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Walkers stroll through Brookside Bluffs as a fundraiser.

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County to gut Fire Station 1

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

After learning the mold found in Fire Station 1's living module was not airborne or life-threatening, the DeSoto Board of County Commissioners approved a tear-out of the original building.

Facilities Director Richard Metzger said testing done by the module's builder, Williams Scotsman Inc., had revealed no airborne mold in the unit, and only Type One allergy mold found

in the ductwork. After completing the testing, they replaced two walls in the structure that had been damaged by heavy summer rains. Metzger also sent a second company, Quality Air, to conduct an air quality test, and the results were similar to the first. He noted Quality Air did detect black mold in the damaged walls, but since they have already been replaced it was no longer an issue.

"Basically their recommendation is to remove the ductwork and replace it," he said. "I don't know what that

would cost, but it would be a project that would require the firefighters be removed from the unit until work is complete."

Commissioner Elton Langford then asked Public Safety Chief Larry Taylor if there were any current health threats to his staff.

"One report did indicate the builder would not assume any legal liability, but there are no respiratory issues at this time," Taylor said.

Langford then asked Taylor if it was necessary for the firefighters to

move out of the unit, to which Taylor responded no.

Metzger added because no airborne mold was found, there was no need to have an air cleaning system installed, which had been previously discussed and approved by the board as a short-term solution.

"There's just no reason for us to do anything now, since those cleaners are only used to improve air quality," he said.

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Parade, ceremony held to honor veterans



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN, shoffman@sun-herald.com

The Veterans Honor Guard leads the way for Monday's Veterans Day Parade on West Oak Street. • Turn to page 22 for more photos.

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Nocatee: An insider's perspective

By **CAROL MAHLER**
ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

Editor's note: This article was written in response to the article titled "An outsider's perspective" in the Oct. 17 issue of *The Arcadian*.

When Hurricane Charley wrecked my home in the Oak Hill community of northwestern DeSoto County, I became a resident of Nocatee. The hurricane also destroyed several of Nocatee's landmarks, including the three-story brick school where so many residents attended elementary school, the drugstore, the old post office, and more.

Yet Nocatee retains enough vintage structures to form a historic district potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as identified by Archaeological Consultants Inc. of Sarasota in a 2007 Cultural Resources Report for the Florida Department of Transportation. It was completed in preparation for the widening of U.S. Highway 17 and is available online at <http://bit.ly/1fBZHSI>.

In the report, ACI stated, "The district is an example of an early residential neighborhood that developed southwest of downtown Arcadia during the Florida Land Boom of the 1920s through the 1940s. It is associated with the Nocatee Crate Company, significant to the local fruit and vegetable shipping industry."

Within the proposed historic district,

only two buildings were previously recognized and listed on the Florida Master Site File which records significant structures and sites: the Nocatee Baptist Church and a private home. ACI added 39 structures in the district to the FMSE. Most of the residences are "frame vernacular," but some have classic designs, such as the Craftsman/bungalow or the four-square Georgian.

ACI further noted, "The Nocatee Historic District derives its architectural significance from its continuity in styles, form, scale, and use of materials that was typical of corporate sponsored worker housing as well as reflective of what was popular during the 1920s through the 1940s. Although lacking a large amount of decorative elements, the residences exemplify a largely intact collection of buildings that are representative of the time in which they were constructed and remain relatively unaltered."

Nocatee could be called a railroad town because its development coincided with — and was inspired by — the railroad. The first postmaster, Edmund H. McQuady, was appointed on September 25, 1886, a few months after the first train arrived.

According to Canter Brown Jr., "Florida's Peace River Frontier," Albert W. Gilchrist was a surveyor for the railroad and was one of Nocatee's founders. Later, Gilchrist served in the Florida legislature and then as

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ARCADIAN PHOTO BY CAROL MAHLER

Painted attractively in blue with white trim, this home has many interesting architectural features, such as a bay window.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida will consider the adoption of an ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room 103, Administration Building, 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia as follows.

AN ORDINANCE OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND; ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND PRIORITIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

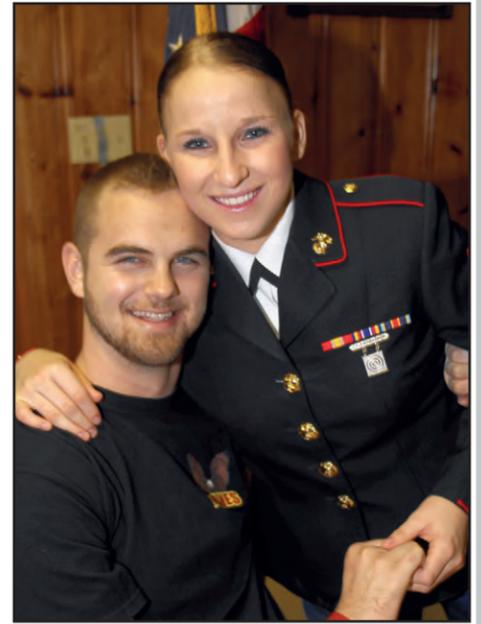
A complete copy of the draft ordinance may be inspected and copied at the Office of the County Administrator in Suite 201 of the above-stated address between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday, through Friday.

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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Elks honor veterans at Sunday dinner

Veteran Nick Battles and Amy Hunter, the youngest DeSoto resident currently enlisted, pose for a photo during a dinner held Sunday by the Arcadia Elks to honor our military and our veterans.



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The Army was well represented at the Elks dinner to honor our military Sunday night.



Navy veterans pose during a dinner hosted by the Elks Lodge to honor military veterans.



Veterans of the Marines celebrated the 238th birthday of the Marines Sunday at the Elks Lodge.



Navy and Coast Guard veterans are recognized during a dinner held Sunday by the Elks to honor the military.

Taylor confirmed as public safety chief

By **STEVE BAUER**

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved confirmed Larry Taylor as the county's public safety chief. Taylor had been serving as interim chief after Glenn Prescott retired in August, and was the deputy chief for nearly two years prior to that.

"The selection committee carefully reviewed the qualifications of all our candidates, and we strongly believe Taylor has the ideas, innovation and education we're looking for to move the public safety department forward in the future," said County Administrator Guy Maxcy.

Maxcy said one of Taylor's main areas of focus will be to educate the community about Fire Rescue's mission and operations.

"With many of the ideas Taylor has presented to us, we're excited to see what he will be able to accomplish in this position," he said.

The board also unanimously approved two conveyance agreements with the Lettuce Lake Travel Resort and Oak Haven Park. The move will allow the county's Utility Department to connect nearly 450 new customers.

"This is something we have been excited about for some time, and approving this will put us one step

closer to adding these locations," Utilities Director Eddie Miller said. The board also approved bid awards for two contractors to begin connections, but County Attorney Donald Conn said no work could be done on the projects until the county receives grant money that was earmarked to fund both. "Until we receive those funds, we will not be sending out notice to proceed letters to these contractors," he said.

