 2949534

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 14-2012-CA-000546
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-22 Plaintiff,
vs.
HENRY R. MORALES, SR., et al. Defendants.
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 14-2012-CA-000546 of the Circuit Court of the 12TH Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-22, is Plaintiff, and, HENRY R. MORALES, SR., et al., are Defendants, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 115 OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266 www.desotoclerk.com, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., on the 29TH day of OCTOBER, 2013, the following described property: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTH-WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 88°48'41" WEST ALONG NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT FOR 600 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 6°12'00" WEST AND PARALLEL TO EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 217 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°48'41" EAST AND PARALLEL TO NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 600 FEET TO EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT; THENCE NORTH 6°12'00" EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 217 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS ROAD RIGHT OF WAY ON EAST

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO.: 2012CA000830
WELLS FARGO BANK, N. A. SUCCESSOR TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
HON YUENG LAM; SIEW FUN LAM; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 27th day of September, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012CA000830, of the Circuit Court of the 12TH Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N. A. SUCCESSOR TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and HON YUENG LAM, SIEW FUN LAM and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, SOUTH DOOR OF THE DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, 11:00 AM on the 7th day of November, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 13 OF JOSHUA CREEKWOOD SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.** Dated this 11th day of October, 2013.
By: Carri L. Pererya
Bar# 17441
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 14-2013-CA-000029
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
BOURQUE, STEPHEN P., et. al.,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

SIDE, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. DATED this 7th day of 2013, 2013.
GREENSPOON MARDER, P.A. TRADE CENTRE SOUTH, SUITE 700 100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309
Telephone: (954) 343 6273
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Email: Tennilleshipwash@Gmlaw.Com
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By: Tennille M. Shipwash, Esq Florida Bar No.: 0617431
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 Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at DESOTO COUNTY JURY OFFICE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, 863-993-4876 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Published 10/10/13 & 10/17/13 146548 2949532

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2012CA000830
WELLS FARGO BANK, N. A. SUCCESSOR TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
HON YUENG LAM; SIEW FUN LAM; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 14-2012-CA-000546
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-22 Plaintiff,
vs.
HENRY R. MORALES, SR., et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 142009CA000888
SEC.:
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-10, Plaintiff,
v.
DAVID W WHIDDEN AND TANYA V. WHIDDEN AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated September 30, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 142009CA000888 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 21st day of November, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the south door of the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit: THE NORTH 85 FEET OF THE EAST 150 FEET OF THE NORTH 3 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, LESS AND EXCEPT ROAD RIGHT OF WAY, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 14-2013-CA-000029 of the Circuit Court of the 12TH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida, wherein, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and, BOURQUE, STEPHEN P., et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 115 OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266 www.desotoclerk.com, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., on the 5th day of December, 2013, the following described property: **LOT 7 OF AIRPORT ESTATES, AN UNRECORDED PLAT ALSO BEING DESCRIBED AS: BEGIN AT THE NW CORNER OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST; THENCE N 82°33'05" E ALONG NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 1564.28 FEET TO P.O.B.; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 92.30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 150.0 FEET; THENCE S 82°33'05" W, 92.30 FEET; THENCE NORTH 150.0 FEET TO P.O.B. TOGETHER WITH A 1978 HOME MOBILE HOME ID#20620286AL AND 20620286BL, FLORIDA TITLE #15004988 AND 15004987.** 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 30 day of September, 2013.
Mitzie McGavic
Clerk Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk
Submitted by:
GREENSPOON MARDER, P.A.,
IMPORTANT
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 Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at DESOTO COUNTY JURY OFFICE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, 863-993-4876 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Published 10/17/13 & 10/24/13 146548 2951475

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 142009CA000888
SEC.:
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-10, Plaintiff,
v.
DAVID W WHIDDEN AND TANYA V. WHIDDEN AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated September 30, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 142009CA000888 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 21st day of November, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the south door of the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit: THE NORTH 85 FEET OF THE EAST 150 FEET OF THE NORTH 3 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, LESS AND EXCEPT ROAD RIGHT OF WAY, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 142009CA000888
SEC.:
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-10, Plaintiff,
v.
DAVID W WHIDDEN AND TANYA V. WHIDDEN AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
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NOTICE OF SALE 3130

