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## TILLIE BROWN TURNS 106



A birthday bash was held for Tillie Brown who recently turned 106!

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# Arcadian man lands big 'shark' on TV show

By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

ARCADIA — Within 48 hours of his appearance on ABC's "Shark Tank" on Friday, Johnny Georges had received hundreds of phone messages, more than 10,000 e-mails, and 15 marriage proposals— complete with resumes.

### SEE THIS EPISODE

To see the episode of Shark Tank that featured Johnny Georges on Nov. 7, visit <http://abc.go.com/shows/shark-tank>. You can watch the entire episode or just an excerpt with Johnny Georges's segment. You can also see his audition at this site.

Georges' life has been a whirlwind since "guest shark" John Paul DeJoria agreed to invest in Johnny's company, Tree T-Pee.

On Friday night, more than 200 people turned out for Georges' screening party

at Pine Level United Methodist Church for a barbecue dinner before watching the show. Georges appeared in the last segment, so the audience had a chance to see how demanding the sharks were, and how much the other entrepreneurs wanted from them.

When Georges finally appeared in the last few minutes, he explained how the Tree T-Pee — which looks like a big inverted plastic flower pot — helps protect young trees from frost, keeps irrigation water directed at the roots (along with fertilizer), prevents feeding and watering the weeds, and saves 80 percent of the irrigation water needed



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Pastor Brian Russell of Pine Level United Methodist Church, on stage with Johnny Georges after his appearance on "Shark Tank" was shown, comments that "shark" John Paul DeJoria's phone call actually rolled over to voice mail while Georges was addressing the audience.

in an orange grove — not to mention the savings in energy to run the pumps. In his audition tape, he said the Tree T-Pee "is a no-brainer, but farmers call it the smart choice." He asked for \$150,000 investment for a 20 percent interest in the company.

But shark Kevin O'Leary questioned why he sold them for only \$5 each.

Georges answered, "Because I'm working with farmers, and they're not buying one: they're buying 10,000."

O'Leary asked why not price them at \$12, leaving some profit for middlemen to sell and distribute the T-pees?

"I've never done that. I've always tried to be right. I make a dollar off each one."

But O'Leary said, "I can't get involved with you because I need to be able to sell it for \$12 at least. I'm out."

That's when DeJoria — whose fortune

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# City delays decision on pay hikes

By STEVE BAUER  
ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Arcadia City Council again tabled any action regarding raises given to 22 city employees by former city administrator Judith Jankosky. Instead, they asked city staff to investigate potential legal ramifications of reversing the raises, recommend changes to the city personnel manual and search for specific written rationale given by Jankosky for the raises.

Several council members expressed frustration over the situation Jankosky had created, forcing them to choose between giving pay raises to some while excluding others, or revoking the pay hikes including employees who may have deserved a pay hike.

"I'm concerned not that these people aren't deserving, but what kind of methodology was used to determine these raises," Councilman Joe Fink said. "I hate the thought of taking these raises away, but it was clear there was no money to spend on pay increases. I prefer we fix the personnel manual so this never happens again."

Councilman Keith Keene agreed with Fink, saying, "This puts the council in a very awkward position. I want to make sure we're in a proper legal position as well. We have to be cautious here."

Two council members were vocal in their opposition to the raises, saying it was unfair to employees who didn't receive a pay hike and the potential ramifications approval could have on

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# The end of an era

By STEVE KNAPP  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

As Monty McLeod walked off the football field following the season finale for the DeSoto County Middle School, there was a sadness hovering over him. It wasn't because his team lost their final game to Hardee 16-14. The sadness came from knowing his coaching career was over. "I'm tired, just plain tired," McLeod said. With a record of 78-11 as the Panthers' coach, he has given a lot of his time and energy to the program.

McLeod has coached for 43 years. That is a lot of time away from his

family and a lot of kids to mentor. It's a countless number of kids that he gave rides home after practice and tons of food he's bought over the years for his players, or his "sons" as he calls them. Even in the final four minutes of his last game, his mind was on his players. He kept asking everybody on the sidelines, "Have you played tonight?" He wanted to make sure everybody got a chance to be in the last game of the season.

"I'm going to miss everybody, my coaches, players, parents other coaches, everybody that I've come to know from coaching," he said.



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After his final game as Head Coach of the DeSoto County Middle School Panthers, McLeod thanks his team for their effort given in their final game. McLeod is 78-11 in his career as the Panthers coach, including a 6-2 record this season.

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# SHARK

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comes from Paul Mitchell hair products and Patrón tequila — told Georges, “What you’re doing is right and you deserve a chance to make it big and do a lot of good. I’d like to be your partner, Johnny. I’m going to give you everything you’re asking for because I like what you stand for.”

The church audience burst into applause, cheers and a standing ovation for their hometown boy.

Georges then addressed the audience, first thanking God, then his family and friends, “and every farmer here — my hat’s off to you guys. You gave me work, and pride in what I do.”

As he spoke, his cell phone buzzed several times. Georges glanced at it and then returned to the audience. But Pastor Brian Russell noticed the call was from his new business partner, JP DeJoria. “It’s not every day you see someone let a billionaire’s call go to voice mail!” he said.

He did return DeJoria’s call after his speech, and DeJoria told him, “Johnny, you just changed the world.”

## Determined to keep his workingman’s roots

Since taping the episode on June 21, Georges has been in constant motion. While before he was sworn to secrecy, he can now say he and DeJoria have bonded personally, because they both share an interest in water conservation

and increased food production. By Monday, DeJoria’s Facebook page led off with a congratulatory note to Johnny Georges, and comments on the page praised DeJoria for investing in Tree T-Pees.

During the summer, he traveled to Atlanta to meet with DeJoria and representatives from Coca-Cola, which in May announced it is investing \$2 million in Florida oranges, including planting 25,000 acres of orange groves. While he can’t reveal details yet, Georges said a proposal is being worked out involving Coke, the World Wildlife Fund and the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Science.

Georges has been securing patents and trademarks to protect his products all over the world — “in China, Brazil, Mexico, 80 countries worldwide!” he said. DeJoria is helping him with that.

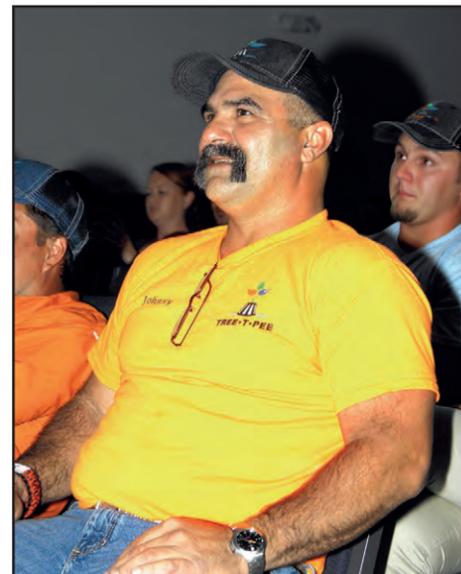
On Monday morning, Georges said he received a phone call from a sheik in Dubai. “I saw ‘United Arab Emirates’ on my cell phone, and I said, ‘I’m gonna answer this one.’” The sheik placed a substantial order for Tree T-Pees.

“I had no clue this was going to happen,” he said. Since his appearance on Shark Tank, he’s gotten calls from all over the world.

But despite being rocketed into instant fame, Georges is determined to keep his feet planted firmly in Arcadia. “I’m not going nowhere,” he said in his southern drawl. He was proud to bring Arcadia to national TV, “show them Arcadia has good people.”

He’s also been pitched by late-night TV merchandisers, sought for interviews (“I’m talking only to you at the Sun first,” he said), turned down TV show appearances, and was asked to give some speeches.

But much of his appeal to DeJoria and to fans across the country is that he’s working “not to get full of myself.” He is not acting greedy, not letting the potential profits go to his head, “I’m still living in a little 500-square-foot house.” And while he bought his son,



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Johnny Georges relives his experience on “Shark Tank” as he watches the premier broadcast of the episode in which he appears.

Wesley, a car last summer, it was an 8-year-old Jeep that needed major work, most of which he and his son did themselves.

Georges continues to work at his well and irrigation business. (After this interview, he headed out to install some irrigation equipment.) “I’m a well-driller; I’m a simple guy who works hard every day.

“I’ve seen lottery winners lose it all.” But for Georges, it’s not about having a lot of money. “All this can be a double-edge sword. But helping people is what makes me feel good, not showing off things.”

Even DeJoria remarked that he was the only person who didn’t instantly whip out a camera to take photos of celebrities, the expensive hotels where he stayed or impressive vehicles he rode in.

As to his new partner, he says he and DeJoria talk every day. “He’s a real good guy,” Georges said. His advice to Johnny is, “Pay no mind to the trivial many, and only to the select few.”



Johnny Georges greets Felton Garner in the audience, one of the 200 friends and family who came to Pine Level United Methodist Church Friday to watch Georges’ appearance on “Shark Tank.”

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida will hold a Public Workshop on Tuesday, **November 26, 2013 at 9:00 AM** or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room 103, Administration Building, 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida to discuss two issues:

1. Charges and fees provided under County’s Utilities Ordinance.
2. Reorganization for the Utilities Department.

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

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## NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON AND REQUEST CHANGES TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

The DeSoto County, Board of County Commissioners is undertaking a review of the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) and is requesting that interested persons or groups submit comments and/or requests for changes by December 13, 2013, either by letter or email to: DeSoto Count Attorney, 201 East Oak Street, Suite 200, Arcadia, Florida 34266; [d.conn@desotobocc.com](mailto:d.conn@desotobocc.com).

The current LDRs are posted under the Planning and Zoning Department on the County’s webpage. Generally, the LDRs address all zoning districts, subdivision procedures, concurrency determinations, resource protection standards, development design and improvement standards, accessory and temporary uses, nonconformities, sign standards, planning commission, board of adjustment, administration and enforcement, rights-of-way and definitions.

When submitting comments and/or requests for changes, it will be most helpful if you can identify the specific concern that you have, the LDR provision which is the cause of your concern and your specific suggested solution. The more specific you can be, the greater the likelihood that your concern can be addressed.

Workshops and public hearings will be held beginning in January. We would like to have your written comments and/or suggestions prior to that time so that they can be included in the workshop and public hearing materials.

If there are any questions, please call Yojaida Hernandez, Legal Assistant, 863-993-4800.

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## Public Notice Meeting

DESOTO COUNTY LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED Will meet on November 13, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at 201 East Oak Street, Suite 103, Arcadia, Florida 34266

To obtain additional information concerning the meeting contact Peggy Waters, at (863) 993-4858 or e-mail [p.waters@desotobocc.com](mailto:p.waters@desotobocc.com)

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# Memorial pie toss benefits scholarship

**SUBMITTED By DALE WOLGAST**  
MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY

This year, one of Memorial Elementary School's former students, Victoris Blandin, would have turned 21 years old had leukemia not entered her life. When Victoris was in fourth grade, she was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of leukemia that she fought the rest of her life, losing the battle just weeks before her eighth grade graduation. It was a moment the entire Arcadian community mourned.

Victoris had true charisma. She was a natural leader, had never met a stranger, and had a smile that was shared with ease. When Victoris became so ill in fourth grade that she could no longer attend school, her classmates missed Victoris and worried about her. Her teacher, Mrs. Debbie Hall, had the students write letters, create posters, and had telephone conference calls with Victoris and the entire class. What

happened was remarkable: Victoris was the one who made the class feel better. Her strength and courage were evident with each contact.

Her strength grew, and Victoris was able to attend a few more days of fourth grade. Her spirit and courage, her smile and her character during that time inspired an entire community.

This year, Memorial Elementary students raised money for the Victoris Blandin Memorial Scholarship Fund given annually to college-bound seniors to help with expenses. The students were told that if they raised at least \$500 by Oct. 31, they could throw cream pies at the Principal Dale Wolgast and the assistant principals to celebrate. The students raised more than \$850, and School Superintendent Dr. Karyn Gary, along with 24 teachers and others, joined in to show support for the outstanding effort by Memorial students. Victoris continues to be an inspiration.



Memorial Elementary School students gather for the great pie toss. After raising more than \$800 for the Victoris Blandin scholarship, they earned the right to toss pies at their principal and teachers.

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Ernestine Simon celebrates with Memorial Elementary Principal Dale Wolgast the memory of her daughter, Victoris Blandin, who was once a student there. Students raised over \$850 for the scholarship named for Victoris, earning them the right to throw cream pies at some of their teachers.



Jayden Twohig prepares to surprise Principal Dale Wolgast with a pie in the face. Ready, aim, fire!



A dream come true ... students deliver 25 pies to 25 teachers and staff at Memorial Elementary School.



Tracy White takes aim at Assistant Principal Vanessa King.



Daphney Dasodos, a fourth grader, shares a pie with School Superintendent Dr. Karyn Gary.

## Arcadian wins Fla. Press Club awards

STAFF REPORT

The Florida Press Club awarded Steve Bauer, The Arcadian's assistant editor, with the first place prize for Public Safety Reporting at its annual banquet Saturday. Bauer won the award for Class D papers (weekly editions) for his April 4, 2013 story, "Public safety risks revealed — DCSO's aging building in need of repairs." The story outlines many of the problems existing at the cramped, crumbling DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, from a failing elevator in the jail to rusting water pipes and exposed wires.

This was the first year Bauer, who started working for The Arcadian in February, had entered the Press Club contest.

The Arcadian also took second place in the same category with editor Susan Hoffman's stories about a teenage girl from Tampa who drowned in the Peace River when she was reportedly pushed off the old bridge. Her stories on the

incident appeared in the Sept. 13 and Sept. 20, 2012 issues. Also included was her May 23 report when former Marshal Charles Lee resigned hurriedly following allegations he was about to be charged with crimes by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Hoffman also won third place awards for editorial writing, headlines, and special sections (including the Memorial Day insert). She has won awards in the Florida Press Club contest every year since 2006. She has been with The Arcadian since 2009.