During closing comments, Commissioner Bob Miller said he had recently received a bound, final version of the 2013/14 budget, and after reviewing it noticed discrepancies between what he termed the "pretty" budget and the packet the board used to approve the final budget on Sept. 24.

"For one thing, I noticed that the commissioners were given a pay increase, and I know that was not in the packet of the budget we were presented in September," Miller said.

Miller said the raise amounted to an extra \$10 per paycheck, but the increase also affected areas such as federal income tax withholdings, etc. He said he thought commissioner pay increases were only given in accordance with population growth, as verified by the U.S. Census Bureau. The census was most recently completed in 2010, and he questioned why there would be pay raises in 2013.

But the pay raises were only one example of what Miller said were several instances of numbers fluctuation.

"There are many instances where I noticed numbers had changed since we approved the budget," he said. "I feel we deserve an explanation for any changes made after the board has voted on a final approval."

Maxcy responded the budget is a "living document, it breathes every day." He said several departments had given back more money from their budgets than anticipated, and other last-minute changes will continue to affect the budget.

"We certainly don't want the public to think we're hiding money," he said. "And that's not the case here; these adjustments are necessary based on changes presented to us."

Miller then asked Maxcy and Administrative Services Director Linda

Nipper to explain any changes made to the budget, and both said they would work to answer any questions he had on the issue.

Kitchen for 4-H

4-H Extension Agent Kristie Popa announced the organization received an \$18,000 grant to build a teaching kitchen. She said it will be used for cooking and canning classes for students, as well as canning classes for adults. With the help of Facilities Director Richard Metzger, the organization was able to save several thousand dollars in building costs, allowing them to purchase a second stove, along with cooking accessories such as pots and pans.

"This will allow us to have the kids grow their own vegetables and then learn how

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Toys for Tots campaign under way

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**

ARCADIAN EDITOR

The annual Toys for Tots campaign is in full swing, with toys being donated and collected in several locations throughout Arcadia.

Collection boxes have been placed in several area businesses, along with canisters to accept cash donations. (See list below.) All money and toys donated to Toys for Tots in DeSoto County stays here in the county to be distributed to DeSoto County children.

Eligibility for children to receive gifts has been expanded this year, to include children up to age 18. The national Toys for Tots board recognized many teens are having a hard time finding jobs, and felt they should not be left out of experiencing a joyful Christmas.



Families can pick up applications to receive toys at Arcadia printing, 201 W Oak St., or Art Creations, 8 W. Oak St. in Arcadia. Applications must be returned no later than Dec. 4.

A motorcycle convoy including Amvets, the Blue Knights and the Road Riders Christian Motorcycle Club will roar into town on Dec. 7 with additional toys, leaving U.S. Highway 17 and Bermont Road around 11 a.m. and arriving at the former Arcadia Police station on N. Polk Ave. around 11:30 a.m.

Toys will be distributed at the old police station over three days: Monday,

WHERE TO DROP OFF TOYS

("c" denote a canister for cash donations)

- Family Dollar
- Clock Restaurant "c"
- Tractor Supply
- Wheeler's Cafe "c"
- Homeowner's Supply "c"
- GEO Group
- Arcadia Printing "c"
- Do-It-Best Hardware "c"
- Art Creations "c"
- First State Bank
- DeSoto Ford
- Beall's Outlet
- MidFlorida Credit Union
- Wagon Wheel Saloon "c"
- Seacoast National Bank
- Amvets
- Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church "c"
- Discount Auto
- Dollar General (newest one)

Dec. 16; Wednesday, Dec. 18; and Friday, Dec. 20.

For more information call Art Creations at 863-491-0202.

Didlaukies receives distinguished citizen award



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY STEVE BAUER

Algie Didlaukies accepts the distinguished citizen award from Commissioner Buddy Mansfield during Tuesday's DeSoto Board of County Commissioners meeting. After accepting the award, Didlaukies told those in attendance, "My parents taught us to care about people and be an honest person, and I hope I have been able to instill some of that to members of the community."

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- 4 - Spanish or Ham-N-Cheese Omelet w/potato or grits \$ toast or biscuit...\$5.99
- 5 - Bagel-N-Cream Cheese, Fruit Cup w/coffee, tea or soda.....\$4.99

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OUR VIEW

Welcome, snowbirds

Our view: Let's roll up our sleeves and pitch in to make DeSoto the place where snowbirds want to be.

They're baaaaaack! At *The Arcadian*, we have a front-row seat to watch the return of the snowbirds, because we are often one of the first stops they make, to renew their subscriptions for the newspaper. They are now coming back in droves.

And who can blame them? Have you seen the weather reports for up north? Snow and wind and cold — who wouldn't want to come down south for winter!

They come here because they like our weather and our southern hospitality, our casual country ways, our history and our heritage. And since their departure this spring, DeSoto has done a few things to make our area a little nicer to come home to.

For starters, there's the eyesore along U.S. Highway 17 between West Oak and West Pine streets that was torn down and cleared out. Thanks to the Arcadia Police Department Code Enforcement efforts, that big empty field looks a far sight better now. In addition, the airport will be receiving a much needed upgrade of its runways and lighting systems, and the Friends of Arcadia Airport are ramping up their efforts to encourage snowbirds to literally fly into town.

We have several events coming up that should appeal to our winter visitors, such as this weekend's Plein Air Paint-out, with Downtown Historical Walking Tours by the DeSoto County Historical Society, and Team Arcadia's sale of home made ice cream later that day along with the Classic Car Show. AgFest is being held Nov. 23. There's the Christmas Parade on Dec. 7, and the Holiday Tour of Homes on Dec. 14, both popular events. In the new year, the DeSoto County Fair opens in January, with the Rio de la Paz Festival and Art of the River show in February, followed by the annual woodcarvers show, followed by the March Rodeo.

We want our winter visitors to have a great time here. Not only do they bring their money, but they contribute a lot to our community in other ways, such as volunteering at local nonprofits and making handcrafted items to donate or raffle for good causes.

Code Enforcement has put us on the right track but there is much more we can do. To begin with, the city needs to decide how best to manage the monthly downtown merchants and antique street sales held on the first and fourth Saturdays. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act may still be at issue and the city must decide how to resolve it fairly and safely for everyone.

Then there's the problem of people hanging out in local downtown parks, using the bushes and flowers as bathrooms, bringing pets that make messes that aren't cleaned up, sleeping on public benches, leaving shopping carts of their possessions in the parks, and generally making visitors feel uncomfortable or threatened. We sympathize with those who seem to have nowhere to go, but we also don't want our visitors to feel intimidated. It is a big deal to downtown businesses, some of which have been told their customers no longer feel safe patronizing them.