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: DeSoto County Clerk's Office 115 East Oak Street Arcadia, FL 34266 Phone: (863) 993-4876 Dated at Arcadia Florida this 3rd day of October, 2013
By: /s/ N. Daughtrey
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA Published 10/10/13 & 10/17/13 329037 2949540

TAX DEEDS 3132

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **US BANK, AS C/F FL DUNDEE LIEN INC LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 1365
Issuance Date: MAY 28, 2010
Tax Deed File #: 13-33-TD
Description of Property:
BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 3/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 35'51" W ALONG NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 1129.15 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE RYALS PROPERTY AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 273, PAGE 584, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAME LINE, 15.06 FEET; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 37'26" W, 249.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 00 DEGREES 37'26" W, A DISTANCE OF 249.50 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 41'14" W, A DISTANCE OF 174.56 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 00'25" E, AS DISTANCE OF 249.50 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 35'51" E, A DISTANCE OF 174.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Names in which assessed:
ANDRE POLK
PO BOX 1546
NOCALEE, FL 34268

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on NOVEMBER 6, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
Dated this 11th day of OCTOBER, 2013.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 10/17/13, 10/24/13, 10/31/13 & 11/7/13 112132 2951477

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **TC TAMPA 1, LLC; PNC CUS TC TAMPA 1, LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 981
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011
Tax Deed File #: 13-36-TD
Description of Property:
LOT 7 AND THE WEST 20 FEET OF LOT 8, BLOCK 4, DAVIS AND WRIGHT SUBDIVISION OF NOCALEE, 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 2, PAGE 80 AND IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 23, LESS STATE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.
Names in which assessed:
ANTHONY HUESTON III
8792 E STATE ROAD 70 #B

TAX DEEDS 3132

BRADENTON, FL 34202
All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on OCTOBER 30, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
Dated this 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 2013.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 9/26/13, 10/3/13, 10/10/13 & 10/17/13 112132 2943202

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **TC TAMPA 1, LLC; PNC CUS TC TAMPA 1, LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 1493
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011
Tax Deed File #: 13-37-TD
Description of Property:
LOT 1, BLOCK "C", DESOTO MOBILE ESTATES, 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 9, PAGE 37. TOGETHER WITH A 2005 SLVRCRK DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME. IDENTIFICATION #SCH01057773A AND IDENTIFICATION #SCH01057773B. TITLE #93747382 AND TITLE #93747456. RP#12238617 AND RP#12238619.

Names in which assessed:
REBECCA C SARGENT &
LARRY T SARGENT
137 CLYDE AVE
POPLAR BLUFF, MO 63901

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on OCTOBER 30, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
Dated this 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 2013.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 9/26/13, 10/3/13, 10/10/13 & 10/17/13 112132 2943219

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate Number: 630
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011
Tax Deed File #: 13-39-TD
Description of Property:
LOT 8, BLOCK "P", A/W/ GILCHRIST'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 1. PAGE 63 AND IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 52.
Names in which assessed:
ROBERT RIVERS &
JACQUILINE RIVERS
1248 SW HARLEM CIRCLE
ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on OCTOBER 30, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
Dated this 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 2013.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 9/26/13, 10/3/13, 10/10/13 & 10/17/13 112132 2943234

TAX DEEDS 3132

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that TC TAMPA 1, LLC; PNC CUS TC TAMPA 1, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Names in which assessed: HENRY ALLEN MCLELLAND 1490 SW SHADY OAKS AVE ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on OCTOBER 30, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Names in which assessed: CHARLOTTE S NYMARK 714 N MANATEE AVE SPT 2 ARCADIA, FL 34266

Notice is hereby given that TC TAMPA 1, LLC; PNC CUS TC TAMPA 1, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Names in which assessed: CHARLOTTE S NYMARK 714 N MANATEE AVE SPT 2 ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on OCTOBER 30, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Names in which assessed: CHARLOTTE S NYMARK 714 N MANATEE AVE SPT 2 ARCADIA, FL 34266