As stated on its website, the Florida Press Club is "a volunteer, nonprofit organization of writers, editors, photographers, graphic artists, researchers, librarians, and support technicians who work at Florida's many news organizations. The club's mission is to support its members through activities including regional journalism seminars, an annual Excellence in Journalism contest and awards banquet."



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## OUR VIEW

### Our values are showing

*Our view: Arcadia has a lot to be proud of this week.*

Arcadia had two shining stars last week to put it on the map — for all the right reasons.

First, the DeSoto County High School varsity volleyball team won the district title for the third year in a row, and reached the regional semi-final game, a mere four wins away from being state champions. DeSoto has long been known as a volleyball powerhouse, but this year the chemistry and talent meshed perfectly for one of the most impressive teams in the region.

With seniors Tishonna Riley, Casey Hall and Jillian Deriso providing experience and strong leadership throughout the season, and young talent such as Josie Deriso and Bethany Bonville poised to take on more responsibility next year, the future is extremely bright for the varsity squad.

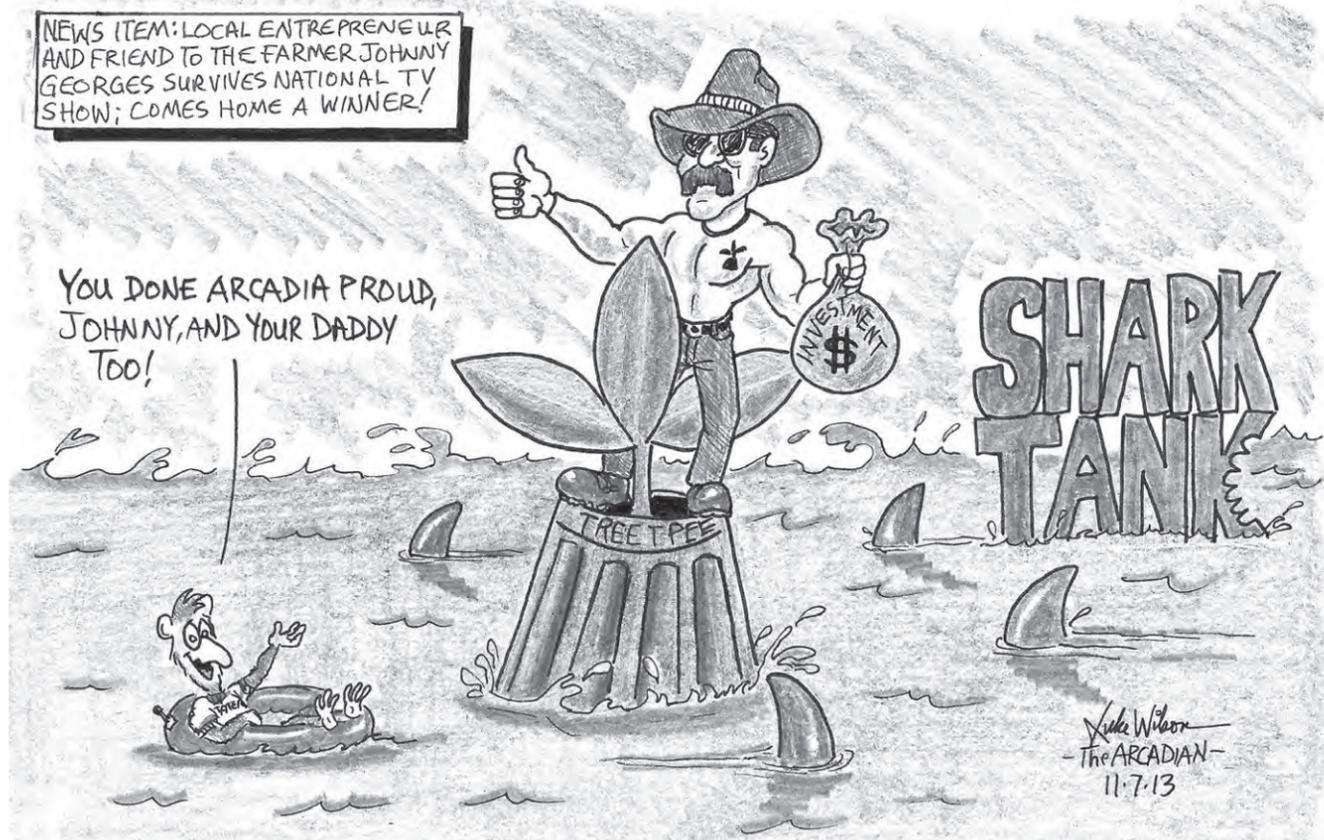
As driven and powerful as they are on the court, equally remarkable is what a good impression our girls make when they visit other schools. Steve Knapp, the *Arcadian's* sports director, was often told by coaches, staff and parents at other schools how polite and considerate these young ladies were.

These players are classy both on and off the court, and they are excellent goodwill ambassadors for our home town.

Johnny Georges is another Arcadian who brought national attention to DeSoto County from his appearance last Friday on ABC's "Shark Tank." The show consists of entrepreneurs making a pitch to a panel of billionaires ("sharks") to invest in their products. After watching other contestants ask the sharks for hundreds of thousands of dollars, Georges stands before them in his characteristic bright orange T-shirt asking for a mere \$150,000 investment to help him produce and market Tree T-Pees. He stood up to some of the sharks who questioned why he didn't sell them for more and make more of a profit. His answer was that he sells them to farmers, who often can't afford to pay more. "I get a dollar profit on each one," Georges said, "and that's enough."

It may be the first time someone appeared on Shark Tank who was not swayed by greed, and both the panel and the audience were stunned. But John Paul DeJoria (whose companies include Patrón Tequila and Paul Mitchell hair products) saw something special in this simple country boy from Arcadia: he saw honesty, integrity and dedication. And he agreed to invest in Georges' products and to help him bring them worldwide, because of the good they could do in water-starved countries. Johnny made certain to mention his home town several times. Judging by the responses in the Internet, a lot of people were surprised and impressed at his answers.

Our hats are off to both the volleyball team and Johnny Georges for showing the world the best qualities of Arcadia. We look forward to seeing what they'll accomplish next.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'You reap what you sow'

Editor:

The residents of the City of Arcadia have three individuals to thank for the well published actions of Judith Jankosky. Thank you Alice Frierson, Robert Heine, and Robert Allen. The three of them conspired and manipulated to give Jankosky the Administrator position.

Then the three of them encouraged and allowed Jankosky to lie, manipulate, alienate every city employee, and ruin numerous former city employee lives. I hate to quote two phrases but I will. "I told you so" and "You reap

what you sow."

Certain City Council members refused to listen to my warnings and refused to take action on the proof that I provided them back in August of 2012. So for 14 months Jankosky ruled with an iron fist and got rid of everyone that refused to drink the Jankosky Kool-aid. Jankosky followed the City of Arcadia's employee manual when it benefited her and did not follow the manual when it went against what she was trying to implement.

If the City of Arcadia would have had a strong Finance Director during those 14 months that would have questioned

and vehemently objected to Jankosky's actions, the Council would not have had to meet last Tuesday and reverse Jankosky's parting gifts.

During those 14 months I have been fortunate to receive vindication from unemployment and many from the community and I look forward to further vindication in my near future.

Thank you again, Alice Frierson, Robert Heine and Robert Allen, and only 10 more months till election day.

Jorge Santana  
DeSoto County

## GRITS & PIECES

### Welcome to Y'all-Mart

Tired of those big box stores coming to your town and killing off all the mom and pop businesses? Well, I think I have a solution: "Welcome to Y'all-Mart."

That's right. Just whip into the parking lot and come on in, and you'll find everything your heart desires, made in the good ol' USA, and sold to you by your family, friends, and neighbors. It's one-stop shopping for us rural folks, and an idea whose time has come.

Basically, it's the local mom and pop places circling the wagons to stave off attacks by the mega-corporations that are devouring small-town Americana, one community at a time. It's neighbors looking out for neighbors, as it should be.

I'd say a 15-acre tract of property would do it. Ten acres would be under one roof, where consumers are made to feel right at home while shopping. What's unique? Well, it caters to us simple country folks.



### Grits & Pieces

Luke Wilson

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Part of it would be like a feed store, where you could buy everything from washtubs, fence posts, and divining rods to cow feed, weather vanes, and biddies. The fishing department next to it would not only sell live bait and frog gigs, but would even have classes for making and throwing cast nets and such.

The other five acres would be devoted to farming, with a very large garden, a cash register, a scale, some bushel baskets, and a "U-Pick" sign out front. How's that for keeping it simple?

This place would have the biggest

wrap-around porch you ever saw. Cracker Barrel restaurants have the right idea about having rocking chairs out front, and this would be the case at Y'all-Mart. Another similarity would be the tons of old farming implements and antiques that hang on the walls and from the rafters, except we'd have the option of buying that stuff, instead of just wishing they'd let us. Admit it, you know you've always wanted a log roller and a big metal Bubble Up sign!

Men could hang out on the porch playing checkers and whittling while their wives shopped, and there could even be a few horseshoe pits nearby for them. I'm envisioning a room set up for quilting classes as well, with frames hanging from the ceiling and ladies seated all around, sewing and sharing "news" with each other (not that the men on the porch would

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## LETTER SUBMISSION POLICY

Letters are welcome on virtually any subject, but we do have some rules. Please keep them to less than 250 words. Letters will be edited to length as well as grammar and spelling. All letters must be signed with full name - not initials. An address and telephone number must be included; they are not for publication, but must be provided so we may verify authorship if necessary. Due to the number of letters received, we reserve the right to run only one letter per person per month. The Letters to the Editor section is intended as a public forum for community discourse and the opinions and statements made in letters are solely those of the individual writers. *The Arcadian* takes no responsibility for the content of these letters. Please send or bring correspondence to the *Arcadian*, 108 S. Polk Ave., Arcadia FL 34266, or fax to 863-494-3533. Readers with access to the internet may e-mail Letters to the Editor at shoffman@sun-herald.com.

# Jankosky defends her choices to City Council

**Editor's note:** The following is an excerpt from an email letter former Arcadia City Administrator sent to City Council members, select city staff, the city attorney and *The Arcadian*.



Judi Jankosky

Wow, after all that I did for Arcadia, bringing forward a balanced budget without using reserves and putting money in reserves, getting all the grants for the airport, getting your water and sewer budget back in the positive, meeting bond covenants for the first time since they were issued, my actions get questioned. I never did anything to hurt Arcadia. I worked 16 to 18 hour days, seven days a week, sometimes 36 to 40 hours straight with no sleep, to fix the finances and save the city and you now question my actions. I'm insulted.

First, Tom (Slaughter) was not privy to all this because how I manage staff, budget and finances is not a staff members concern. Just because he does not understand the numbers does not mean they are wrong or were done with malice. In addition, the Personnel Action Forms were not withheld from anyone and I would like to know just who they were withheld from? There is not a signature line on the form for Tom as planner so just because he was

not as aware of everything I did and handled like he told you he does not mean what I did was wrong or done with malice. He is grandstanding in an attempt to make himself look like the hero.

There was \$118,910 in the budget in Public Works payroll (salary, taxes, benefits) that was budgeted but not being utilized due to a few staff that left the city. We did not adjust those staff back out because we were going to replace them but after Cathy was able to go in the field and evaluate current staff and their duties we found that we did not need to. Rather we re-organized and re-assigned duties to existing staff to make up the loss of other staff. Because we were in the middle of September when we worked all this out there was not enough time to remove the excess funding — yes, all this saved you money. Every penny was in the budget and everything I did gave you savings

to the budget. You will have money left over unless someone else spends it on something else but my actions saved you money.

To start, Denise Musselwhite was making less than her male co-workers that were doing the same job which was a lawsuit waiting to happen. Denise, whom Jerry recommended, was made foreman over sanitation, thus her adjustment as well.

Sanitation throwers on the back of the truck were being paid a \$2/hour incentive (not in their salary but an extra line item) causing them to be paid more than the drivers who had taken the time and initiative to obtain their CDL license to operate, maintain and be responsible for the huge trucks. It was a separate item because if they finished their route early they would go to the cemetery to help Tim which was proving to not be working out so well due to them now making less than being on the truck (less pay equaled less work in this case). After much discussion of how to manage this better, we eliminated the \$2/hour incentive and gave them an increase which averaged out to be a little less than they would usually get so no matter what work they were doing, they did not have incentive or disincentive to work or not work. In addition, Jerry (Cordes) had

hired newer CDL drivers at a higher rate of pay than existing CDL drivers which again was a lawsuit waiting to happen. We had to adjust CDL drivers to be getting equal pay for equal work and because of their additional qualification of a CDL, a higher wage than throwers.

Parks and streets staff had unequal pay for the same work as well. Those pays were adjusted based on time with the city, work being performed and the re-assigned duties so we did not have to replace staff who had left. You also have a handful of staff who are coming close to retirement over the next couple years and we had no plans on replacing them so we were cross-training staff.

The adjustments to PW staff, in the end, cost \$30,267 total — salary, taxes and benefits — saving the city over \$88,000 in the budget

I saved the city over \$88,000 by making these adjustments yet, after all the positive I did for you, you question my actions and intentions.

(Whether) right, wrong or excessive in your eyes, it is your prerogative but I don't think you can point to anything I ever did and say it was done to hurt the city or done with malice. Everything I ever did was to help save Arcadia and I'm truly insulted anyone would ever think anything but.

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# Arcadia's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOTE: All area codes are 863 unless otherwise indicated.

## 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.

## TODAY

- The DeSoto Chamber of Commerce Early Bird is at 8 a.m. Nov. 7 at Horizon Coach.
- The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council is heading to Port Charlotte for a presentation at the Mid-County Library at 5:30 p.m., by Patrick Smith, "Florida Is a Land Remembered." Anyone interested in car-pooling to the talk can meet at The Arcadian parking lot at 4:30 p.m. The group will stop for a bite to eat afterward. No charge for the talk; dinner is Dutch treat.
- 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. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

## FRIDAY

- The Photography Group of DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council meets the second Friday of each month 3:30 - 5 p.m. at the DeSoto Public Library. Free and open to the public. For more information contact Karen at ksmoke@embarqmail.com.
- Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.
- 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.
- Sabbath service begins at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 3840 S.