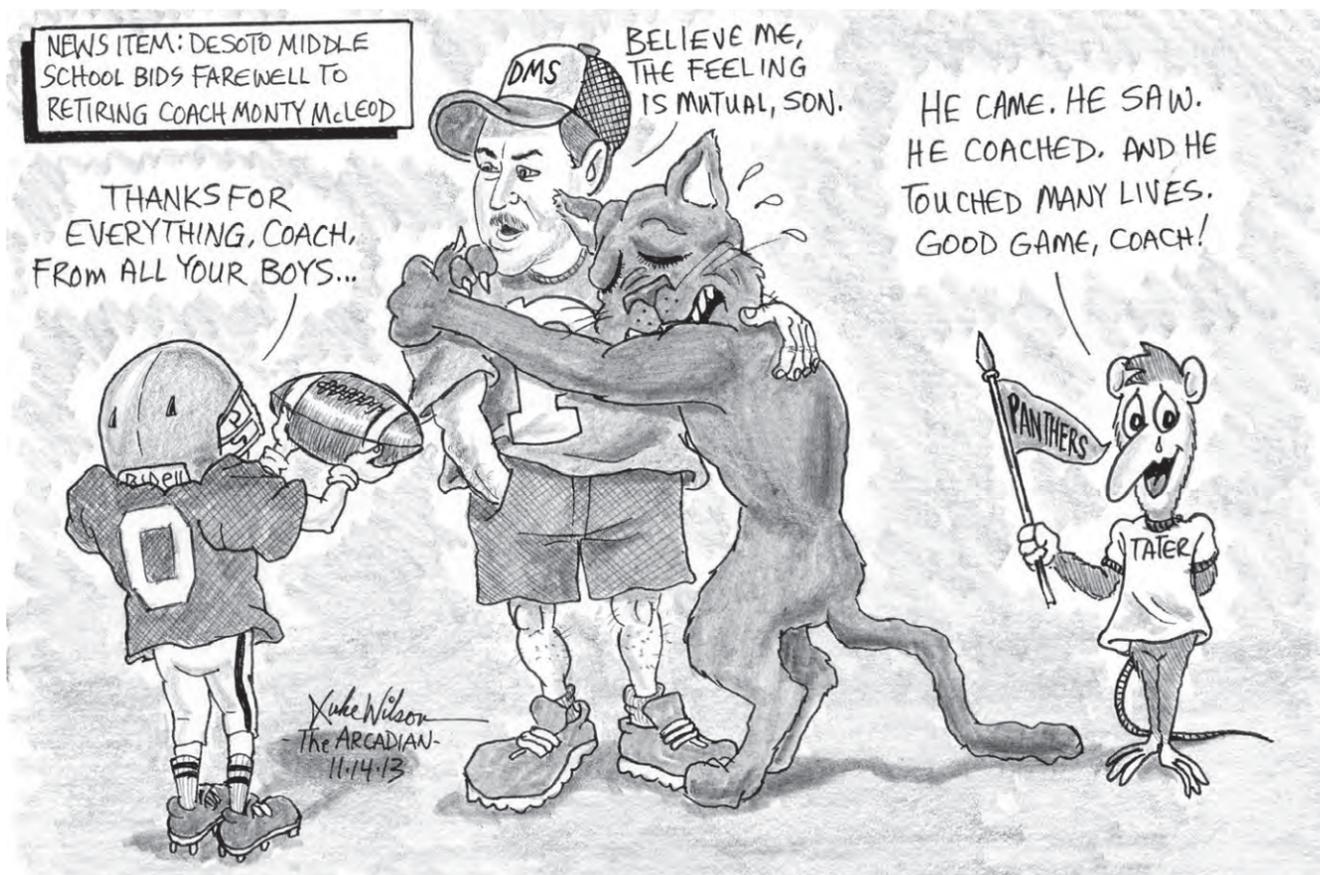
The city has plenty on its plate now, but we shouldn't lose sight of the need to address things our local businesses need to thrive. Let's work together to continue making Arcadia and DeSoto County a place the snowbirds love to visit.

NEWS ITEM: DESOTO MIDDLE SCHOOL BIDS FAREWELL TO RETIRING COACH MONTY McLEOD

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BELIEVE ME, THE FEELING IS MUTUAL, SON.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two politicians speak

Editor:

This could be defined more as a lesson in history than a letter to the editor. I'm about to quote two statements from politicians, one from the 1700s, the second from 2012.

John Quincy Adams, 1700s: "We hold these TRUTHS to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Barack Obama, 2012: "I want to fundamentally transform the United States of America."

Without further comment, enough said.

George Pratt
Arcadia

Man states he was falsely charged

Editor:

I believe that the law enforcement in DeSoto County, including Arcadia Police, are corrupt. These cops that charge you with a crime of possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon should be aware of such as false arrest. They should know the laws and statutes. If not, the judge and state attorney should not recognize such false charges upon first appearance; it should be extinguished pronto.

You don't even get a chance to tell your side of what happened. After that, if you are lucky you might get a court date 60 days later, only to be put off for another 30 to 60 days.

What happened to the Amendments? I thought one of those

was freedom of speech. I guess I am wrong. Shut up. Guilty "until" proven innocent.

Everyone is innocent until proven guilty? I beg to differ. If so, why may I ask that I be treated in so much of a way that I am already guilty? Inadequate housing, inadequate nutrition, treated like dirt.

One officer told me that if you have a trespass charge and the person that trespassed you invites you back on that property, the trespass becomes null and void. The officer needs to tell the state attorney that they told that to me.

What is a weapon or firearm? What is ammunition? Why was I falsely charged with that? Oh, I know. Dirty cops.

Danny Floyd
Arcadia

GRITS & PIECES

Finding your comfort zone

Imagine a dotted line around yourself. Remember the 1978-1982 TV sitcom "WKRP in Cincinnati," on which newsman Les Nesman had imaginary walls for his imaginary office within the newsroom? Well, it's kind of like that, except you don't have to pretend to open and close a door to enter or exit like he did. It's called your comfort zone.

We all have them whether we'll admit it or not. When we are within their boundaries, all is basically comfortable. But if we are lured (or in some cases snatched) out of them, that changes everything and any number of things can and will happen.



Grits & Pieces

Luke Wilson

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I like constants. I enjoy having most of the facets of my life being predictable, so I can have less stress and anxiety over whatever Life will be hitting me upside the head with next. And having an acute awareness of my own comfort zone, I have developed a genuine respect for other folks' zones.

You want examples? I can say with all honesty that bungee jumping does not "fall" within my comfort zone. There's just something about falling that goes against my policy of staying alive. That goes for parachuting, picking fights with motorcycle gangs and eating liver as well. As Dirty Harry says, "A man has to know his limitations."

I might admire a tarantula for its survival skills and awesome appearance. But that doesn't mean I'd pluck one out of the terrarium so he and I could wrestle and play, like I would with my dog Willy. And now that I think of it, maybe his abode should

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Artists painting downtown this weekend

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

On Saturday, artists will take to the streets of Arcadia to paint scenes of historic buildings and quaint architecture in the first Arcadia Plein Air Paint-out. In one day, the artists will create their paintings, frame them, then hang them for judging before an early-evening reception.