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that TC TAMPA 1, LLC; PNC CUS TC TAMPA 1, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

TAX DEEDS 3132

THENCE SOUTH 70 YARDS TO THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Names in which assessed: ANDREW P FIRK 2460 SW MIXON STREET ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on NOVEMBER 6, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 27th day of SEPTEMBER, 2013. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that TC TAMPA 1, LLC; PNC CUS TC TAMPA 1, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Names in which assessed: MILTON T. SHIRLEY PO BOX 1292 NOCATEE, FL 34268

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on NOVEMBER 20, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 7th day of OCTOBER, 2013. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: Rebecca Bonilla a/k/a Rebecca Bennett, mother James Fain, father Alberto Bonilla a/k/a Alberto EspinoBarros Bonilla, father and/or any UNKNOWN PARENT father/mother

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights on D.B.; H.B., D.B., has been filed against you.

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ly Service, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 805 North Mills Avenue, Arcadia, Florida 34266, on or before November 14, 2013 at 9:00AM and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's Attorney or immediately thereafter.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 324 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know act of 1986 (EPCRA), the following information is available to the public upon request during normal business hours by contacting the Florida, District VII, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for Hazardous Materials.

Hazardous Material Safety Data Sheets Facility Hazardous Chemical Inventory Forms Section 304 Chemical Release Follow-up Notifications District VII, LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan

The District VII LEPC services residents of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties. EPCRA requires that any business that regularly uses, handles, or stores certain hazardous chemicals register with State and local regulatory agencies.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DESOTO

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2013CA-612 PARCEL NO.: 150 STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Petitioner, -vs- LUCILLE STRICKLAND AND HENRY LEON STRICKLAND, JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP; NEWT KEEN, PROPERTY APPRAISER; KATHRYN J. HILL, TAX COLLECTOR; ET AL Defendants.

NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE AND NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Henry Leon Strickland 2875 W. Ray Road, Suite 6-111 Chandler, Arizona 85244 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

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PARCEL 150 FEE SIMPLE - RIGHT OF WAY Those portions of Lots 1 thru 3, Hill Crest, a subdivision in Section 12, Township 38 South, Range 24 East, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 5, Public Records of Desoto County, Florida.

Being described as follows: Commence at the northeast corner of the northwest 1/4 of said Section 12; thence along the east line of said northwest 1/4, South 00°00'41" East a distance of 971.25 feet to the survey base line of State Road 35(US 17); thence along said survey base line South 30°26'18" West a distance of 162.79 feet; thence South 88°56'21" East a distance of 82.51 feet to the northwest corner of said Lot 1, and said corner being on the south right of way line of Hillcrest Street, also known as Hillcrest Drive (per said plat) for a POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along the north line of said Lots 1 thru 3 and said south right of way line continue South 88°56'21" East a distance of 145.27 feet; thence South 78°12'53" West a distance of 67.47 feet; thence South 29°13'11" West a distance of 122.86 feet; thence North 60°46'49" West a distance of 22.00 feet to the west line of said Lot 1 and the east line of the northwest 1/4 of said Section 12; thence along said west line and said east line North 00°00'41" West a distance of 112.96 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 6,914 square feet. You are each notified that the Petitioner filed its Petition and its Declaration of Taking in this Court against you as defendants, seeking to condemn by eminent domain proceedings the above described property located in the State of Florida, County of Sarasota.