Biscayne Dr., North Port. Oneg Shabbat follows.

## SATURDAY

- On Nov. 9, Chapter 16497 Modern Woodmen meet at Solomon's Castle for lunch about 11:30 a.m. To carpool, meet at Pine Creek Chapel at 10:45 a.m. For more info or to RSVP, call Jane Powers at 494-1679.
- Browse for bargains at the Historical Society's Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 9, at the Fairgrounds Exhibition Building, 124 Heard St. The contents of several homes have been donated and are priced to sell. Baked goods, coffee, hot dogs, and cold drinks will also be available. To volunteer, call Norma Banas at 494-4325.
- Sarasota author Liz Coursen will present "Having Fun, Wish You Were Here! An Illustrated History of the Postcard in Florida" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m., at the DeSoto County Library in Arcadia. Free and open to the public. For information call 993-4851.
- The Palace Promenaders meet for square and round dance from 7-9 p.m. every Saturday at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle. Art Miller, caller, and Jennie Martin, cueing. Call Jennie at 494-2749 or Mary at 941-380-5336 for information.
- Women in Fellowship Ministry meets every second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, 256 S. Orange Ave. Be uplifted, motivated and inspired by God. Free and open to the public. Light brunch is served.
- 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.
- Sabbath service begins at 9:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Kiddush will follow.

## SUNDAY

- The Arcadia Elks Lodge will host a Veterans Appreciation Dinner and Marine Corps Birthday Celebration at 5 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Elks Lodge, 1028 W. Oak St. All veterans and their guests are invited to attend. RSVP to 993-0011 after 4 p.m. For details, call Mary Lyne at 245-5150. The dinner is free.
- Sisterhood of Temple Beth El - North Port Jewish Center presents "The Other Son" at 2 p.m. A donation of \$10 covers the movie and refreshments. 3840 South Biscayne Drive, North Port.
- St. John Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Closing anniversary Service for Pastor Robert Harrison Dr. at 3:30 p.m., 208 Gordon St. The public is welcome to participate.

## MONDAY

- DeSoto County residents will not have trash collection on Monday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day. Monday customers will

have their next pickup on Thursday, Nov. 14.

- The annual Veterans Day Parade takes place at 10 a.m. on Nov. 11. Line-up is at 9 a.m. at W. Oak St. and S. Orange Ave. To participate, call Jackie Tucker at 993-0083. Lots of children from DeSoto schools will be taking part this year. The parade will be followed by a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. sponsored by the DeSoto County Veterans Council at 11 a.m. at the courthouse.
- Alzheimer's Support Group - every 2nd Sat. & 4th Mon. at Arcadia Oaks ALF. 11 am, complimentary lunch.
- The GFWC Arcadia Woman's Club meets on the second Monday of every month Sept. through May at the clubhouse in DeSoto Park, 2288 N.W. American Legion Way, with a pot luck lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a meeting. Members are encouraged to bring guests. For more information call 494-2966.
- The Amvets Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday each month.
- 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.

## TUESDAY

- DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 9 a.m. at the County Administration building, Room 103, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia. A special workshop on the fire station will take place at 10:30 a.m.
- DeSoto County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board meeting room of the DeSoto County School District, 530 La Solona Ave., Arcadia.
- Line Dancing is held at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday. Jennie Martin, instructor. Call Jennie at 494-2749 for information.
- 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, starting Nov. 12, at the Speer Center, U.S. Highway 17 North, Arcadia. For information, contact Bill or Mary Morse at 207-418-4687.

## WEDNESDAY

- DeSoto County Library Association is hosting a farewell reception for Library Director Lorel Reinstrom from 4-5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the library, 125 N. Hillsborough Ave.

- Nature Talk: John Reynolds, Creative ways early residents used plants, 10 a.m. on Nov. 13 at DeSoto County Library. Free.
  - Nov. 13 is Spirit Night at Beef O'Brady's; with a special coupon, when you have dinner at the Arcadia Beef's, 20 percent of your meal price will be donated by Beef's to the DeSoto Arts & Humanities Council.
  - Free Food Distribution the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Arcadia Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2865 S.E. Ami Drive (off State Road 31 near Walmart), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. By the All Faiths Food bank. Call 494-3262 for more information.
  - Been There Rancher's and Farmers' Club meets every second and fourth Wed. through April at 1 p.m., first clubhouse inside South Entrance Arcadia Village Country Club. North of Walmart, State Road 70. Call Max R. Fitzpatrick at 863-494-6257. Free. Tours, speakers, conversation, friends, fun - all welcome.
  - The DeSoto County Ministerial Association will meet at 8:30 a.m. for prayer and 9 a.m. for the meeting at the Housing Authority, on Booker T. Washington St. Pastors or representatives of all denominations and churches are invited to attend as we address community challenges and coordinate worship services to serve county residents.
  - Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
  - "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.
- ## THURSDAY
- Nature Walks: Deep Creek Preserve, 8:30 a.m. Nov. 14. With naturalists John Phillips and Jamie Reynolds. Free.
  - Nov. 14: Lettuce Lake. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Dec. 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call Rick for reservations and info. 941-637-8805.
  - TEAM Arcadia meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Margaret Way Building, 23 N Polk Avenue. The purpose of TEAM Arcadia is to unite community organizations and coordinate community improvement efforts.
  - The DeSoto County Historical Society holds its monthly meeting at noon Thursday, Nov. 14 at the Family Service Center Annex, N. Orange Ave. and Effie St. Lunch available at 11:30 for \$6. Meeting includes election of 2014 officers, and a program on "DeSoto County's Traditional Music" with the Fiddle Grabs of Punta Gorda, performing traditional fiddle tunes, ballads, hymns and songs.
  - Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity meets at 6 p.m. second Thursdays monthly at the Habitat ReStore, 111 N. Polk Ave.



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# Couple arrested for multiple burglaries

DESOTO COUNTY — A rash of recent burglaries of Arcadia residences resulted in the arrest of Mark Hadsell, 36, and Tera Martin, 34, both of Arcadia, on multiple charges.



HADSELL

According to DeSoto County Sheriff's Office reports, deputies responded to home burglaries at two separate locations on N.E. County Road 660 and another on N.E. Hammock Street. Items taken from the residences included firearms, TVs, pain medications, jewelry, a safe and an uncut sheet

of \$2 bills. In each case, the suspects gained entry to the residences through locked windows, although in one instance the report states they were only able to gain access to the garage.

After receiving descriptions of the suspects from several witnesses, deputies were alerted to a report by a manager of a local Circle K of a male and female paying for items with \$2 bills. A review of the store's surveillance video tipped off authorities to the identities of the suspects, who had been witnesses to an aggravated battery case a few days earlier.

Deputies then obtained a search

warrant for a home in the 2900 block of N.E. Ouray Drive in Arcadia, where they found several of the stolen items. When questioned about them, the report states, Hadsell initially denied any knowledge of the items, and Martin claimed one of the firearms found was purchased from Craigslist, and other items purchased from a drug dealer. Martin later admitted to breaking into one of the homes and stealing several items police said.

Martin was arrested on one count of armed burglary of a dwelling, structure or conveyance; burglary of an unoccupied dwelling; two counts of grand

theft between \$300-\$5,000; two counts of grand theft of a firearm; and four counts of dealing in stolen property. Bond was set at \$46,000.



MARTIN

Hadsell was charged with two counts of armed burglary of a dwelling, structure or conveyance; two counts of possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon; grand theft between \$300-\$5,000; grand theft between \$5,000-\$10,000; and four counts of grand theft of a firearm. Bond was set at \$63,000.

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

- George Mac Golloman Sr., 40, 1800 block of SW Harlem Circle, Arcadia. Charges: felony battery, possession or use of drug equipment, and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: none.
- Matias Riojas Jr., 44, 1100 block of SW Anita Street, Arcadia. Charges: battery. Bond: none
- Jeffrey Scott Stafford, 50, Sarasota, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$1,000.
- Howard Wayne Horton, 27, Jacaranda Trails, Arcadia. Charges: shoplifting. Bond: \$500.
- Michael Wayne Bunce, 40, 2400 block of Lois Avenue, Arcadia. Charges: battery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. Bond: \$10,750.
- Luis Alberto Corrales, 30, 6000 block of SW Shores Avenue, Arcadia. Charges: violation of domestic injunction. Bond: none.

## 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.

- Javier Monroy, 21, 2800 block of SW Wallace Avenue, Arcadia. Charges: probation violation. Bond: none.
- Shauna Louise Corcoran, 29, 3700 block of Rosemary Drive, Punta Gorda. Charge: probation violation. Bond: none.
- Julio Rafael Delmonte, 21, 2700 block of Rowena, Arcadia. Charges: probation violation. Bond: none.
- Cameron Marie Nott, 31, 1200 block of SE 3rd Avenue, Arcadia. Charges: driving while license suspended; failure to register motor vehicle. Bond: time served.
- Adam Keith Torres, 26, 1200 block of SE 3rd Avenue, Arcadia. Charges: probation violation. Bond: none.
- Thomas Anthony Padgett, 59, Booker T. Street, Arcadia. Charges: battery. Bond: \$5,000

- Alberto Marin Cordero, 42, 1400 block of 1st Ave, Arcadia. Charges: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$4,000.
- Larry Lenard Ousley, 18, Cape Coral. Charges: contributing to the delinquency of a minor; interference with custody of a minor. Bond: \$2,000.
- Devin Scot Smith, 24, Lakeland. Charges: out-of-county warrants. Bond: \$1,500.
- Roni Alejandro, 39, no address. Charges: disorderly intoxication. Bond: \$120.
- Rodney Lee Dakin, 47, 3100 block of State Road 62 East, Arcadia. Charges: refusal to sign citation; driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; use of a firearm under the influence of alcohol. Bond: \$1,250.
- Brandy Nicole Roberts, 36, 1400 block of Coastal Drive, Punta Gorda. Charges: unarmed burglary of unoccupied dwelling; grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$8,500.
- Mark Richard Martin, 37, Sebring. Charges: criminal mischief property damage between \$200-\$1,000; possession and/or use of drug equipment; possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$740.
- Kristen Ann Hooks, 21, unknown address, Arcadia. Charges: committing theft and resisting recovery of property; second degree petty theft, first offense. Bond: \$620.
- Trophona Ellitia Blandin, 42, 500 block of N. Polk Avenue, Arcadia. Charges: possession of weapon or ammunition by a convicted Florida felon. Bond: \$5,000.
- Daniel Cortez III, 22, 2700 block of S.W. Bungalow Street, Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment; possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. Bond: \$240.
- Glenda Marie Garcia, 40, 1300 block of SE 2nd Avenue, Arcadia. Charges: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$400.
- Justin Ryan Hollingsworth, 24, 5900 block of NW Pete Coker Landing, Arcadia. Charges: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$6,000.

- Tara Marie Lemacks, 31, Venice. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment; possession of a controlled substance without a prescription; possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell; possession less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$3,740.
- Rene Lopez, 25, Clewiston. Charges: Battery. Bond: \$2,500.
- Matthew Paul Martell, 43, 3000 block of SE Hansel Avenue, Arcadia. Charges: fraud; grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$2,500.
- Daniel George McClelland, Bishop Street, Brownville. Charges: driving while license suspended. Bond: \$120.
- Lee Wright Quave, 37, 3400 block of SE Love Street, Arcadia. Charges: driving while license suspended. Bond: \$120.
- Devin Scot Smith, 24, Lakeland. Charges: out-of-county warrants. Bond: \$1,500.
- Jesus Lopez Jr., 41, 1500 block of NE Lea Avenue, Arcadia. Charges: non-support of children or spouse; failure to appear. Bond: \$7,181.27.
- Travis McGill, 54, 300 block of S. Manatee Avenue, Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied conveyance. Bond: \$5,000.
- Dustin Michael Campbell, 24, 4800 block of SW Highway 17, Nocatee. Charges: battery. Bond: none.
- Jamie Lee Prusinski, 31, 3000 block of NE Buddy Drive, Arcadia. Charges: possession of drug equipment; possession of a hallucinogen. Bond: \$2,620.
- Joshua Lee Willis, 27, 1200 block of NE Pinewood Avenue, Arcadia. Charges: non support of children or spouse. Bond: \$1,000.

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

- Caleb Joseph Williams, 22, 2300 block of NE Snow, Arcadia. Charges: probation violation. Bond: none.
- Javon Richardson, 22, Nocatee. Charges: driving while license suspended. Bond: \$500.

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## OBITUARIES

### Donald Michael Lawruk

Donald Michael "Don" Lawruk, 75, of Lake Suzy, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013.



He was born Nov. 20, 1937, in Altoona, Pa., to Magdaline (nee Gurna) and Antony Lawruk.

Donald spent most of his career as an automotive tool and die maker. In 1997, he retired from General Motors in Lordstown, Ohio. He was a member of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in North Port, Fla. Donald loved living in Florida, playing golf, woodworking, and helping his church and friends. Mostly, though, he loved his family. He will be deeply missed.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Barbara A. (nee DeSoto); daughters, Rebecca A. Blackson of Cortland, Ohio, Samantha L. Gullett of Jacksonville, Fla., and Christina R. Poschner of Austintown, Ohio; son, Michael A. Lawruk of Las Vegas, Nev.; seven beloved grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers, Walter, Maurice and Adam Lawruk; and sisters, Olga Romerowicz, Jennie Cramer and Alice Hanna. Don was preceded in death by his daughter, Michelle Moore; and his brothers, Joseph and Raymond Lawruk.