The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council has been preparing for the first event of its kind ever held in Arcadia. Artists from around the state, and numerous plein air painters, have been invited to take part. DAHC received a matching grant from the DeSoto County Tourist Development Council to promote the paint-out and attract visitors to Arcadia.

Several art groups have already visited Arcadia to paint "en plein air" (French for painting out-of-doors) to experience the historic scenery, including artists from Port Charlotte and Fort Myers.

Artists will check in Saturday morning



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY AL SMOKE

Mickey Chasse from Venice paints a scene in the Tree of Knowledge Park during a Nov. 2 Plein Air workshop sponsored by the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council. On Saturday, several painters will take to the streets of Arcadia to paint scenes and compete in an art show that same day.

at the Last Chapter Coffee Shop and have their canvases or papers stamped, to assure their creations were done that day. They'll have several hours to

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Remembering a veteran

BY TERRY THURMAN

On Nov. 11, 1954, a young man joined the Navy. He served his four years and back home he came. Two weeks later, on Nov. 30, 1958, he enlisted in the Army. He did three tours in the Vietnam War.

On Good Friday at the age of 21 he was sworn in as a warrant officer. He retired on Jan. 1975. He served in the Military Officer Reserves until Oct. 2002.

After retirement at age 34, he served over 12 years with the Merchant Marine as a Chief Engineer for Sealand, then Texaco.

Some that saw him thought of him as just an old mountain man, but we who knew him thought "wow, what a man." He spoke four languages only a few



In loving memory

**CWD4 Claude Thurman
Oct. 6, 1940 —
Oct. 18, 2013**

Many a thanks I've given this man for serving his country. Today, I would like to say "thank you" to all those veterans and their families. For because of you, our country is free.

His loving wife,
Terry

got to hear. He used the globe and would take his grandson on trips, telling him about the different

places he had been. He was teaching him and his granddaughter different languages. Yes, he was a simple and quiet man. Once you spoke to him, you knew he was a very intelligent man.

On Oct. 16, as he sat in his hospital bed, we asked if he wanted to stand and take a few steps. He stood up, straight and tall, then started marching in step. We didn't know that would be the last time his feet would touch the floor, for God called him home Oct. 18, 2013.

I was blessed to share the past 16 years with this military man, and to hear the military stories, and about the many places he had been. He was so proud to have served.

He served his country with honor and pride from Nov. 11, 1954 to Oct. 6, 2002.

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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

• Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Arcadia, 304 W. Myrtle St., invites the public to the first Friendship Women's Ministry Women's Conference, at 7 p.m. Nov. 14: Evangelist Lena Mae Jones and St. Mary church family from Punta Gorda; and Nov. 15: Rev. Cynthia Langston of New Bethel AME in Lake Placid. With Sr. Dezrene Jackson, Institute Instructor, Lady Carla Anderson, president of the Women's Ministry, and Rev. Louis C. Anderson, pastor of the Friendship M.B. Church.

• 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. Paddle through the wooded maze of channels from the Lake out into the Peace River, then downstream, exploring side lagoons, and on to the Nav-a-Gator for a leisurely lunch, and then back through a different route. Master Naturalist Rick Fried guides you through the tricky channels here. The outing is free to the public. Voluntary donations to the local Charlotte Harbor Sierra Club are gratefully accepted. 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 Crabs 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. Call 494-4118 or desotohabitat@embarqmail.com for more information.

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

• DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.

• Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.

■ FRIDAY

• Freedom Riders Golf Tournament will be held Nov. 15-16 at The Bluffs golf course. For details, call The Bluffs at 993-4310 or 735-0631.

• MAPP committee and VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) meet at 9 a.m. third Fridays at the Family Service Center, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia.

• Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.

• Square Dancing classes are held at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, from 7-9 p.m. every Friday. Robert at 813-601-1834 or Mary at 941-380-5336 494-2749 for information.

• Friday Night Live — the City Takers for Christ presents "Friday Night Live" with Rev. Troy Rowe, every Friday. Come and experience what God is doing in this season through His word and praise and worship. 37 W. Magnolia St. (across from SunTrust drive-through). For information call 244-4341.

• Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.

• Sabbath service begins at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 3840

S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Oneg Shabbat follows.

■ SATURDAY

• On Nov. 16, artists will be painting plein air — meaning outside, and the public will be invited to watch. Artists sign-in at the Last Chapter Coffee Shop. Visit <http://desotoartscouncil.org> for details. Carol Mahler will be leading walking tours, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. of downtown historic Arcadia during the the Paint-Out. Sign up for the walking tour will be at the Tree of Knowledge or call Carol at 993-4851 or email carolmahler3@gmail.com.

• Freedom Riders Golf Tournament will be held Nov. 15-16 at The Bluffs golf course. For details, call The Bluffs at 993-4310 or 735-0631.

• Team Arcadia is selling homemade ice cream at the Tree of Knowledge Park, in conjunction with the Classic Car Show, from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 16.

• DeSoto County Literacy Council is holding a yard sale Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1365 SE Airport Rd. Proceeds from the yard sale to benefit the Read-to-Me and local adult literacy programs. Call 863-993-9049 to donate.

• The Friends of Arcadia Airport are resuming their monthly pancake breakfasts at the airport. Breakfasts will be held the third Saturday of every month from October-April. All-you-can-eat pancakes, OJ, sausage and coffee for only \$6. There will also be a 50/50 raffle with all profits supporting airport projects and our "AV8RS" youth program. The first one will be held at 9 a.m. Oct. 19. Volunteers to help out are welcome and encouraged.

• MainStreet Farmer's Market is held the first and third Saturday every month in downtown Arcadia from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh produce, pickled products, jams, jellies, homemade granola bars, baked goods, fresh and dried herbs, arts, crafts, woodworking, quilts, sewing, plants and other goodies. For vendor info call the Arcadia Main Street office at 494-2020.

• Classic car show in downtown Arcadia, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. the third Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Team Arcadia. Trophies, door prizes, and 50/50 jackpot. For more information call 494-2020.

• DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.

• 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.

• Sabbath service begins at 9:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Kiddush will follow.

■ SUNDAY

• Telephone Reassurance and Friendly Visitors available to those over 55 and homebound. Phone Senior Friendship Centers at 863-494-5965 to sign up for these free services, staffed by trained volunteers who have had background screenings. Phone also if interested in becoming a volunteer for either program.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.

■ MONDAY

• The DeSoto County Republican Executive Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's.

• The DeSoto County Fair Association meets at 7 p.m. third Mondays monthly in the fair office on Heard Street, Arcadia.

• AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.

• Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.

• A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. on Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.

• Al-anon, offering help for families of alcoholics, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit www.district13sofial-anon.org.

• The DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1425 Martin Luther King St. The center provides referrals for mainstream resources, elderly food stamps (by appointment) and computer service. Salvation Army has office space on Wed. by appointment. For more information, call 491-5683.

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

• Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

■ TUESDAY

• Nature Walks: Brownville Park, 8:30 a.m. Nov. 19. Free.