You are further notified that the Petitioner will apply to the Honorable Don T. Hall, one of the Judges of this Court, on the 9th day of December, A.D., 2013, at 2:30 o'clock P.M. at the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, 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: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Post Office Box 1249 Bartow, Florida 33831 c/o Mr. Kenneth L. Hadley Assistant General Counsel (863) 519-2623 Florida Bar No.: 0176745

on or before the 8th day of November, A.D., 2013, 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. 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 Sarasota County Jury Office, P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, Florida 34230-3079, (941) 861-7400, 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, please call 711. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court on the 1st day of October, A.D., 2013. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: /s/ N. Daughtrey Deputy Clerk Published 10/10/13 & 10/17/13 109283 2949901

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NOTICE OF SUBMITTAL OF WATER USE PERMIT LETTER MODIFICATION SHORT FORM APPLICATION TO THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) has received an application for short form modification of a water use permit from Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC, 13830 Circa Crossing Drive, Lithia, FL 33547. Application Number: 20011400.026. Application received: September 20, 2013. Predominant use type(s): industrial/commercial and mining/dewatering. The modification is to make administrative changes in permit conditions and to request technical/operational changes. The modification application does not seek an increase in the total quantities of 69,600,000 average daily gallons per day or 87,000,000 peak month average gallons per day authorized in the current permit, which will be withdrawn from 418 withdrawal points. The facilities are located in Hillsborough and Manatee, southwest Polk, western and central Hardee and western DeSoto Counties in portions of Sections 26-28 and 32-36 of Township 29 South, Range 22 East, Sections 26-29 and 31-35 of Township 29 South, Range 24 East, Sections 1-4, 9, 11, 12, and 24-36 of Township 30 South, Range 22 East, Sections 7-11, and 14-36 of Township 30 South, Range 23 East, Sections 1-17 and 20-35 of Township 30 South, Range 24 East, Section 30 of Township 30 South, Range 25 East, Sections 25-28 and 33-36 of Township 31 South, Range 21 East, Sections 1-3, 9-14, 21-28, and 31-36 of Township 31 South, Range 22 East, Sections 1-30, 35 and 36 of Township 31 South, Range 23 East, Sections 4-10, 15-22, 27-34, and 36 of Township 31 South, Range 24 East, Section 31 of Township 31 South, Range 25 East, Sections 1-4, 9-16, 22-28, and 33-36 of Township 32 South, Range 21 East, Sections 1-36 of Township 32 South, Range 22 East, Sections 1, 5, and 9-36 of Township 32 South, Range 23 East, Sections 1-36 of Township 32 South, Range 24 East, Sections 3, 7, and 9-36 of Township 32 South, Range 25 East, Sections 3, 4, 8-10, 14-22, and 27-34 of Township 32 South, Range 26 East, Sections 1-4, 9-16, 23, 24 and 26 of Township 33 South, Range 21 East, Sections 1-4, 7, 9-16, 24 and 36 of Township 33 South, Range 22 East, Sections 2-23, and 29-32 of Township 33 South, Range 23 East, Sections 1-18 and 21-24 of Township 33 South, Range 24 East, Sections 1-19, 22-27, and 34-36 of Township 33 South, Range 25 East, Sections 5-8, 18, 19, and 30 of Township 33 South and Range 26 East, Sections 1,2 11-14, 19-31, 33 and 34 of Township 34 South, Range 22 East, Sections 4-20, 22-31, 35 and 36 of Township 34 South, Range 23 East, Sections 14-23, and 26-36 of Township 34 South, Range 24 East, Section 1 of Township 35 South, Range 21 E, Section 6 of Township 35 South, Range 22 East, Sections 1-3, 5, 8-17, 20-24, and 26-30 of Township 35 South, Range 23 East, Sections 1-23, 27-29, and 34 of Township 35 South, Range 24 East, Section 7 of Township 35 South, Range 25 East, Sections 25, 26, and 31-36 of Township 36 South, Range 22 East, Sections 19, and 30-33 of Township 36 South, Range 23 East, Sections 1-16, 21-29, and 32-34 of Township 37 South, Range 22 East, Sections 1, 2, 4-24, and 26-34 of Township 37 South, Range 23 East, Sections 4-11 and 16-20 of Township 37 South, Range 24 East and Sections 4-6, 8, and 9 of Township 38 South, Range 23 East. The application is available for public inspection Monday through Friday at the SWFWMD Tampa Service Office located at 7601 US Hwy. 301, Tampa, Florida 33637-6759. Interested persons may inspect a copy of the application and submit written comments concerning the application. Comments must include the permit application number and be received within 14 days from the date of this notice. If you wish to be notified of intended agency action or an opportunity to request an administrative hearing regarding the application, you must send a written request referencing the permit application number to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Regulation Division, 7601 US Highway 301 N, Tampa, FL 34604-6899 or submit your request through the District's website at www.watermatters.org. The District does not discriminate based on disability. Anyone requiring accommodation under the ADA should contact the Human Resources Bureau Chief at (352)796-7211 or (1800)423-1476; TDD only (1800)231-6103. Published 10/17/13 346377 2952503