Visitation was held Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013, at Farley Funeral Home in North Port, with a Panachyda Service following. The Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Nov. 4, 2013, at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, followed by interment at Venice Memorial Gardens in Venice, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts be made in his memory to St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church,

1078 N. Biscayne Drive, North Port, FL 34287. To send condolences, please visit [www.farleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.farleyfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are by Farley Funeral Home, North Port.

### Kiya Moore

Kiya Moore, 6 months, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Arcadia.

### Donald Torres

Donald L. Torres, 68, of Bradenton, Florida passed away Oct. 25 after a brief illness.



He was a native of Chicago, IL and a local resident since 1978, when he moved here from Huntington, West Virginia. He was a tile salesman; a Christian who attended the Assembly of God Church; a member of the American Legion; and a Veteran of the Vietnam War Era and he was a Sky Solider who served with the 189th "Ghost Riders."

He is survived by his daughter, Natalie M. Torres of Port Charlotte, Florida; his mother, Betty Whobrey of Arcadia, Florida and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his father, Lewis Torres.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2013 at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241 with the Kirby Stewart American Legion Post providing full military honors. Burial will take place in the cemetery following the service.

Veterans Funeral Care is handling the arrangements.

## THIS WEEK IN DESOTO COUNTY

Former DeSoto County Sheriff Frank Cline passed away October 11, 2013. The following excerpts ran in the January 8, 1981 edition of the Arcadian when Cline retired after 14 years as Sheriff of DeSoto County. The Arcadian pays tribute to the lawman with a look back through the sheriff's eyes in the first of a two part special.

### 1981:

On Monday, January 5th, Sheriff Frank E. Cline got up from his desk and walked out the front door of the Department for the last time as DeSoto County Sheriff. He was the sheriff for 14 years, and a deputy here for 8 years before that.

Cline gave 22 years of his time to DeSoto County because law enforcement was his life. When he took office in 1967, Cline had a staff of eight people. Today he leaves a work force of 48 people.

There were pressures from two sectors in the county, he said. One he called the "deposed political powers." Fewer in number were those that carried grudges because they had been arrested by his department. But the political faction caused the greater number of "unnecessary pressures," Cline said. "But I did exactly as I wanted to anyway. The path I took was determined by the fact that I knew what I was doing. I knew my work."

"If I can look at myself in the mirror in the morning and not have to turn my head, I'd do what I thought best, regardless of who thought what. Naturally that caused some problems. But how are you going to operate any other way? Are you going to cater to this group over here, or to someone else? Then you aren't the one who's sheriff. Some other section is, and therefore you're slighting the rest of the people," Cline said.

He is proud of the department he is leaving to his successor. "There's no way we could have come from where we were to what we are now without the help of



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the people from the county, the people that supported good law enforcement. I don't mean political support."

"I had a lot of good men out there working, and I supported them. I did this by telling them they were doing a good job, and by helping them on cases they were working on, not just drawing back on telling them nothing."

"I feel that the sheriff's office has come a long way and has been very successful. We have absolutely nothing to hang our heads about. We can stand up and look anybody in the eye and say we have done a good job. I would probably give the most credit for being able to make that statement to my employees, past and present."

"Without their loyalty, without the dedication to their work, we would not be where we are today or enjoy the stature that we have with other agencies all over the United States." Cline will keep his memories of an adult lifetime spent doing the thing he loved most.

His memories are not marred for him by those that would spread rumors that followed him throughout his career. "Let's face it," he said. "Who can you get the most mileage out of in a small county? People change. You can do for one person ten fine and wonderful things. Do one thing he doesn't like, and that will be the only thing he ever remembers. That's sad. Thank the Lord that all the people are not that way. Those that are just don't matter."

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# Family Album

## FAMILY ALBUM PHOTOS

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## 'Open wide' at Memorial Elementary School

Dr. Kirk Snyder and assistant Diane Wilson prepare to apply a dental sealant to Marshall Blosser as the Tooth Fairy looks on. Marshall was one of the first patients at the new dental clinic that the DeSoto County Health Department just opened at Memorial Elementary School.



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Ribbon cutting at the new dental clinic at Memorial Elementary School.

## Grand opening for skin center



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Water's Edge Dermatology celebrates its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with members of the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce. The full service dermatological center provides a variety of treatments for skin problems.

## Pastor Upchurch celebrates 60 years of ministry

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA NICHOLSON

On Oct. 20, Dr. T. Howell Upchurch was surprised with a celebration of his 60th Year in the Ministry, at Oak Hill Baptist Church in Arcadia

Dr. Upchurch was born and raised in McDonough, Georgia. He began his ministry on Oct. 18, 1953 at the age of 17. He graduated from Truett McConnell Jr. College where he received his AA Degree, then earned a bachelor's degree at Mercer University, and earned his Bachelor and Master's of Divinity at Colombia Seminary. He attended The Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies where he received his Doctorate of Ministry.

He met his wife, Mae Floyd, in McDonough. She was a guest pianist in the church he was serving. They were married on Dec. 21, 1962. They raised two sons, Kevin and Keith.

Upchurch ministered to churches in Georgia, Ohio, Kentucky and Florida. Among his experiences, he served as a church planter, starting a church in Ohio in 1969 where he brought property and built twice at that location. While in Louisville, Ky. his ministry led to the building of a Family Life Center and a Worship Center, seating 2,300 members.

His pastoral duties also led him to preach in over half of the states in the United States in revivals and bible conferences. He served on state boards of Ministry in Ohio and Kentucky. He served on several boards of Christian organizations, and started a Ministerial Training Institute while serving at Valley View Baptist Church in Louisville. Upchurch was one of the founders of the Fulness Magazine. He also authored two books.

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Rev. T. Howell Upchurch celebrated his 60th year in the ministry on Oct. 20.



### DeSoto County Tourism Development Marketing Grant Program

DeSoto County and the Tourist Development Council is accepting applications for the 2014 Tourism Development Marketing Grant Program, which is a marketing/advertising grant program for eligible organizations that will sponsor and promote tourism activities within DeSoto County, bring substantial numbers of tourists/visitors to the County and promote overnight bed stays within DeSoto County. The overall purpose of the program is to promote DeSoto County as a tourist destination by assisting new tourism events in launching effective marketing campaigns. This is a matching funds grant program.

#### Eligible Organizations:

- The organization must be a not-for-profit organization qualified to do business in Florida.
- Applications are restricted to new events, defined as being in existence for three (3) or less years and cannot receive funding for more than two consecutive years.
- All events, performances, or programs must be open to the public.
- Events cannot be unreasonably restrictive through admittance fees, public access or crowd capacity, which limits participation by visitors.
- Events, performances or programs must take place in DeSoto County. If these events, performances, or programs are to be used for fund raising purposes, profits must go exclusively to programs that benefit DeSoto County residents and/or charities.
- Tourism Development Marketing Grant funds requires a 50% match.

#### Eligible Use of Funds:

The following are examples of how tourist development funds may be used to promote tourism in the County:

- Promotional or advertising expenses in conjunction with an event to increase the awareness of DeSoto County outside this area.
- Out-of-county advertising and publicity of an event to increase participation, attendance and awareness including, but not limited to, internet, print, television, audio advertising, and use of billboard advertising.

**Maximum Award:** \$1,500.00, dollar for dollar matching grant. \$4500 will be available in this grant cycle, for events to be held in 2014.

For program overview and application instructions please visit: <http://desotofl.com/grant2014>  
Applications may be downloaded at this website address or in person at our offices at:

DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners  
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Attn: Michael Taber or Mandy Hines  
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# Tillie Brown celebrates her 106th birthday



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Friends and family visited Tillie Brown at DeSoto Health and Rehab to wish her a happy 106th birthday, complete with a beautifully decorated cake.

Family and friends gathered to celebrate Tillie "P.I." Brown's 106th birthday on Nov. 4. The celebration began with an opening prayer by Rev. Jerry Alexander, followed by a song of her request, "Walk With Me Lord." Tillie then recited a prayer, "Now I lay me down to sleep," after which the floor was opened for family and friends to offer their birthday wishes.



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be doing the same thing, of course).

There'd be a barber/beauty shop there, and maybe even a tattoo studio right next to the tanning booth. Maybe even a botox station, for all your cosmetic needs. Did I mention there'd be spittoons at the end of each aisle, and the shopping buggies would have Yosemite Sam "Back off!" mud flaps on the wheels?

The Y'all-Mart motto could be "If we ain't got it, you don't need it." Parents have been telling their children that for years, so they're already programmed to accept it. And besides, if it's that badly needed, the store will figure out a way to get it for you, whether it's wheeled out the front to you, or snuck out the back.

No need for a fancy-schmancy sandwich café in the store. I think we'd all be content with a place to plop down, kick off our shoes for awhile, and enjoy boiled peanuts and gizzards. I've never been a shopaholic, but just the thought of those vittles makes me want to go on a spree.

There'd be lots of reasons for visiting other than just buying groceries and odds and ends. I think a veterinarian clinic would be in order, complete with

accommodations for critters up to the size of a horse. Same goes for a gunsmith. Why should we just be able to buy one there? Oh yeah, and there wouldn't be any paranoia-inducing ammunition shortages, either. And let's not forget the full service fillin' station out front, where you can earn stamps that are redeemable for items inside. Oh yes, and there's a daycare open there, so you can shop in peace, so bring the whole family and make it an experience for all.

You know how some grocery stores and restaurants let you sign the death warrant of a lobster by picking them out from the others? Same would go at Y'all-Mart, except you'd have other stuff to choose from, such as mullet for your smoker and catfish to go with your grits. And why stop there? You want fresh chicken? Come out back and pick you out a big fat hen. And we'll even give you a dollar-off discount if you'd like to wring its neck yourself!

I could go on and on, but I think you get the picture. Maybe someday this will come to pass, and we'll all shop happily ever after. I'll be waiting out front in a rocker with my brogans pulled off, sipping on a cold bottle of Bubble Up, working as a greeter.

"Welcome to Y'all-Mart ... y'all come back now, ya hear?"

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# Safe cycling tips for riders and drivers

By KAREN SMOKE  
ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

Cooler weather and the arrival of our winter residents means more recreational bicyclists will be on the road. Shorter daylight hours put more people who use bicycles for basic transportation on the road at the most dangerous dawn and twilight hours and even after dark.

Cycling is a great fitness activity and riding with a group is a great way to maintain your motivation while enjoying the activity with others who share a love of cycling. Florida is a favorite winter destination for cyclists from other areas where winter forces many to put up their wheels.

Safe cycling is the responsibility of both cyclists and motor vehicle drivers. For the most part, cyclists are required to obey all the same rules as motorists. Motorists must give cyclists the same respect as other slower moving vehicles when passing. Cyclists and motorists must both respect each other's right to travel the road.

Twenty-five pounds of alloy is no match for tons of steel. Even a light graze by a rearview mirror or trailer fender may be fatal to the cyclist. Pass bicyclists with plenty of room to spare. Motorists need to remember cyclists can't accelerate with the same speed as motorists. Cyclists must always be on the lookout for pot holes and road debris, and occasionally may have to swerve to avoid a road hazard.

The first rule of safe cycling is to go with the flow — always ride on the right in the direction of travel. It's a misconception that riding on the left or against traffic is safer. It definitely is not, and is illegal. Riding against traffic is a leading cause of accidents involving cyclists. Consider your reaction as a motorist if you saw an automobile coming the

wrong way toward you. Instinct is to swerve, and you have no idea what the other driver is going to do. Riding against traffic actually reduces the time the other driver can react to your presence.

People see what they are looking for — where they expect to see it. Riding with traffic, where the traffic is supposed to be, is the most visible place on the roadway. If a bicycle rider is in the wrong place, the chance of being seen is greatly reduced. Bicyclists who ride against traffic at night are even more vulnerable. Drivers expect and are trained to follow red lights and pass them safely on their right. White headlights identify an approaching vehicle which is always on the driver's left. Now comes a bicycle riding against traffic, how is it to be passed? Riding against traffic, especially at night, defies all the conventions of roadway use.

Motorists should pass cyclists only when they have adequate space to do so. Cyclists riding in a group should yield by moving off the road if there is a buildup of traffic behind them.

Helmets are required for riders under the age of 16 in Florida. Safe cyclists of any age always wear a helmet. It seems a flimsy bit of protection, but can save a cyclist from tragedy. Falling off a bike with any forward speed can mean your head crashes into the pavement with considerable velocity. Add the momentum imparted by being struck by a vehicle, and your brain is doomed. Road rash and broken bones will heal, but brain injury is another matter. Today's modern helmets are lightweight, cool and comfortable.

Safe cyclists make sure they are seen at all times. Wear bright colored clothes during the day and white or reflective clothing at night. A cyclist is required to have a white light in the front, and a red light in the rear, and some towns ticket

# Coone attends leadership conference with Gov. Scott



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Ashley Coone, center, executive director of the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce, attended a dinner conference along with First Lady Ann Scott and Gov. Rick Scott.

riders without them. Would you drive an automobile at night without lights? Let motorists know your intentions — signal turns and stops with hand

signals. Left arm extended straight out from the shoulder means the cyclist is making a left turn. Left arm extended with the fore arm bent upward signals a right turn, and downward means a stop. Get and use a rearview mirror, but also always look back before moving across a lane of traffic. Try to make eye contact with the driver.

Ride single file in traffic, and no more than two abreast on trails or lightly traveled roads. Take the road less traveled when planning recreational rides. Use secondary roads and trails when possible.

Cyclists are allowed to ride on sidewalks, but must yield to pedestrians. Equip your bike with a bell or horn and when approaching pedestrians from the rear sound a signal and say "bike on your left" to be sure they are aware you are passing. Ride on the right even on sidewalks, except when passing. Cross at intersections the same as you would if walking, and at busy intersections dismount and walk your bike.

Courtesy is a two-way street. Share the road with cyclists. Better yet, get on a bike and enjoy travel under your own energy.