• Arcadia City Council meets at 6 p.m. at the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia.

• SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is a free program offered by the Fla. Dept. of Elder Affairs and the Area Agency on Aging. Sue Leverage-Grossman can assist you with your Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance questions by providing one-on-one counseling and information. Free, unbiased, and confidential. She is also a Navigator for the Affordable Health Care Act, free for all. On Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. meet her at Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1761 E. Gibson St.

• The DeSoto County Special Olympics committee meets at 3 p.m. on the third Tuesday every month at The Last Chapter Coffee Shop on W. Oak St. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in coaching or working with adults or youth in sports. For more information, call Joyce at 873-8219 or 494-3440.

• DeSoto Memorial Hospital offers free blood pressure screenings from 3 to 4 p.m. in the DeSoto Memorial Hospital McSwain room. Call 494-8432 for details.

• DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. third Tuesdays monthly at DeSoto Restaurant on S.R. 70, east of downtown Arcadia. For information, contact PIO officer Marge Rikcer, call name KG4BWF.

• Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.

• Every Tuesday night, line dance class at the Palace Dance Hall (17N). Beginners welcome. \$3 donation. For more info, call Jennie Martin at 494-2749.

• Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1509 E. Oak St. For details visit www.weightwatchers.com and "find a meeting" or call 800-651-6000.

• The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday (except the third Tuesday) of the month, on the 147.075, W4MIN repeater with a pl of 100. All amateurs are invited to participate.

• Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.

• DeSoto County Library holds story time at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.

• The Peace River Woodcarvers meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, starting Nov. 12, at the Speer Center, U.S. Highway 17 North, Arcadia. For information, contact Bill or Mary Morse at 207-418-4687.

• ACCESS office is open from 9 a.m. to noon today at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Call for appointments at 494-0320.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

• Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

■ WEDNESDAY

• The DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce Network at Noon is Nov. 20 at South Florida State College, cohosted by DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council.

• Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.

• The DeSoto County Veterans Council meets the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. For details, call Don Finkle at 494-1465.

• DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. For more information visit <http://desotoartscouncil.org/index.html>.

• DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Mobile Pantry is on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Smith Brown Gym starting at 9 a.m. until the food is gone. The only requirement is to be a DeSoto County resident. Sponsored by the All Faiths Food bank of Sarasota.

• The First Marine Division Association meets at 11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday at Family Table Restaurant, 14132 Tamiami Trail, North Port. Call Carl Jones, 941-493-1408 for more information.

• Heartland Rural Health Network's Food Stamp Outreach grant program will have Angela Hendry come every third Wednesday to help seniors submit applications for food stamps. She will be at the Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center, 1425 Martin Luther King St., Arcadia, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Households should have at least one senior resident. Bring your ID, information on your income, assets, and expenses including medical. For more information call 863-452-0638.

• Community for Seniors meets from 12:30-1:30 p.m. every third Wednesday at TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care administration building on Arcadia Avenue. Open to anyone interested in being a new member. For more information, call Lori Coker at 990-1340.

• DeSoto County Traffic Safety Team meets at 1:30 p.m. third Wednesdays monthly at the DeSoto County Commissioners room, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.

• Free blood pressure and glucose screenings from 11 a.m. to noon on third Wednesdays monthly at Senior Friendship Centers' neighborhood site at Mount Zion AME Church, 256 S. Orange Ave. Open to the public, regardless of age.

• Hearing Loss Association demonstrates amplified listening devices from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. third Wednesdays monthly at Charlotte County Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte. For more information about HLA meetings, call 941-624-2947.

• Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.

• AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.

• The Arcadia Eagles, 150 S. Polk Ave., now offers Bingo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak Street.

• "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.

• Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

■ THURSDAY

• The DMH Auxiliary is hosting "Books Are Fun Nov. 21 for one day only. deal shopping without all the Mall crowds, from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. in the McSwain Room at the Hospital. Cash, checks and credit cards acceptable.

• The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center, 2200 Roan St., Arcadia. Anyone interested may attend. Talk in for the meetings is at 147.180+ DARC repeater.

• Family Safety Alliance for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties, sponsored by Department of Children and Families, meets at 4 p.m. third Thursdays monthly at Lakewood Ranch Northern Trust Bank's community room, 6320 Venture Drive, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call Kerri Gibson at 941-316-6129.

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

• DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.

• Cocaine Anonymous meetings are held every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. The first meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3. For information, call Charles Godwin at 941-357-3945, Mildred Daniels at 993-0373, or Curtis Clark at 263-2935.

• Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.

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PAINTING

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choose a location — and they may move around to different places if they want — all with the purpose of capturing scenes representing Arcadia.

Artists will be given a map showing some of the buildings of interest, but they may choose other places if they wish. Residents and visitors may see artists working in oil paints, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, or even pen and ink. While the artists are painting, visitors can take advantage of guided historical tours of downtown led by the

DeSoto County Historical Society.

Once the paintings are done, artists will frame them and bring them by 4 p.m. to the Martin Art Gallery at the offices of Florida Outdoor Properties, 207 E. Magnolia St. Art to be judged by Joseph Palmerio, a well known artist from Sarasota (see www.palmerioart.com).

At 5:30 p.m., a reception opens at

the Martin Art Gallery, when winners will be announced and \$500 in prizes will be awarded. The public is invited to attend the reception, view the art and vote for "People's Choice."

The art will be for sale and on display until Jan. 4. For more information, visit <http://desotoartscouncil.org/events.html>.

Happy golden anniversary

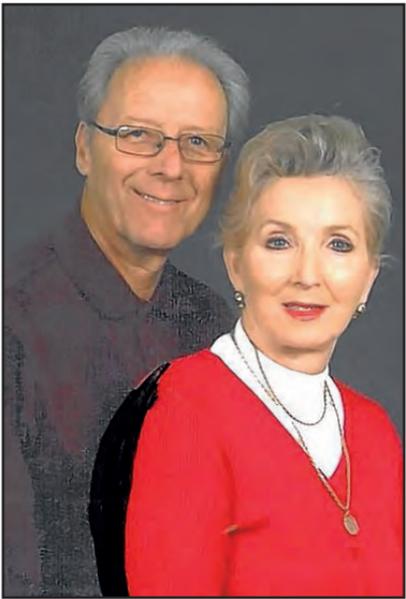


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John and Judith Habeck of Lake Suzy celebrated their 50th anniversary Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013.

They were married Nov. 2, 1963, in the mayor's office in Lorain, Ohio, officiated by Mayor Woodrow Mathna.

John was a millwright with Ford Motor Co. for 31 years in Avon Lake and Lorain, Ohio, and Judith worked for Higbee's Department Store for many years.

They are members of Grace Presbyterian Church, where John is an active deacon.

They have two children, John Jr. (Angela Carol) and Bryan Todd (Mindy); and five grandchildren, Jackson, Sawyer, Gabriella, Jacob and Nicholas.

The couple celebrated with a luncheon at Laishley Crab House in Punta Gorda with family and friends.