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Air potato beetles begin their work at Morgan Park

SUBMITTED By LINDA WATERS
MASTER NATURALIST

Recently, DeSoto Parks and Recreation administration and staff gathered at Morgan Park to release the newest defense in the war against air potato vine, *Dioscorea bulbifera*. Led by Tara Anderson, DeSoto Parks and Recreation director, the group participated in the release of 200 air potato beetles, *Lilioceris cheni*. With many of the beautiful old growth oak, hickory and pop ash trees threatened by the rampant siege of the air potato vines, Anderson knew it was time to find some help.

Through a Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry program located on the campus of the University of Florida in Gainesville, much research has been done on these beetles native to eastern Asia. They are considered to be plant-specific and eat only the noxious air potato leaves. When the vines die back in cooler weather, the beetles will overwinter and then begin their work again in the spring. At that point, they are expected to reproduce vigorously while dining on their favorite vine.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Betty Keene, Bob Baumann, Tara Anderson and Arthur Wiley helped bring the air potato beetles to Morgan Park to help control the invasive vine.

The beetles are not expected to be an instant solution for the air potato infestation, but will steadily work to deter its unfettered growth. The management plan includes a three- to five-year span in which it is thought, based on

research in both the native habitat and trials in Florida, the beetles will begin to make a significant impact on the air potato.

In the meantime, as you enjoy Morgan Park, look for the small



The Air Potato Beetle is a reddish insect with black legs and it dines exclusively on air potatoes. Recently, 200 were released in Morgan Park in hopes that it would begin making a dent in the invasive vines.

elongated red bugs with black appendages and observe the munching holes appearing in the air potato leaves. Hopefully, over the next few years, this little fellow will help preserve our magnificent trees and native plants in Morgan Park so that we may all enjoy them.

For more information on air potato vines and recommended methods of control, call the local DeSoto IFAS Extension office; they stand ready to assist.

Artist of the month hasn't painted in years

By JANE HILTON
DESOTO ARTS &
HUMANITIES COUNCIL

Dorothy Marie Buechsenschuss is a very long name. (She prefers to go by Mrs. Bickson — it's much easier.) She is the daughter of Belgian-born Augusta and Hector DeSmith of Toledo, Ohio, and this sweet, gentle and soft-spoken lady is our October Artist of the Month.

Mrs. Bickson comes from a music- and art-oriented family. She counts many talented people among her relations. She first became aware of her talent in third grade. At that time she was selected, along with a few other students, to study at the Toledo Art Museum. She continued to draw and paint throughout grade and high school and took more classes from the museum.

She never went the commercial route, instead enjoying her ability to delight others with her talents. Mrs. Bickson raised four children and they all enjoyed art; she recalls all four sitting around a big table, all engrossed in their own drawings. That memory brought a smile to her eyes that lit her whole face.

Life in general — as well as working with her husband,



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY JANE HILTON

Mrs. Bickson liked creating portraits of her family and friends. Her family has tried to persuade her to pick up her brushes again.

who built houses — got in the way of painting and drawing. Like so many women, she put her family first, and the days of painting around the big table were replaced with other things.