For all your cycling needs, head to Acme Bicycle Shop, LLC at 6 W. Oak Street. Hours are Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information visit <http://acmebicycleshop.com/> or phone 863-884-2333.

Georgetown, Ky. and former members and pastors who had set under his teachings in Lebanon, Ohio, Louisville, Dallas, Texas and Arcadia.

Cindy Trawick and Bonnie Tuttle read letters addressed to him from church members from Ohio, Kentucky and Arcadia.

Deacons John McHarque, Bob Tuttle, W.M. Marsh and Mike Waller presented him with a Declaration of Service from

the Desoto County Commissioners. The church presented Upchurch and wife a cruise, monetary gifts and a week of vacation. Additional gifts and cards were given by various members and friends. Several out-of-town guests came to help celebrate this special day.

Deacon Eddie Wertz led the Prayer of Dismissal and Blessings for the food prepared for the celebration at the Fellowship Hall.

# DeSoto SPORTS EXTRA

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# HARDEE WINS ... AGAIN

For the fifth straight year, the Bulldogs football squad falls to its fiercest rival in a 26-7 defeat.



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### On the Bench with Big Daddy

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# Bulldogs playoff run ends

The DeSoto County Bulldogs came into their regional semi-final game playing at home and on a nice roll. They knocked off their three previous opponents with a mark of 9-1. The Lely Trojans came to Arcadia Tuesday night and put an end to the Lady Bulldogs dreams of making a run at a state title.

Every team in the state, except for the state champs, that makes the playoffs will end with a one-match losing streak. To lose the final game of the season is hard to take. When you lose to a better team or if you play the best game that you can and still lose, then you know you simply lost to a better team.

The Bulldogs did neither one on Tuesday's loss. They didn't play a better team and they didn't play their best game. That is something a team needs to do once they reach the tournament portion of the season. Each game will be against a little tougher competition and for a team to become state champions they must play better every game.



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Tishonna Riley drives a ball past two Trojan defenders during game action Tuesday night.



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Bethany Bonville (10) and Tishonna Riley go high for a block. DeSoto County lost 3-0 to Lely in the regional semifinal match.

"The mental part of the game hurt us tonight. We weren't thinking too clearly at times," Coach Laura White said.

There were communication problems that led to points for the Trojans. Other aspects of the game broke down at times, too, as there were many more unforced errors than the Bulldogs had committed in previous tournament games.

"It's a game of momentum, like the domino effect. One thing happens and then another and pretty soon you're in trouble. We had that 'deer in the headlights' look for part of the match," White said.

There were three things each match had in common: They all started out with Lely taking the early lead; they were as close as bark on a tree; and Lely won all three sets.

In the first set the Bulldogs built a 5-1 lead after surrendering the first point of the game. Lely took the lead with six unanswered points and DeSoto tied it back up at nine. The game saw six ties, with the final one coming with the teams knotted at 16. Lely rattled off four points to take a 20-16 lead. With the Bulldogs trailing 24-17, Micaela Roberts served four points, but that was all they could get as Lely took the first set 25-21.

After Lely scored the first two points in the second set, both teams traded points for much of the way. There were 11 ties in the game, but the Trojans didn't pulled ahead with the game tied at 17 to take a four-point lead. They hung on to win 25-22.

In the final set, Lely took the lead 2-0 and expanded it to 7-4 before the Bulldogs started their comeback. There were 10 tied scores in the game. With the score 18-15 in favor of the Trojans, DeSoto County rallied for eight points, with seven of them coming with Datasia Wallace at the service line.

With a 23-18 lead, it appeared as if the Bulldogs were going to force a game four. But the Bulldogs started making mistakes and Lely tied the game at 24. The Trojans tallied the final two points as they scored eight of the final nine points of the game to secure the win.

The Bulldogs started out the night



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DeSoto County volleyball coach Laura White watches as her team loses the lead in the third set and eventually loses the match to Lely.

with fire and intensity. As Lely made their comeback it seemed as if the Bulldogs began to panic and pressed in their play. They stopped smiling late in the game and for the final two sets they looked nervous and just were unable to get any kind of spark going.

The Bulldogs finished their season with a 15-12 record as they played a very tough schedule. Many fans would have been happy with the district crown, but this club went one step farther and made it to the regional semi-finals. They ended up just four wins shy from being State Champions.

"To tell you the truth when we first started the season I didn't think we'd get this far," White said. "I'm happy that we won the district and got farther than we have in several years. I'm happy with my girls; they had a very good season."



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The Lady Bulldogs' season comes to an end as they were defeated by the Lely Trojans Tuesday night during regional semi-final action.

# Veterans to be honored Monday

Harlan Wilson, Lee Gallagher, Jeff Pitch and Tim Martin embrace William Bentley (seated), who served in the US Navy from 1951 to 1954 during the Korean War on the USS Stoddard. Bentley was visiting DeSoto Veterans Memorial Park to see the bench dedicated in his name for the first time. Veterans Day will be honored with a parade at 10 a.m. Monday, followed at 11 a.m. with a ceremony in front of the courthouse.



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# CELEBRATES

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Several ministers who sat under his Christian leadership now serve as pastors in Ohio, Kentucky, Texas, Connecticut and Florida.

Upchurch retired to Punta Gorda Florida in 2000, but was soon called

to serve at Calvary Baptist Church in Arcadia. He went back into retirement, and was again called to serve at Oak Hill Baptist Church, where he is presently in his sixth year.

To honor him on this special day, Mike Waller, Beth Carsten, and his wife Mae put together a program of video recording from his mother-in-law, Edith Floyd of McDonough, sons Keith of Columbus, Miss. and Kevin of

# Bulldogs hang tough, but lose to Hardee 26-7

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The scoreboard said that Hardee had won 26-7 over DeSoto County, but in some aspects it was a victory for the boys from Arcadia. For the first time since the first couple of weeks in the season the Bulldogs played with some fire and passion.

"If you play with that kind of passion and intensity, you give yourself a shot (to win)," Bulldogs' head coach Matt Egloff told his team after the game. "We've been walking through the whole season and we've been telling you to play the game with heart and finally tonight we did. We went down swinging. Why don't you play like this every week? We could be pretty good but you got to want to play every week."

The Bulldogs played pretty tough against the District 5A-13 champions. DeSoto's defense held the Wildcats on a fourth down attempt in Bulldog territory early in the game. That gave the team some spark, and the defense was led by Deionte "Juice" Turner who made a couple of tackles for losses, including a quarterback sack.

Hardee Coach Jared Martin said, "DeSoto did a good job. We knew they would be tough. Their defensive line was tough; they gave us some real

problems early on."

Hardee seemed to have everything going for them with an 8-1 record including an eight-game winning streak and hosting the Bulldogs on senior night at Wildcat Stadium. The Bulldogs were stuck in a five-game losing streak and were facing a team that only gives up an average of eight points a game.

The loss took the Bulldogs out of the district lead in points scored, as the Wildcats now have scored 244 points compared to the Bulldogs' 240. The Wildcats had only allowed 70 points all season compared to the Bulldogs' 299. It would not have been too surprising to see a lot of points on the board for the Wildcats, but the teams were tied at seven midway through the second quarter.

Kari Williams hooked up with Dequan Richardson for a 72-yard touchdown pass to tie the game within the first two minutes of the second quarter. The touchdown pass matched Dawayne Hearn's from earlier in the season, which is the longest in Bulldog history.

The Wildcats struck back for two touchdowns in the second quarter to take a 20-7 halftime lead. After a scoreless third quarter, Hardee scored on a touchdown run of four yards in the final three minutes of the game to



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The only freshman who started all season for the DeSoto County Bulldogs was Nirion Washington, who jarred this pass out of the hands of the Wildcats' receiver with a hard hit.

seal the win at 26-7.

Other than the two touchdowns in five-and-a-half minutes just before half, the game could have gone either way. Jacarius "Slugga" Thomas made the only interception in the game for either team to stop a Hardee drive. Both clubs ended up with 128 yards in the air.

Williams has more than double the number of interceptions than any other quarterback in the area, but was clean against the Wildcats. The Bulldog receivers had trouble holding onto his passes, with close to a half-dozen drops. Williams is just one touchdown pass behind North Port's Brennan Simms for the area's lead. Simms has

16 on the year and will host Hardee tomorrow night.

Richardson had no problem holding onto Williams' tosses as he caught six of the seven completions for a game-high 117 yards. The other completion went to running back Terrell Gordon, who needed 36 yards to reach the 1,000-yard rushing mark. Gordon had a couple of Wildcats shadowing him all night and only picked up 16 yards. Gordon has a 272-yard lead over his nearest competitor, and will win the area rushing crown this season.

On each play there were three or four Hardee players who would say, "I

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Senior wide receiver Bay Hale has a wall of white jerseys in front of him as he returns one of his three kickoff returns in the 26-7 loss at Hardee.



Nirion Washington comes back on a pass pattern and tries to make a diving catch of a Kari Williams' pass. The pass was incomplete as the Bulldogs lost to Hardee for the fifth straight season.



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# Freedom Drivers meet The Independence Fund

By **SUE FAY**  
THE BLUFFS

On Nov. 16, the Bluffs Golf course will host the Freedom Drivers Golf Tournament. The profits from this tournament will benefit The Independence Fund. The Independence Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit fund which helps severely injured veterans achieve complete physical and emotional healing.

Four ladies from deep in the heart of Cracker Country gathered with the sole desire of assisting severely injured veterans. Their desires united them into a group called "The Freedom Drivers."

They learned the Independence Fund's board of directors is comprised entirely of combat veterans who ensure that 99 percent of every dollar that is received goes directly to a veteran. The vision of this organization is to unify governmental, private and corporate entities for the common purpose of providing complete physical and emotional healing to severely injured veterans. Their motto is: "They were

there for OUR freedom, now WE are there for theirs."

The Freedom Drivers contacted Steve "Luker" Danyluk, founder of the Independence Fund. They were assigned Sergeant Major Jesse Acosta, also affiliated with the Independence Fund, as the Director for their cause. The Freedom Drivers quickly learned their mission was not going to be a walk-in-the-park ordinary golf tournament. Acosta and his service dog, "Charlie Boy," quickly empowered the ladies to take on the most rewarding endeavor of their lives.

Acosta, blinded by shrapnel that ripped through his face while he was serving in Iraq in 2006, has been able to rise above his disabilities with the help of Charlie Boy. Acosta said, "I knew he would guide me to the freedom that I was told I would never have because of my injuries."

On Nov. 16, Zolfo Springs will host a golf tournament to benefit The Independence Fund. Ninety-nine percent of the profits will be awarded

back to veterans who have served our country in protecting our freedom. Acosta and Charlie Boy will be special guests at the tournament.

If you believe in freedom and patriotism and want to support this cause, join the tournament or donate to this group.

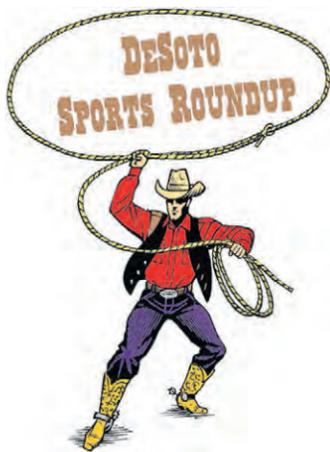
The tournament will be held Nov. 15 and 16 at The Bluffs Golf Course. Entry is \$60 per person (Bluffs members) or \$75 per person (nonmembers). Included in the fee are 18 holes of golf on either Friday or Saturday, golf cart, the banquet Saturday night and a commemorative hat. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 and 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16. The Saturday banquet begins at 4 p.m. with the Color Guard, invocation and speakers at 6 p.m. Fee for the banquet only is \$30 per person. For more information call Sue at The Bluffs Golf Course. 863-993-4310 or 863-735-0631.

Checks can be made payable to: Freedom Drivers, 8037 US Highway 17 South, Zolfo Springs, FL 33890.



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Sergeant Major Jesse Acosta and his service dog, Charlie Boy, will attend the Freedom Drivers Golf Tournament Nov. 16 at The Bluffs Golf Course.



By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

## DeSoto County High School

- The varsity volleyball team continued their post-season play with a 3-0 regional win over Cypress Lake. The Lady Bulldogs are now 9-1 in postseason action.
- The varsity football team showed some life but

couldn't stay with Hardee as the Bulldogs lost 26-7 in the state's oldest rivalry.

- The girls' soccer team lost their season opener 2-1 at Mulberry and then lost 8-0 against North Port.

## DeSoto County Middle School

- The Panthers football team lost a heartbreaker to Hardee 16-14 in coach Monty McLeod's final game as the

first and only head coach for the Panthers' football program.

- The Lady Panthers softball team lost to Hardee 8-4, but ended the season with an 8-2 win over Lake Placid.

## Upcoming games

- The varsity football team will honor their senior team members at their final game of the season 7 p.m. tomorrow night as they host

Braden River.

- The lady weightlifters begin their season next week with two matches. On Tuesday they will travel to Port Charlotte and on Thursday will go to Charlotte High School for a match.

- The girls' basketball team will open their season at home against Port Charlotte Nov. 11. The junior varsity

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Say farewell to Lorel Reinstrom

The DeSoto County Library Association invites you to a farewell reception for Library Director Lorel Reinstrom from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the DeSoto County Library, 125 N. Hillsborough Avenue. Refreshments will be served.

Reinstrom has accepted a position as Operations Manager for Technical Services with the Sarasota County Library System. Her last day of work in Arcadia will be Nov. 15. In her resignation letter, Reinstrom wrote, "I have enjoyed my time here in DeSoto County and appreciate all the opportunities I have been offered, as well as the guidance and support of the

community and county employees."

Join the Association in offering gratitude for a job well done and best wishes for the future.

### Historical Society holds mammoth yard sale

Find treasures and essentials priced to sell at the DeSoto County Historical Society's Ninth Annual Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the DeSoto County Fairgrounds Exhibition Building, 124 Heard St.