Family Album

FAMILY ALBUM PHOTOS

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

Have a pinkilicious day



Employees of DeSoto Memorial Hospital celebrated Pinkilicious Day in October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Everyone dressed in pink; they ate pink pancakes for breakfast; they held a bake sale offering pink cupcakes; and sold pink carnations, all in honor of those who have lost their battle with this dreaded disease.

ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN BLACK, photeke@gmail.com

Happy birthday

To our beautiful Princess, Bailee Nycole, a very happy 10th birthday on November 14. You are such a blessing to our family and we love you more with each day that goes by. You are becoming such a beautiful young lady and we couldn't be more proud.

Love,

Momma, Daddy, Grandma, your brothers and all of your aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends



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Navy basic training completed



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Airman Apprentice Charlene Marie Berndt, 19, of Arcadia, graduated on Sept. 27 from the U.S. Navy boot camp at the Navy's only Recruit Training Command located in Great Lakes, Ill. Berndt successfully completed eight weeks of intensive basic training at Great Lakes as one of 80 recruits in Training Division 366. While in basic training, Berndt learned many valuable skills to become a sailor, and in addition she served as section leader. She reported to Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. as an Airman Apprentice and will be in Aircrew Candidate School.

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Report: Woman bit man in June home invasion

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

ARCADIA — Shakira Redding, 31, of the 1400 block of Southwest Harlem Circle, Arcadia, was arrested last week on home invasion robbery charges stemming from a June 18 break-in.



REDDING

According to the Arcadia Police Department arrest report, the victim said that around 2 a.m., two women broke into his home on the 300 block of Lowe Street.

One of the women reportedly began searching in his pockets looking for his wallet. The victim called for his roommate to help him, but the roommate did not appear. The report states one of the women began biting him on the back, shoulder, hand, stomach, and on his leg by his groin. One of the women also reportedly grabbed a 10-inch knife file and began hitting the victim with it.

When police arrived, the victim was bleeding from the bite wounds so he was taken to DeSoto Memorial Hospital for treatment. The bite wounds were swabbed for DNA samples. In October, a match showed up from CODIS, the Combined DNA Index System, implicating Shakira Redding through the DNA analysis, the report shows.

Redding was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with one count of unarmed home invasion robbery. She was held at the DeSoto County Jail on \$50,000 bond.

FDLE holds Zolfo man on child sex crime charges

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center, Violent Crime Squad arrested Dennis Milton Lanier, 62, of Lanier Road, Zolfo Springs, on one count of sexual battery with a victim less than 12 and one count of lewd and lascivious molestation.

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.

The investigation began Nov. 1 after the Hardee County Sheriff's Office received a tip and contacted FDLE. Lanier was arrested without incident and booked into the Hardee County Jail without bond.

FDLE was assisted in this investigation by the Hardee County Sheriff's Office. The investigation will be prosecuted by the Office of the State Attorney, 10th Judicial Circuit.



LANIER

Report: man punched cop

Juan J. Apec Martinez, 53, was questioned Sunday evening at the "Mexican Billiards" after he and another man allegedly got into a physical altercation. According to the Arcadia Police Department report, the other man's girlfriend said Martinez threw a full beer bottle in the area where she was standing and it hit her.



MARTINEZ

As police questioned Martinez, he turned around and struck an officer in the right rib area with his fist. He was placed in handcuffs, according to the report, taken to the patrol car and transported to the DeSoto County Jail.

Martinez, of the 2400 block of S.W. U.S. Highway 17, Arcadia, was charged with felony battery and battery on a police officer. Bond was set at \$10,000.

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

- Kenneth Leon Anglin, 39, 700 block of S. Orange Ave., Arcadia. Charge: felony battery. Bond: \$10,000.

- William Curtis Johnson, 55, 1800 block of N.W. Eucalyptus Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- John Virgil Maki, 21, 1900 block of Cherry Drive, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$120.

- Travis McGill, 54, 300 block of S. Manatee Ave., Arcadia. Charge: unarmed burglary of unoccupied conveyance. Bond: \$5,000.

- Rebecca Jon Merrell, 20, 3000 block of N.E. Tony Drive, Arcadia. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.

- Joshua Lee Willis, 27, 1200 block of N.W. Pinewood Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Released on recognizance.

- Deana Leann Craven, 23, 3400 block of S.W. Fruitville Road, Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Jesus Lopez, 41, 1500 block of N.E. Lea Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$3,000.

- James Marcus Hall, 30, Myakka City. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$505.

- Terry Lavone Bing, 25, 300 block of Volusia Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of cocaine, possession or use of drug equipment, possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver, and two violations of probation. Bond: none.

- Camelia Rode, Zolfo Springs. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,120.

- Danny Floyd, 58, 1000 block of S.E. Granada St., Arcadia. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.

- Rococardo Antaiw Glover, 28, Barnwell, S.C. Charges: possession of cocaine, possession or use of drug equipment, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$1,990.

- April Dawn Knipple, 33, 2600 block of Boll Weevil St., Arcadia. Charges: petty theft between \$100-\$300 and assault. Bond: \$620.

- Michael Robert McMillan, 48, 4700 block of S. County Road 663, Ona. Charge: two counts of violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Tiffany Marie Melbourne, 31, 2600 block of Boll Weevil St., Arcadia. Charges: petty theft between \$100-\$300 and out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- Kenneth Bruce Pelham, 23, 6000 block of N.W. Sycamore St., Arcadia. Charge: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$1,000.

- James Phillip Valdez, 51, no address, Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.

- Omar Cruz Vasquez, 26, First Ave., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.

- Marcus Tiyone Bing, 25, Palm Beach, Fla. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$240.

- Albert Lee Cunningham, 27, Lakeland. Charge: driving while license is expired more than four months. Bond: \$120.

- Bibiana Escobar, 51, 1100 block of Ade. St., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$750.

- Jaime Palmillas Gaytan, 39, 1500 block of S.E. Apple Drive, Arcadia. Charges: driving without a valid license and obstruction of law officer by disguised person. Bond: \$1,250.

- Glenn Devon Hall Jr., 47, Bartow. Charge: battery. Bond: \$2,500.

- Michael Bradley Hicks, 37, Englewood. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$240.

- Anthony Jerome Lee, 38, 300 block of Volusia Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$240.

- Andrew Thomas McGonigle, 27, 10000 block of S.W. Victory Drive, Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$240.

- Alejandro Gargia Perez, 27, 300 block of Palmetto Ave., Arcadia. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.

- Lauro Perez, 28, Fifth Ave., Arcadia. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.

- Rocio Zamudio, 34, Marco Island, Fla. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.

- Jason Charles Ross, 34, 1600 block of S.E. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,435.

- John Russell Bass, 47, 7400 block of S.W. Oak Creek Road, Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended, third or subsequent offense. Bond: \$1,500.

- Heather Diann Heffernan, 40, N. Fort Myers. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.

- Mario Miguel Miguel, 27, 200 block of N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charge: two counts of failure to appear. Bond: \$4,000.