Mrs. Bickson hasn't done any painting in many years. But during the time that she did, she created many fine pictures and portraits that her family prizes and call treasures. Her daughter, Vicky, inquired about hanging Mrs. B's pictures so that others may enjoy them. It is easy to see how proud



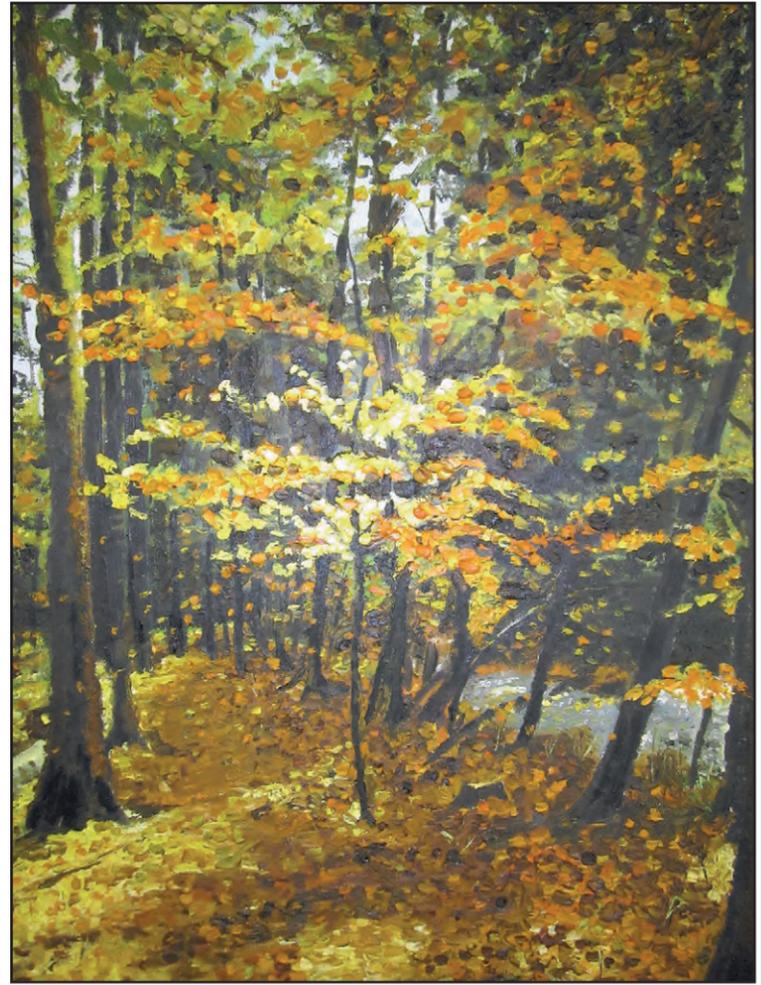
Mrs. Bickson's portraits of family members show a deep understanding and love for her subjects.

Vicky is of her mother and her mother's talent.

Mrs. B's portraits in pastels are obviously of people she loves. There is care and tenderness in her work. Her landscapes are filled with details noticed by an observant person.

At 82, Mrs. B has experienced some very dark times. She has outlived three children and two husbands. This delicate-looking lady has battled cancer and won.

Her work is on display for your enjoyment in the lobby of DeSoto Memorial Hospital for the month of October. Many hope she will pick up her



Artist of the Month Mrs. Bickson enjoyed painting landscapes and portraits, but as her family grew, she found less time to paint the things she loved.

brushes again and make more treasures for her family.

For more information

about the Artist of the Month Program, call Jane Hilton at 863-494-0630.



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vendors have taken this well. They are talking of a petition but it is probably useless. Of the ones that have heard the news, most say they will not return if they have to boil in the sun.

Walking along the quaint old-fashioned street in the shade of overhangs was a big part of the charm. Most dealers of real antiques(as we try to promote) do not want their merchandise subjected to the extreme heat and harsh sun. We are working on trying to adapt to this mandate; however it is shaping up to be the death sentence for the antique fair.

Thanks, city council.

Flo Rife

Antique Association of Arcadia

Plane deserves attention

Editor:

During my career in the Air Force, I've travelled around the world and proudly shared the history of my hometown, once nicknamed, "Aviation City."