Start your shopping day with a chocolate-chip chocolate brownie or piece of peach cobbler and coffee. Society members are baking their most delicious recipes for cakes, cookies, pies and other

tasty treats. You can eat them immediately or take them home for later.

The yard sale has both small and large items, newfangled gadgets and old favorites, necessities and collectibles, and plenty of miscellaneous everything. People have been very generous in donating clothing, dishes, furniture, household appliances, housewares, machinery, sporting goods, tools, toys and more. With so much to choose from, you're sure to find something to suit your needs or desires.

When you're ready for a break from shopping, freshly grilled hotdogs and cold drinks will be available. You'll have a chance to visit with Historical Society members, friends, neighbors and other shoppers, too.

Bebe Bradbury, president, said, "The contents of three homes have been donated in addition to many other donations, so we have plenty of stuff. Our members are working hard to display and price all these bargains. I bet we'll fill the Fair Grounds Exhibition Building!"

All proceeds of the yard sale, bake sale and other concessions will benefit the society's efforts to preserve and promote the history of DeSoto County for future generations. The society will accept donations for the yard sale until 1 p.m. today at the Howard and Velma Melton Historical Research Library in the Ingraham Seed House, 120 W. Whidden Street. Or for pick-up, call 863-494-4325 or 863-494-6607.

## DECISION

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the budget were still unknown.

"There were a lot of employees who didn't receive raises who deserved it," Mayor Alice Frierson said. "I don't know how we can do partial raises when we've previously turned down entire departments. We also don't know where we are in terms of our budget, or what our shortfall is going to be. I think approving this would be irresponsible on our part, giving out pay increases with the Legislative Audit Committee closely watching us."

Councilman Bob Heine agreed with Frierson, noting the council had been under the impression during the last budget process that any potential raises were off the table. "Every time we worked on the budget, it was thrown in our face that there was no room for pay increases," he said. "What has occurred

was out of pure spite that some got raises and others didn't."

Frierson then asked Councilman Bob Allen if he would like to weigh in on the discussion, to which he replied, "No comment." When Frierson again asked him if he had any opinion on the matter, Allen answered no.

Interim city administrator Tom Slaughter said the staff's biggest concerns were the timing of the raises, and the rationale provided that varied by employee.

"The late hour this all happened is a concern for us, and from the outside looking in it looks like we made up a set of rules and then just decided to ignore them," he said. "I agree with Councilman Fink we need to make adjustments to the policy manual, and we need to look further into any potential legal action that could arise from revoking the raises."

After further discussion, Heine moved to temporarily halt the pay increases until the council makes a decision on the

matter during its Nov. 19 meeting. City Attorney T.J. Wohl quickly cautioned the council on approving the move.

"I strongly recommend and advise you to let things remain as is until you make a formal decision," Wohl said. Slaughter also expressed his concerns over the legal ramifications of freezing the pay increases, and Heine then rescinded his motion.

After further discussion, the council asked Slaughter to have staff come back with any written rationale by Jankosky for the pay increases, suggestions for changes to the policy manual and direction from the city's labor attorney regarding potential legal ramifications.

### Retainer extension

City Attorney T.J. Wohl's retainer agreement was to expire Nov. 14, and he asked council to extend it for another year. Heine praised Wohl's work with the city. The council approved the extension 4-1, with Fink voting against

it because he had voted against the original agreement.

"I have also been quite pleased the city attorney's work, but I must vote no based on my earlier opposition to this retainer," Fink said.

### Hollywood coming to Arcadia

In other news, Sherman Baldwin and Evan Bacallao from The Wrecking Crew Productions announced the company had chosen Arcadia as a backdrop for an upcoming major motion picture. The independent movie is titled "Ghoul City," and Baldwin says a crew of approximately 200 will begin principal photography for the movie during a 75-day period in the spring.

"This movie has a \$7 million budget, and our plan is to use as many local citizens and vendors as possible," he said. Sherman said most filming will occur at night, and local residents will experience minimal disruptions.

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# 4-H helps with community garden at Bosco homes

DeSoto County 4-H is partnering with Mosaic to build Community Gardens at the Casa San Juan Bosco community. 4-H will be working with the youth and adults to teach them how to grow their own food, and about health and nutrition. Shown are the volunteers who helped complete the first phase of the project.



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# THIS WEEK

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## Our View — Cline Deserves Our Thanks —The Arcadian

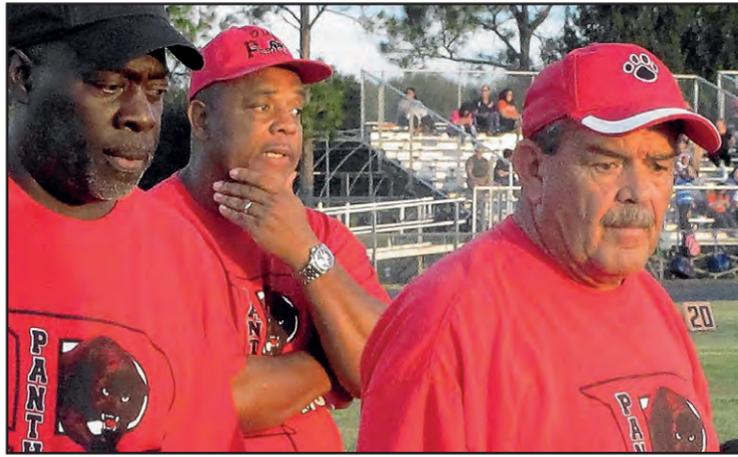
Outgoing Sheriff Frank Cline deserves recognition for his achievements and successes in law enforcement during his 14 years on the job. Cline took his job seriously and lived it. Evidence of his hard work is the rank and standing in the Florida Sheriff's Association where he served as president for the past year and as a director and officer for many previous years.

Cline also worked hard and long hours to build the department into a larger and more effective corps of people and to see to it they had the facilities and equipment to perform the many duties of law enforcement and service to the courts.

Sheriff Cline also stepped on a few toes to get his job done, including some toes that perhaps needed stepping on. You don't get a pat on the back for having strength of character and we're sure there have been many times that Frank Cline deserved thanks and appreciation but no one but Cline knew. That doesn't always seem fair but it goes with the territory.

For all those instances when his good deeds went unnoticed, for all those times Cline was true to his sense of doing right instead of popular, for all those times Cline extended the strong arm of the law to help the good citizens as well as apprehend the bad guy, for all those times Frank Cline took the knocks and bruises for the sake of doing his job right and not much else, we'd like to say: Thank You, Sheriff Cline.

DeSoto County Middle School football coach Monty McLeod delivers his final halftime speech of his career as Panthers football coach. Behind him are assistant coaches Al Blackwood and Sherley Hairston.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

# ROUNDUP

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game begins at 5:30 p.m., with the varsity game to follow.

- The boys' varsity and junior varsity soccer teams will be at Lemon Bay tonight with game times at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. They will host Riverdale on Tuesday.

- The girls' varsity and junior varsity soccer teams will host Lemon Bay tonight at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. They will then travel to Riverdale for a match next Tuesday.

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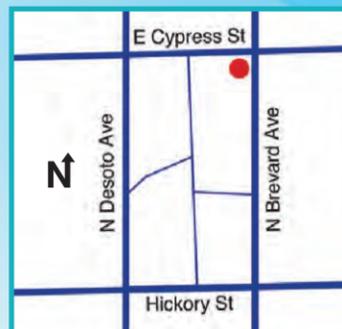


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# Exploring nature in DeSoto County

We headed out recently on a walk with the Florida Master Naturalist program to explore the Environmental Learning Lab. Despite having heard much about DeSoto County School District's outdoor classroom over the years, we had never been there.

Why? Probably because our backyard is much like the ELL. We were not surprised that we learned some new things on the walk, for there is always more to learn about nature. It was also great to see this marvelous resource for teaching across multi-disciplines. If you haven't been there, go and see for yourself this facility that has been used for 40 years to teach our children about Florida nature and environment. The ELL is open to the public on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Group tours may be arranged by calling 494-6611. The ELL is located at 8152 Environmental Lab Road, off County Road 769.

Since the rise of electronics there's been much talk about how children don't get out and interact with nature and the environment. Kids today know more about the world at large, but less about their own back yards and much of their knowledge is not first-hand. They know what they've seen on the screen, but haven't experienced the joy of discovery.

DeSoto County was a pioneer in establishing the ELL in the early 1970s — long before the age of video games and the Internet. Opportunities for first-hand learning are needed now more than ever.

We both remember going out as children with a magnifying glass and after the requisite focusing the sun's rays on some dry grass to start a fire, going on to explore and identify the Lilliputian world of insects, lichens, mosses and



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Al & Karen Smoke

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other things best discovered close-up. We saw a stack of hand lenses at the ELL; undoubtedly that's one of the many activities visiting students engage in.

After gathering in the classroom we set out on the walk with the day's leader, Gil MacAdam and a dozen other nature enthusiasts. Gil's focus was on how the hydrology of a site influences plant communities. The ELL offers samples of most of the ecotypes found in our area — from dry pine flatwoods to wet prairies and flooded swamp areas.

A small stream, Pomeroy Creek bisects the property and flows into Horse Creek just beyond the ELL's boundary. The site is about 50 acres; the meandering trails and boardwalks take you throughout the property.

Few truly natural pristine areas exist in Florida. The hand of man is evident at the ELL with contour alterations done long ago, and some more recent mitigation projects to restore natural

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ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY AL SMOKE

Nature walk participants gather around walk leader Gil MacAdam, center, to tour DeSoto County School's Environmental Learning Lab. Gil's focus was on how the hydrology of a site influences plant communities. DeSoto's Florida Master Naturalists are giving talks and walks to acquaint residents with what our natural areas offer.



Gil MacAdam points out some features at the Environmental Learning Lab for members of the walking tour. The ELL is open to the public. It is on Environmental Lab Road, off County Road 769 (Kings Highway).

## PLATTNER'S Arcadia Chevrolet Buick

*When did you first start working in the auto sales business?*

The year was 1989, in Winter Haven, Florida, I worked with Doug Plattner. He was half owner of a Ford dealership.

*When did you start at this dealership?*

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*Why did you settle in the car business after working in the oil industry out in Texas?*

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*What do you appreciate most about DeSoto County?*

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*Your customers travel on average how many miles to shop at Plattner's Arcadia Chevrolet?*

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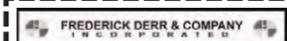
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vs.  
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And any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:  
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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Giselle M. Huguess, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 15th day of July, 2013.  
**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ N. Daughtrey Deputy Clerk Published 10/31/13 & 11/7/13 109392 2956279

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE No.: 13 CA 405  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007 HE5 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007 HE5, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Robert Rivers; Jacquelyn B. Rivers; Unknown Tenant #1; Unknown Tenant #2; Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: Robert Rivers  
Residence Unknown  
Jacquelyn Rivers  
Residence Unknown  
If living; if dead, all unknown parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the above named defendants, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other claimants; and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action

**NOTICE OF ACTION  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO:  
14-2013-CA-000162  
METLIFE BANK, NA AS SUCCESSOR TO EVERBANK REVERSE MORTGAGE, LLC  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DOROTHY M. LAWRENCE; DANIEL G. BLAIR; CHARLES V. HARRIS; NATHAN R. HARRIS; ARIANNE RACHEL; LUCAS DOYLE; SARAH DOYLE; ELIZABETH HEYWOOD; RONNIE M. STUBBS, JR.; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; DOROTHY M. LAWRENCE, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCES M. HARRIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DOROTHY M. LAWRENCE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL G. BLAIR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES V. HARRIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NATHAN R. HARRIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARIANNE RACHEL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LUCAS DOYLE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SARAH DOYLE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH HEYWOOD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RONNIE M. STUBBS, JR.; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,  
**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: **LUCAS DOYLE**  
1044 SE 6TH AVENUE  
ARCADIA, FL. 34226  
OR  
106 DICKHART STREET  
ARCADIA, FL 34266  
**SARAH DOYLE**  
4902 SE APACHE DRIVE  
ARCADIA, FL 34226  
**UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LUCAS DOYLE**  
1044 SE 6TH AVENUE  
ARCADIA, FL. 34226  
OR  
106 DICKHART STREET  
ARCADIA, FL 34266  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN  
And any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:  
**LOT 9, 10, 11 AND 12, BLOCK 18, KING & BAKER SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 105.**  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Giselle M. Huguess, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 15th day of July, 2013.  
**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ N. Daughtrey Deputy Clerk Published 10/31/13 & 11/7/13 109392 2956279

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE No.: 13 CA 405  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007 HE5 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007 HE5, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Robert Rivers; Jacquelyn B. Rivers; Unknown Tenant #1; Unknown Tenant #2; Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: Robert Rivers  
Residence Unknown  
Jacquelyn Rivers  
Residence Unknown  
If living; if dead, all unknown parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the above named defendants, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other claimants; and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action

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**NOTICE OF ACTION  
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to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in DeSoto County, Florida:  
Lot Number Ten (10), Harlem Heights, Arcadia, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in plat Book 6, Page 82, of the Public Records of De Soto County, Florida.  
Parcel Number:  
013824018600000100  
Street Address:  
**1248 SW Harlem Cir,  
Arcadia, Florida 34266**  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Clarfield, Okon, Salomone & Pincus, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 500 Australian Avenue South, Suite 730, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 within 30 days after the date of the first publication of this notice, on or before December 2, 2013, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. DATED on August 12, 2013  
Mitzie W. McGavic  
Clerk of said Court  
BY: /s/ B. Wynn  
As Deputy Clerk  
CLARFIELD, OKON,  
SALOMONE & PINCUS, P.L.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
500 Australian Avenue South,  
Suite 730  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
Telephone: (561) 713-1400  
Published 10/31/13 & 11/7/13  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 13DR603  
DIVISION:  
James T. Galliher,  
Petitioner  
and  
Lisa Rose South,  
Respondent.