- Terry Joseph Povia, 52, 10700 block of S.W. County Road 761, Fort Ogden. Charge: battery. Bond: none.

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

- Marvin Lee Bates, 24, 10700 block of S.W. Kissimmee Road, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$5,000.

- Andre Yanic Lacroix, 42, 2500 block of S.E. Durrance St., Arcadia. Charges: felony domestic battery by strangulation and failure to stop vehicle as ordered by law officer. Bond: none.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

Eagle seeks to withdraw plea

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

A federal district court judge postponed sentencing for real estate mogul Greg Eagle on Tuesday, allowing both sides in a federal case to file briefs on whether Eagle should be allowed to change his guilty plea, according to several published news reports.



EAGLE

Eagle, 62, who once considered building a security training center in DeSoto County, pleaded guilty last March to six counts of fraud in connection with real estate deals he managed. He was expected to be sentenced Tuesday, but last week his lawyers sought the court's permission for Eagle to change his plea.

In his Tuesday ruling, Judge John Steele gave the U.S. attorney's office three weeks to file a brief explaining why Eagle should not be allowed to change his plea, and Eagle's lawyers would then have 10 days to reply. If the judge decides to deny Eagle the right to change his plea, sentencing would take place Dec. 23.

Eagle, whose son Dane Eagle is a state representative for Cape Coral, pleaded guilty in federal district court to four counts of bank fraud, one of mail fraud and one for wire fraud, each

of which carries a maximum penalty of up to 30 years in prison. He could also be ordered to pay investors the funds he took as well as a \$1 million fine.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office, Eagle was president and director of Eagle Realty of Southwest Florida, Inc. In June 1990, Eagle created a trust agreement for approximately 101 acres of unimproved land in Cape Coral. Eagle was the trustee of this Pine Island 101 Land Trust and was also one of the beneficiaries. There were 52 named interest holders or beneficiaries of the land trust.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said Eagle mortgaged the trust property, without the knowledge of the other beneficiaries, by submitting fraudulently altered trust agreements to several banks naming him, or an entity which he controlled, as the sole beneficiary. Eagle signed loan documents falsely claiming to be the sole beneficiary and that he was authorized to mortgage the property. In the first mortgage loan in 2002, Eagle received \$2 million from Florida Community Bank. He paid off that loan in 2006 by taking out a mortgage loan of \$17 million from First National Bank of Pennsylvania.

Eagle allegedly used most of the proceeds of the second loan for his own personal benefit, mainly to fund other projects, including the high security training and response center he tried to create.

Eagle defaulted on the \$17 million mortgage loan, according to the U.S. Attorney's office, so the bank started foreclosure proceedings in October 2009. The beneficiaries of the Pine Island 101 Land Trust have not received refunds for their initial payments as interest holders, yearly mortgage, taxes, insurance, and administrative payments, nor for the increase in the value of the trust property since 1990.

Proposed training center

In 2006, Eagle proposed to build a national security training center in Charlotte County, without success. He tried again in 2009, seeking to locate his training center in Venus, Highlands County, adjacent to DeSoto County's eastern border. Although it came close to approval, at the last minute the Venus project was shot down when residents raised objections at a county commission meeting. So Eagle turned his sights to DeSoto County, at one time reportedly eyeing the 2 X 4 Ranch property.

In 2009, documents posted on a website for Pinnacle Performance Group detailed a proposed "Carlstrom National Security Training Center." Although Eagle's name was not visibly associated with that company, the proposal was virtually identical to plans Eagle had

issued in his previous attempts to build the security training facility. However, no plans were ever formally submitted by Pinnacle or Eagle.

Eagle was also active in politics. In 2006, he put \$1 million into a third-party political group, Floridians for a Better and Brighter Florida, before the September primary. The money later was transferred to another group that helped Governor Charlie Crist secure the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

Greg Eagle's son, Dane Eagle, was Gov. Crist's Deputy Chief of Staff at the age of 24, the youngest in Florida history, according to Dane Eagle's website. Dane ran for the Florida House of Representatives District 77 seat as the Republican party candidate and won in Nov. 2012 with 70 percent of the vote; he now represents Cape Coral.

Greg Eagle is one of several former financial supporters associated with Crist who were charged with financial crimes, including Scott Rothstein, charged with organizing a \$1 billion Ponzi scheme; Jim Greer, who pleaded guilty to five criminal charges involving money laundering and theft from the Republican party; and Alan Mendelsohn, sentenced to four years on charges of fraud and conspiracy.

— Staff writer Clinton Burton contributed to this story.

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OBITUARIES

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 of Arcadia since 1978, when he moved here from Huntington, West Virginia. He was an auto salesman until he retired; 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 wife, Jean; daughter, Natalie M. Torres of Port Charlotte, Florida; his mother, Betty Whobrey of Arcadia; and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his father, Lewis Torres.

Funeral service were held 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 took place in the cemetery following the service.

Veterans Funeral Care handled the arrangements.

Betty Lynn Williford

Betty Lynn Williford, 70, passed away Monday, Nov. 4, 2013, in Bradenton, Fla.

Betty was born July 25, 1943, in Rensselaer, Ind., moving to Sarasota, Fla., in 1981 from Indiana.

She was a taxi driver in the Manatee County, Fla., area. Betty enjoyed needle crafts, cross-stitching and reading. She was a member of the American Legion, the VFW and the Moose Lodge, all in Sarasota. Betty enjoyed family get-togethers. She was of the Baptist faith.

Betty is survived by five children, including two sons, Dennis (Blair) Ellis of Key Largo, Fla., and Darrin Ellis of Sarasota; and three daughters, Rhonda (Tello) Amaro of Homestead, Fla., Laura (James) Martin of Arcadia, Fla., and Tina (Michael) Edgerton of Ocala, Fla.; along with a brother, Norman (Melinda) Johnson of Rensselaer; two sisters, Nancy Wagner of Rensselaer, and Joyce (Tom) Pierson of Goodland, Ind.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Reava Ellis Johnson; two brothers, Melvin and Arthur Johnson; and a sister, Vivian Fay Fyda.

Visitation was held Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013, at the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia, FL. Funeral services with entombment following at Manasota Memorial Park Cemetery in Bradenton, Fla. Online condolences may be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

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

Jeannette S. Nicholson

Jeannette S. Nicholson, 77, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013. Arrangements are by ICS Cremation Society.

William Ralph Jones

William Ralph "Bill" Jones, 65, of Lakeside Park, Ky., passed away Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013.



He was born in Arcadia, Fla., in 1948.

Bill was a 1970 graduate of the University of Florida and held master's degrees from Lexington Theological Seminary in divinity and from the University of Kentucky in social work.

A convert to the Catholic faith, Bill was a member of the parish of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. He had

grown up in a devout Methodist family and came to Kentucky to work as associate pastor of Florence Christian Church, and came to work at Catholic Charities in 1981 as a mental health therapist. Bill served as Department Chair for Counseling Services, Comptroller and Associate Executive Director, working with Sr. Joan Boberg CDP, Executive Director, in that position from 1995 until her retirement in 2005. He became a Catholic in 1987, as a result of his work at Catholic Charities.