On recent visits, I've been appalled

and embarrassed by the state of the T-33 aircraft on static display at Lake Katherine. I've met people who only know Arcadia as "the town that has that dilapidated airplane by the lake." And now, on the cover of last week's Arcadian was a rendering of the Lake Katherine Park Improvement Plan with the aircraft labeled, "Existing Airplane Monument" excluded from the plan.

That's it ... enough is enough.

It has been almost a decade since the aircraft was damaged in Hurricane Charley; over that time, it seems as though little to nothing has been done to repair or maintain it.

The time has come to end the public neglect and embarrassment and just get rid of it. I'm sure the Air Force Heritage Program or an aviation museum can find a better home for a piece of the history of American Airpower. If the city council doesn't want to remember and honor the contribution that Arcadia and the men and women of the Air Corps and Air Force have made to our country then that is their choice, but at least let's end the ongoing public insult of letting the aircraft rot away.

If you can't, or won't take care of it, give it to someone who will.

Marcus Carter, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)

'Arcadian's trip through Fantasyland'

Editor:

Almost everything the Arcadian reports about Arcadia City government ridicule it or is designed to create hysteria. Last week's article "On the Brink" is just another example of this.

Several months ago one of the editors told a reader, "It sells papers." This kind of trash belongs in the National Enquirer alongside the story about the space ship that took Bubba to the planet Mars.

"On the Brink" started with fiction and after the Arcadian's little trip through Fantasyland, they reported, "The situation here isn't nearly as dire."

Does the state have committees that review cities' budgets? Sure they do. Arcadia's finances aren't great, but they're getting better, in large part thanks to Judi Jankosky.

In 2013 and 2014 the City passed balanced budgets. The 2014 budget increases the city's reserve funds. The 2014 budget lowered the effective property tax rate, less than the rollback rate, budgeted over \$100,000 for new equipment and \$400,000 to pave streets. The water and sewer enterprise

fund budgeted a payment to the general fund because of previous years' borrowing and budgeted a contribution of over \$500,000 to its reserve balance. At the last council meeting a staff member suggested eliminating the business tax (occupational license), which would lower the city's revenue, which the council didn't do.

At one of the last budget meetings a council member asked if the city was going to be all right financially and the finance director said, "I think so."

The city isn't doing great but it's doing better, but that doesn't sell papers. Stories that the council is inept and the city is being taken over by aliens (Legislative Audit Committee), now that sells papers and gets people talking, "Did you see the paper today?"

If this is this what the local paper wants regardless of content, then Sun Coast Media Group should be embarrassed.

I always believed the local newspaper reported the news with integrity, now I'm not so sure.

Then again, maybe we're all about to be abducted to the planet Mars and I just don't know it!

Gary Frierson
Arcadia

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DeSoto County High School Bulldog Football



DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	Us	Them
Aug. 23	Port Charlotte	Away	7:00p	15	19
Aug. 30	Lake Region	Away	7:00pm	18	19
Sept. 6	Lehigh Acres	Away	7:30pm	36	35
Sept. 13	East Lee County	Home	7:00pm	47	28
Sept. 20	Booker	Away	7:30pm	17	37
Sept. 27	North Port	Home	7:00pm	28	35

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	Us	Them
Oct. 4	Bayshore	Home	7:00pm	14	33
Oct. 11	Frostproof	Home	7:00pm	21	61
Oct. 18	Southeast	Home	7:00pm		
Nov. 1	Hardee	Away	7:00pm		
Nov. 8	Braden River	Home	7:00pm		



DeSoto County Bulldogs vs Southeast Seminoles

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2013
Home game @ 7:00PM



DeSoto County running back Terrell Gordon is brought down by three Frostproof defenders in the loss on October 11.

DeSoto County quarterback Kari Williams (8) is about to pitch the ball to running back Terrell Gordon on a fourth quarter play. Gordon carried the ball to the two yard line where DaWayne Hearn ran it in on the next play.



Reggie Jones reverses his field as he eludes the Frostproof defense. Jones scored on a 33 yard touchdown pass and had 98 yards on 4 catches against Frostproof.

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