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR  
Temporary Custody By  
Extended Family**

TO: Lisa Rose South  
Last known address:  
12001 Belcher Rd. Apt G101,  
Largo, FL 33771  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Temporary Custody has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on James T. Galliher whose address is 4810 NW Hwy 72, Lot 134, Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before November 25, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 115 East Oak St. Arcadia, FL 34266 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.**  
Dated October 23, 2013. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ N. Daughtrey  
Deputy Clerk  
Published 10/24/13, 10/31/13, 11/7/13 & 11/14/13 131159 2955581

**NOTICE OF ADMIN  
3118**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FILE NUMBER:  
142013CP000086  
IN RE: ESTATE OF PROBATE DIVISION  
ALAN WAYNE HOOKS  
Deceased.

**NOTICE OF  
ADMINISTRATION****NOTICE OF ADMIN  
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TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the administration of the estate of ALAN WAYNE HOOKS, late of DeSoto County, Florida, File Number 142013CP000086, is pending in the Circuit Court in and for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is, DeSoto County Courthouse, Arcadia FL 34266. The personal representative of this estate is TOBY JUNIOR HOOKS, who address is P.O. Box 1204, Nocatee, FL 34268 The name and address of the attorney for the personal representative is set forth below. All persons having claims or demands against this estate are required, WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, to file with the Clerk of the above Court a written statement of any claim or demand they may have. Each claim must be in writing and must indicate the basis for the claim, the name and address of the creditor or his agent or attorney, and the amount claimed. If the claim is not yet due, the date when it will become due shall be stated. If the claim is contingent or unliquidated, the nature of the uncertainty shall be stated. If the claim is secured, the security shall be described. The claimant shall deliver sufficient copies of the claim to the Clerk of the above styled court to enable to Clerk to mail one copy each to the personal representative. All persons interested in the estate to whom a copy of this Notice of Administration has been mailed are required, WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, to file any objections they may have that challenge the validity of the decedent's Will, the qualification of the personal representative, or the venue or jurisdiction of the court. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. Dated at Arcadia, Florida, on this 28th day of October, 2013.

/s/Toby Junior Hooks  
Personal Representative,  
Petitioner  
/s/ Frank Ribel, Jr.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
25 East Oak Street  
Arcadia, FL 34266  
(863)494-7139  
Florida Bar No. 0290981  
Published 10/31/13 & 11/7/13  
131159 2958789

**NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS  
3120**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2013-CP-083  
Division Twelfth  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
Joe F. Colding a.k.a Joe Francis Colding,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of Joe F. Colding a.k.a Joe Francis Colding, deceased, whose date of death was September 1, 2013, and whose social security number are xxx-xx-8615, 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 other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate are set forth below. All 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 31, 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  
Eugene E. Waldron, Jr., P.A.  
124 N. Brevard Ave  
Arcadia, Florida 34266  
Telephone: (863) 494-4323  
Personal Representative:  
Julie P. Colding  
6041 NW County Road 661A  
Arcadia, Florida 34266  
Published 10/31/13 & 11/7/13  
228541 2958371  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR **DeSoto** COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. **2013CP67AXMA**  
Division  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
**JOSEPH NICHOLAS MAZZARELLI**  
Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of **Joseph Nicholas Mazzarelli**, deceased, whose date of death was **May 11th, 2013**, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-7130, is pending in the Circuit Court for **DeSoto** County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is **115 East Oak Street Room 101, Arcadia, FL 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 A 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 November 7, 2013.  
**RICHARD J. ROSENBAUM, P.A.**  
Attorneys for Personal Representative  
**17827 MURDOCK CIRCLE SUITE A  
PT. CHARLOTTE, FL 33948**  
Telephone: **(941) 255-5220**  
Florida Bar No. **488585**  
E-Mail Address:  
**rosenbaum@rosenbaumlaw.net**  
Personal Representative:  
**Janice Cahn**  
**335 Salvador Drive  
Punta Gorda, FL 33983**  
Publish: November 7, 14, 2013  
111305 2962072  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
CASE NO. 2013CP000084  
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:  
**MORGAN, THOMASENA THEDOSIA**  
Deceased.  
**Notice to Creditors**  
The administration of the estate of THOMASENA THEDOSIA MORGAN, deceased, whose date of death was May 5, 2013, is pending in the Twelfth Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Room 201, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The estate is testate. 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

**NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS  
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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 31, 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  
Eugene E. Waldron, Jr., P.A.  
124 N. Brevard Ave  
Arcadia, Florida 34266  
Telephone: (863) 494-4323  
Personal Representative:  
Julie P. Colding  
6041 NW County Road 661A  
Arcadia, Florida 34266  
Published 10/31/13 & 11/7/13  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR **DeSoto** COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. **2013CP67AXMA**  
Division  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
**JOSEPH NICHOLAS MAZZARELLI**  
Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of **Joseph Nicholas Mazzarelli**, deceased, whose date of death was **May 11th, 2013**, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-7130, is pending in the Circuit Court for **DeSoto** County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is **115 East Oak Street Room 101, Arcadia, FL 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 A 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 November 7, 2013.  
**RICHARD J. ROSENBAUM, P.A.**  
Attorneys for Personal Representative  
**17827 MURDOCK CIRCLE SUITE A  
PT. CHARLOTTE, FL 33948**  
Telephone: **(941) 255-5220**  
Florida Bar No. **488585**  
E-Mail Address:  
**rosenbaum@rosenbaumlaw.net**  
Personal Representative:  
**Janice Cahn**  
**335 Salvador Drive  
Punta Gorda, FL 33983**  
Publish: November 7, 14, 2013  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
CASE NO. 2013CP000084  
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:  
**MORGAN, THOMASENA THEDOSIA**  
Deceased.  
**Notice to Creditors**  
The administration of the estate of THOMASENA THEDOSIA MORGAN, deceased, whose date of death was May 5, 2013, is pending in the Twelfth Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Room 201, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The estate is testate. 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 DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A 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 SO FILED 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 the first publication of this Notice is September 26, 2013  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Jeffrey A. King, Esq.  
Florida Bar No. 342238  
1800 Second Street,  
Suite 895 Sarasota,  
Florida 34236  
Telephone: (941) 954-5585  
Personal Representative:  
Samuel J. Morgan, Jr.  
3048 SE Brown Road  
Arcadia FL 34266  
Published 10/31/13 & 11/7/13  
121861 2944320

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION:  
CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000153  
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS;  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
3122**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION:  
CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000153  
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS;  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,  
Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 10th day of October, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012 CA 000153, 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 SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS 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 14th day of November, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 1, BLOCK "B" OF DESOTO MOBILE ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 37, 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 23rd day of October, 2013.  
By: Carri L. Pereyra  
Submitted by:  
Choice Legal Group, P.A.  
1800 NW 49th Street,  
Suite 120  
Fort Lauderdale,  
Florida 33309  
Telephone: (954) 453-0365  
Facsimile: (954) 771-6052  
Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438  
DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516  
eservice@clegalgroup.com  
Published 10/31/13 & 11/7/13  
107507 2956197

**NOTICE OF SALE  
3130**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc. will sell at Public Sale at Auction the following vehicles to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 713.585 of the Florida Statutes on November 27, 2013 at 10 A.M.  
**\*AUCTION WILL OCCUR WHERE EACH VEHICLE/VESSEL IS LOCATED\***  
1998 Dodge Stratus,  
VIN#1B3EJ46X2WN301106  
Located at: Motts Auto Repair  
2269 SE Highway 70  
Arcadia, FL 34266  
(863)494-3199  
Lien Amount: \$4,185.03  
a) Notice to the owner or lienor that he has a right to a hearing prior to the scheduled date of sale by filing with the Clerk of the Court.  
b) Owner has the right to recover possession of vehicle by posting bond in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 559.917.  
c) Proceeds from the sale of the vehicle after payment of lien claimed by lienor will be deposited with the Clerk of the Court.  
Any person(s) claiming any interest(s) in the above vehicles contact: Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc., (954) 920-6020  
Any person(s) claiming any interest(s) in the above vehicles contact: Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc., (954) 920-6020  
**\*ALL AUCTIONS ARE HELD WITH RESERVE\***  
Some of the vehicles may have been released prior to auction  
**LIC # AB-0001256**  
Publish: November 7, 2013  
105130 2958355

**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  
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 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: 450  
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011  
Tax Deed File #: 13-38-TD  
Description of Property:  
LOT 1, BLOCK "B" RICHARD'S HALF ACRES, 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 40.  
TOGETHER WITH A 1982 MANAC INC DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME. IDENTIFICATION #063851S7314A AND IDENTIFICATION #06381S7314B. TITLE #21811484 AND TITLE #21811483. RP #R036507 AND RP #R036506.  
**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 NOVEMBER 20, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.  
Dated this 1st day of NOVEMBER, 2013.  
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC  
CLERK OF COURT  
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: CRYSTAL HENDERSON,  
Deputy Clerk  
Publication Dates: 11/7/13 112132 2960787

**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

**NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS  
3120**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION:  
CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000153  
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS;  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
3122**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION:  
CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000153  
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS;  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,  
Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 3rd day of October, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012CA000523, of the Circuit Court of the 12TH Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is the Plaintiff and GRACIELA CENDEJAS A/K/A GARACIELA CENDEJAS, JORGE L CENDEJAS 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 14th day of November, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**ALL OF LOT 14 AND SOUTH 38 FEET OF LOT 12 BLOCK Q MILLS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ARCADIA ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 8 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 23rd day of October, 2013.  
By: Carri L. Pereyra  
Submitted by:  
Choice Legal Group, P.A.  
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Suite 120  
Fort Lauderdale,  
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**NOTICE OF SALE  
3130**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc. will sell at Public Sale at Auction the following vehicles to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 713.585 of the Florida Statutes on November 27, 2013 at 10 A.M.  
**\*AUCTION WILL OCCUR WHERE EACH VEHICLE/VESSEL IS LOCATED\***  
1998 Dodge Stratus,  
VIN#1B3EJ46X2WN301106  
Located at: Motts Auto Repair  
2269 SE Highway 70  
Arcadia, FL 34266  
(863)494-3199  
Lien Amount: \$4,185.03  
a) Notice to the owner or lienor that he has a right to a hearing prior to the scheduled date of sale by filing with the Clerk of the Court.  
b) Owner has the right to recover possession of vehicle by posting bond in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 559.917.  
c) Proceeds from the sale of the vehicle after payment of lien claimed by lienor will be deposited with the Clerk of the Court.  
Any person(s) claiming any interest(s) in the above vehicles contact: Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc., (954) 920-6020  
Any person(s) claiming any interest(s) in the above vehicles contact: Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc., (954) 920-6020  
**\*ALL AUCTIONS ARE HELD WITH RESERVE\***  
Some of the vehicles may have been released prior to auction  
**LIC # AB-0001256**  
Publish: November 7, 2013  
105130 2958355

**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  
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 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

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Plaintiff,  
vs.  
GRACIELA CENDEJAS A/K/A GARACIELA CENDEJAS; JORGE L CENDEJAS; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,  
Defendants.  
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Dated this 23rd day of October, 2013.  
By: Carri L. Pereyra  
Submitted by:  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION:  
CASE NO.: 2012CA000523  
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC,

**NOTICE OF  
FORECLOSURE  
3122**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION:  
CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000153  
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Plaintiff,  
vs.  
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1998 Dodge Stratus,  
VIN#1B3EJ46X2WN30110

**TAX DEEDS  
3132**

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: 1027  
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011  
Tax Deed File #: 13-42-TD

Description of Property:  
BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE SOUTH 127 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 225.07 FEET; THENCE WEST 150.14 FEET; THENCE NORTH 230.90 FEET; THENCE EAST 150 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A 1973 CHAM SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME. IDENTIFICATION

#0439694904D. TITLE #5595633. RP#R581868.

**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  
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,  
Deputy Clerk  
Publication Dates: 10/17/13, 10/24/13, 10/31/13 & 11/7/13 112132 2951479

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR TAX DEED**

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Certificate Number: 1575  
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011  
Tax Deed File #: 13-43-TD

Description of Property:  
LOTS 1 AND 26 BLK "A" IN OMOHUNDRO PLACE, 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 4, PAGE 14, LESS THE EAST TEN (10') FEET THEREOF; ALSO THE FIFTEEN (15') FEET PLATTED ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING WEST OF LOTS 1 AND 26 REFERRED TO HEREIN ABOVE AND EAST OF SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 5 AND 6, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

**Names in which assessed:**  
BRINKERHOFF 411  
ASSOCIATES LLC  
EDGEWATER, NJ 07020

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 DECEMBER 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 23rd day of OCTOBER, 2013.  
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC  
CLERK OF COURT  
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,  
Deputy Clerk  
Publication Dates: 10/31/13, 11/7/13, 11/14/13 & 11/21/13 112132 2955726

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR TAX DEED**

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Certificate Number: 911  
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011  
Tax Deed File #: 13-44-TD  
Description of Property:

**TAX DEEDS  
3132**

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN EAST 347 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 105 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST, 105 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH, 105 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST, 105 FEET TO THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING.

**Names in which assessed:**  
DOUGLAS F &  
SHELIA D PAYNE  
1433 SW FLETCHER 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 DECEMBER 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 31st day of OCTOBER, 2013.  
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC  
CLERK OF COURT  
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,  
Deputy Clerk  
Publication Dates: 11/7/13, 11/14/13, 11/21/13 & 11/28/13 112132 2960117

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FROM PAGE 1

**The one and only**

McLeod has been the only football coach the Panthers have known. He started the program 14 years ago and now he is leaving it. "I'm 63 years old now and I don't have the same energy I used to have. I think it's time for the younger coaches to have their turn. You know when it's time to stop and I know it is my time now," he said.

McLeod started coaching football for the DeSoto County Youth Athletic Association. It was there that he met his long-time friend and coaching partner Al Blackwood.

"He was kind of wondering around the football field looking lost and nobody wanted him as a coach so I took him in," joked McLeod. Blackwood replied, "That was the best move you ever made!"

The two coached together for 23 seasons including time at the DeSoto County Youth Athletic Association and at the junior varsity level at the high school. "Me and Monty have been together for a long time. It's not all about football with us or the kids. It starts at home with chores, getting good grades and about becoming a man," Blackwood said. "We want them to become productive citizens who will give back to the community some day."

If the kids don't become productive citizens and get into trouble they may run into another of their coaches, Sherley Hairston. "Monty has a great way of handling kids. They are all good kids; they just need somebody to care about them and to show them how to become a man, not just a football player," Hairston said. "There are rules in football just like there is in life. If they don't follow the rules in life, then I'll be seeing them later." Hairston is a supervisor in the probation department of corrections and has been with McLeod for 12 years.

Arthur Wiley has been with McLeod for 14 years. "Everybody calls (Wiley) Coach Nutt. I don't know why he never told me how he got that name," McLeod said. "I asked him how he got that nickname but he said he couldn't tell me either."



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

**At practice, DeSoto Panther coach Monty McLeod points out something to his long time assistant Al Blackwood. They've been coaching together for 23 years.**

Nutt barked at McLeod at the beginning of a recent practice because one of the players didn't have his shoes tied. "You've been here a half-hour and you haven't got your boys ready for me yet? What kind of coach are you?"

McLeod responded, "Now I know why they call you Coach Nutt. You have to be nuts to talk to me like that." Both coaches broke out into a big laugh that only good friends can do after a good-natured ribbing.

**Tough to say goodbye**

That may be what McLeod will miss the most about coaching, the camaraderie of his friends who happen to be his coaches. "I hope I've had an impact on these kids over the years. We spend the first 45 minutes of practice in study hall. Some of the teachers come in to tutor the kids. They (players) know they can't play if their grades aren't good enough," he said. "We've had parents who have asked us to not let their boy play because they didn't do their chores at home. We will sit them in a heartbeat if the parents tell us that."

The coaches have seen many good players come up through the system and go on to the next level. "Marcus (Shaw) and Chris (Clemons) played right here. I remember them running around and it makes me so proud to see what they've done with their lives," Blackwood said.

McLeod said, "I don't have any

favorites. They are all like my sons. I have them for a couple of hours a day and on game day sometimes it's five hours. They are all my boys. I don't care if they have talent or not, if they are rich or poor or if they are black or white. They all belong to me. I just want to see them get good grades and develop their talent and go on to the next level."

McLeod has been married for 30 years and said he never once heard any complaint about his time away from his family. He's just been spending time with his other kids.

He plans to spend more time golfing and relaxing and spending time with his wife. McLeod said, "It's hard knowing that I've had my last practice and my last game. Its sad too because I love coaching these young men. I'm kind of a hard butt kind of guy, but when I told my eighth graders that they were going to be my last team that I coach, I got emotional. I got choked up a little and had to tell them to go practice before they saw it."

McLeod works in maintenance for the DeSoto County School system. He was asked what will it be like to go to a Panthers football game next year and just be able to pay his admission and sit back and enjoy the game? "Pay? Don't forget I have the keys to the gates!" he exclaimed.

McLeod has already made his game plan and is one step ahead of everybody else.



**The DeSoto County Middle School football coaches get together for the final time on the football field. From the left, Coach Turner, Al Blackwood, Monty McLeod, Arthur Wiley and Sherley Hairston.**

# Sherry Wolford's confectionery creations

By SARAH HOLLENHORST  
ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

I arrived at the home of Sherry Wolford, a cake designer who had been highly recommended to me, and was greeted at the gate by the largest Weimaraner I had ever seen. The charcoal gray German hunting dog politely escorted me to the door. I expected him to open it but instead I was warmly greeted by Sherry, who welcomed me in. We sat at her kitchen table and talked about one of my favorite subjects, cakes.

My sister is an artist who exhibits her work out west, and she is a cake decorator, so I know well that cake design is an art. A beautiful cake is soon eaten, so they are preserved in photographs if someone thinks to take one. Some of Sherry's best cakes didn't have the greatest lighting when



A Spiderman cake, created with frosting, is accompanied by cupcakes decorated with spider webs.

the pictures were taken, but we sorted through her pile of photos and talked about her art form.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

When she recalled favorite cakes she also recalled memories of the events, as a photo of a cake can do, or the memory of the cake. "One of my favorites was a baby shower cake," she recalled. She talked about making the cake. "I cut out all the clothes, decorated them, 'painted' them, and had them hanging on a line in the cake. I did the basket weave, and made the baby." The basket weave was literally woven from frosting; the layers criss-crossed in a pattern to give the illusion of a woven basket.

The assortment and variety in Sherry's cakes are as wide as her imagination. Sometimes she is given sketches for a cake idea, sometimes just a vague idea, but she does her best to make the recipient happy. "I try my best to do what they want," she told me.



A basketweave design makes a very elegant touch for a wedding or shower cake.

A Lake Kissimmee cake that Sherry had made for her husband had landmarks on a small scale lake reproduction, and included an air boat. "Even the motor and propeller were edible," she said. "For my son's friend I did the Swamp People." She

pointed out the details on the photo of the cake. "Here's a gator coming out of the water, here's another gator, the bait on the stick ..." A cake for her son, who loves to fish, included a realistic bass made out of clay so that he would have a memory to keep. The cake was a fishing pond scene, with cattails, lily pads, lotus flowers, all edible.

A Little Mermaid cake was extremely detailed and I'm sure delighted its recipient. A fairy tale cake had butterflies, and even Rapunzel's tower, including vines. The My Little Pony cake (I still watch that cartoon) even had a rainbow and a pony sitting on a cloud. A graduation cake had a book, flip-flop sandals, and a beach towel, all edible.

One cake was a baseball

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## NATURE

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communities. Portions of the trails had been under water most of the summer. Recently limestone has been spread and packed.

Gil is thoroughly familiar with the property and both the plant and avian communities, having led many walks over the years with Peace River Audubon

Society. This is no fitness walk — nature walks are more of a meander with stops to look and listen and become immersed in the surroundings. Over the years Gil has made suggestions and helped initiate projects to make the ELL even better for nature observation.

Elevated boardwalks bisect the swampy areas. In some areas the water is still, in others a slow movement can be detected. Overlooks with benches provide an area to gather and pause and contemplate the plant community.

One flooded area was dominated by popash trees, now in their dormant state. Another site with seemingly similar hydrology was dominated by willow and red maple. Slight differences in the water quality and seasonal height may influence what species dominate a site.

A stretch along the fence line bordering the pine woods was ablaze with fall wildflowers. The ELL is delightfully relatively free of invasive plants. We noticed only a few of the obnoxious Caesar weed with its stick-tight burrs. Inmate work crews are used to maintain the property.

Visiting a new area with a set of experienced eyes is always a delight, but even better is returning at different seasons to gain more understanding of how plant communities function. Gill will lead a February and April walk at the ELL. There will be all new seasonal plant species to discover, plus experience the year-round vegetation in different stages. And there is an ever changing palette of migratory birds. Gil paused several times to "chat" with birds and several species answered him back.

The DeSoto Florida Master Naturalist program is hosting talks and walks from now until April. The next talk will be

Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. at DeSoto County Library. Lifelong resident and expert John Reynolds will talk about the many uses early Florida settlers found for native plants. From food, to fiber to medicinal uses, knowledge of native plants was once essential. John will focus on what plants are seasonally available, and bring samples to pass around for folks to examine. John will share details most people have never seen nor heard, and mix local history with it all at the same time.

November's nature walks take place Thursday, Nov. 14 at Deep Creek Preserve, and Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Brownville Park. Master Naturalists John Phillips and Jamie Reynolds will lead the walk through the pine flatwoods at Deep Creek Preserve, located off King's Highway on SW Peace River Street. Brownville Park is located north of Arcadia off Brownville Road. Arrive at the walk locations at 8:30 a.m. Wear sturdy walking shoes and bring drinking water.

For more information pick up a schedule at the library, or email [Indwtrs@gmail.com](mailto:Indwtrs@gmail.com) for the e-flyer, or call 941-350-1337. Or contact DeSoto County Extension at 863-494-4846.

## BULLDOGS

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got number 34." Gordon told Williams, "Wow, they want me bad, bruh."

Williams replied, "Yeah, they want your head."

Williams has never beaten Hardee in his high school career. In fact, Hardee has won the last five meetings between the schools. "I can't even express it, four times in a row. I think we have as much

talent as they do but they are a good team and don't make many mistakes. We had a guy cussing out one of their players and it cost us 15 yards. We can't do that. We have to stop talking junk and just show them on the field," Williams said.

Braden River and their 4-4 record will come to DeSoto County tomorrow night for the season finale for both teams. It is also senior night, so be sure to come to the 7 p.m. game and watch the Bulldogs hopefully close out the season with a win.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

The DeSoto County defense played a strong game against the league-leading Hardee Wildcats in spite of the 26-7 loss Nov. 1.

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# Citrus crop predictions to be issued Friday

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The United States Department of Agriculture will release the official 2013-2014 Citrus Crop Forecast at noon Friday. Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association will be hosting a luncheon meeting in conjunction with the release of the forecast. All commercial citrus growers are invited to attend.

The citrus crop forecast is generally known within the industry as a starting point for the citrus season. This forecast is updated each month during the season to represent changes in crop size, yield, and maturity. The Florida Agricultural Statistics Service, a branch of the USDA's National Agricultural

Statistics Service, prepares the citrus crop forecast each season. The number of producing trees, spacing, past production, tree health and weather phenomena are taken into account when determining the forecast. Growers and buyers will eagerly watch the forecast as the size of the crop will affect the price of the fruit.

Particular interest is being given to premature fruit drop. Last season, citrus fruit dropped from the tree prior to harvest, with some grove experiencing up to 60 percent loss. Greening and associate health stresses to the trees are blamed for the drop, which resulted in the USDA's estimate being 6 percent higher than the actual crop harvested. Large inconsistencies

in the estimate announced can cause costly fluctuations in the price growers receive for their fruit.

Local citrus growers are invited to attend the luncheon, which will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Friday at the Elk's Lodge in Arcadia, 1028 West Oak Street (Highway 70 West).

The luncheon will be sponsored by DeSoto Insurance Agency Inc., Morgan Stanley-Dick Johnson and Everglades Farm Equipment. A contest will be held for the guess closest to the official announcement total. A cash prize donated by Yara North America Inc, will be provided the lucky winner who is closest to the total orange crop.

Southeast AgNet will broadcast during the meeting to their affiliates

nationwide. Forecast figures will be supplied through AgNet's direct link with the USDA offices in Washington DC. Industry reaction will be provided from the Florida Department of Citrus and the New York Board of Trade. Local station WZZS 106.9 FM, will cover the forecast release.

Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association represents commercial citrus growers in Desoto, Hardee, Manatee, and Sarasota counties, as well as that portion of Charlotte County located in the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The association has approximately 200 grower members. For additional information contact the association, at 863-494-0061.

## CREATIONS

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diamond on a team logo, with players in position, and a pitching machine. A Spiderman cake was surrounded by web designed cupcakes. A Crab cake was actually all cupcakes.

Sherry has been creating cakes for about 11 years. It started with a cake for a nephew, a Seminole fan. "I always loved art, since I was a little girl. They asked me to make a Seminole logo cake, and I was determined. He

wanted that and I did it."

Sherry usually starts with a sketch. She does the fondant decorations ahead of time. "Fondant is a sugar-based product that you can mold and shape like clay. It hardens and is edible," she said. She uses paste food coloring to color the fondant, sometimes blending colors as a painter would. Her next step is to make the icing, which is refrigerated. The day before the cakes are due she bakes the layers. On the due date she makes her tints for the icing. She then puts the layers together, icing in between, and coats the cake with a

"crumb layer" or thin layer of icing, so crumbs don't get on the cake. Using her icings and edible fondant sculptures and decorations, occasionally candy, Sherry creates her cakes.

I asked Sherry if it bothers her that her art is temporary. "No," she said firmly. "Nope, I'm just glad that they like it."

Sherry currently has a medical transcription business, and does her cakes for family and friends, but she is planning on starting a business with another cake decorator, Lisa Johnson. They are currently looking for a local building with a storefront

and drive-through. "We want to do baking, custom work, muffins, cupcakes, and sandwiches. We want healthy foods, wraps, natural home goods, nothing frozen, and smoothies. I already have a menu." She also plans to create paper products, including invitations.

Sherry clearly enjoys creating cakes for people. "I love to make people happy, and I think it does."

Sherry can be reached currently on Facebook under Sherry Kulick Wolford. Put in a friend request, and watch for her baked goods and breakfast and lunch business to open.

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# DeSoto County High School Bulldog Football



Assistant varsity football coach Richard Koonce was in the pie eating contest. After the contest was over the other teachers covered Koonce with their pies.

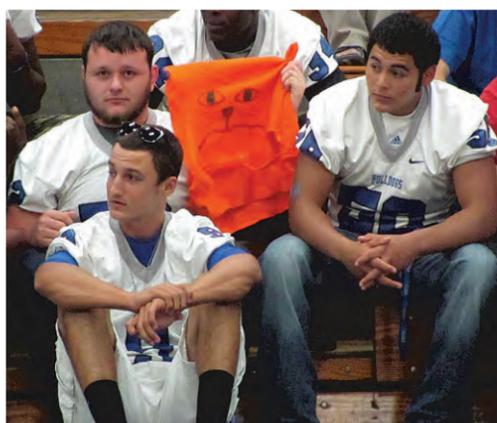


The students got the chance to get loud and cheer the team on while at the pep rally held Friday afternoon before the game at Hardee.



Sophomore signs on the bleacher wall.

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Austin Tompkins holds what's left of the Wildcat from the casket after the football players destroyed the Wildcat. In front of him is Bay Hale and next to Tompkins is Miquel Rangel.



Varsity football players bring in a casket with a big Hardee Wildcat in it.



Freshmen signs on the bleacher wall.

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