Bill was appointed Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, which included the Parish Kitchen, in September 2005. The focus of the work of the agency since 2005 has been programming, which not only serves those who are most at risk, but also new initiatives which lift people from poverty and the other social conditions that prevent them from achieving self-sufficiency. In order to achieve this goal, Bill was instrumental in Catholic Charities, forming close financial and programmatic partnerships with government and nongovernmental organizations in ways that use public dollars and draw from the capacity of collaborating agencies. This vision included a stronger relationship with Catholic Charities USA, where Bill was a member of the Board of Trustees.

During his tenure, Catholic Charities purchased a housing facility that supports 16 families who have a member who is disabled and who were formerly homeless. These services include financial literacy, housing support, job coaching, mentoring for former prison and jail inmates, mental health and parenting services. Because of Bill's leadership, Catholic Charities purchased the Welcome House building, which houses the Parish Kitchen. The building has been rehabbed and continues to function as a shelter operated by Welcome House, and is still the home of the Parish Kitchen.

In addition to his work with Catholic Charities, Bill was involved in a wide range of diocesan activities. These included the Ministry Formation Board, the Diocese Pro-Life Advisory Board, the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home Board, the diocesan Long Range Plan Steering Committee, and the HIV/AIDS Task Force. He was appointed to the Campbell Lodge Foundation Board in November 2012. At the Cathedral, he was a member of the RCIA team. In the wider community, he was a member of the Leadership Council of Human Services Executives. Nationally, Bill was a member of the Executive Committee of the board of Catholic Charities USA, to which he was appointed in 2009. Prior to this appointment, he had been the program chair for Catholic Charities' annual national meeting committee.

Bill was a visionary leader and was always a powerful advocate for the poor and needy in our community. The staff of Catholic Charities loved and admired Bill for his crusading spirit, his compassion for those in need, his powerful intellect and his strong faith. He was an example to everyone who knew him because of the way he put his faith into action in every aspect of his life.

Bill is survived by his wife, Donna M. Scholer; uncle and aunt, Dr. Frank and Reba Platt; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Veta and Jack Cason; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Dale, Paul and Jennifer, Debbie, Glenna and Tim, and Ted; many nieces, nephews, cousins and godchildren; and many beloved Florida relatives and friends.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, KY. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Catholic Charities, 3629 Church St., Latonia, KY 41015. Online condolences may be expressed at www.connleybrothersfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Connley Brothers Funeral Home, Latonia, Ky.



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May the Lord fill your heart with love.

Break out the sweaters

I woke up to an unexpected chill in the air, and then I remembered last night's weather prediction: "first cold spell".

In Florida that isn't alarming, it's welcoming. It's been a long summer of 90-plus degrees and this refreshing change of weather is wonderful. Midwest relatives report early snowfall, and we're happy all our youngest kin are enjoying that arrival; we'll pass.

But there are other signs that a season is ending (or starting). Our "snowbird" friends are returning, the streets are becoming more crowded and there are waiting lines at some of the restaurants, and the store owners seem to be smiling a lot.



From a Senior Viewpoint

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And the change of weather is widespread ... in Boston, World Series temps were in the 40s, with jackets, hooded sweatshirts and even stocking caps filling the stands.

Cooler weather does prompt appetites in a new direction, with

pre-holiday enticements. And this Cranberry Chicken seems to fill the bill, and it's quick to prepare.

Cut a chicken breast in strips and sauté, turning once. Mix 1 tablespoon of olive oil, 1 tablespoon of Dijon mustard and 1 teaspoon of pepper. Then stir in ¼-½ cup cranberry sauce (I prefer the whole berry sauce), 1 tablespoon finely-diced onion and 2 tablespoons of wine (optional). Stir and pour over browned chicken breast. Simmer for 15-20 minutes, turning at least once.

Serve with mashed potatoes and your favorite vegetable and you have officially welcomed the pre-holiday season. Enjoy.



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The optimistic explorer

Medical waiting rooms provide interesting encounters. Hurting and sometimes fearful people are prime prospects for encouraging words and are often receptive to invitations to faith. Occasionally, there's even a memorable article in one of the magazines provided for impatient patients that makes the wait worthwhile.

Such was the case not long ago when, awaiting my turn for a routine physical, the intriguing account of Lewis and Clark's epic explorations caught my eye and then my attention. The scenery, the descriptions of hair-raising adventures, and the mystery of history made this wait worthwhile, but one statement by Captain Clark towered above all the rest.

Upon reading Clark's comment, I quickly scribbled it on a subscription card in Smithsonian Magazine lest it slip away before I could share it with others. Here's the scene and substance of Clark's statement that has life-changing potential, maybe for you today: Captain Clark and company have reached the Rocky Mountains and are headed for the Pacific Ocean. A painting shows him captivated by the beauty before him. Suddenly, however, he is distracted from the beauty of the moment by thoughts about the difficulties and hardships this tough terrain may present to him and his companions as they carry out their mission. Injuries and even death loom.

Then, moving his mood from fear to faith, Clark says, "As I have always held it a little short of criminality to anticipate evils, I will allow it to be a good and comfortable road until I am compelled to believe otherwise," a wise decision, since he lived another 33 successful years, achieved many goals and died of natural causes.

We are all explorers, looking every day for new discoveries. Sometimes these explorations lead us into dangerous places and new challenges, but there is no need to fear if our faith is in the One who knows the future. Looking out my upstairs office window at this time of the year, I see a panorama of beauty. Fall has arrived in all its splendor: crisp autumn air seems to brighten the blue above, making a dramatic backdrop for trees whose leaves have erupted in kaleidoscopic colors; Canada Geese and their more diminutive but no less organized cousins frolic in a flurry of activity preparing for their own impressive and expansive expeditions, demonstrating God's design in His creation and His love for us. But if, like Captain Clark, I allow myself to focus on fear instead of faith I will immediately lose the blessings of all this beauty.

God hasn't promised blue skies every day. We may experience emotional and physical pain, face conflicts with disagreeable people and receive unwanted bills in the mail, but none of these things can separate us from the love of God.

As C.S. Lewis wrote, "The great thing ... both as regards pain and financial worries is to live day to day and hour to hour not adding the past or the future to the present." Faith enables us to be triumphant in trouble (1 John 5:4). There may be dangerous mountains to cross, but knowing that faith moves mountains (Matthew 17:20) makes optimistic explorers of us all.

Fiddle Crabs perform for Historical Society

By CAROL MAHLER

DESOTO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Fiddle Crabs, an old-time string band, will present and perform the traditional music of Florida for the DeSoto County Historical Society during their monthly meeting. Free and open to the public, the event is today at the Family Service Center Annex (old West Elementary School cafeteria) at the corner of N. Orange Ave. and W. Effie St.

At 11:30 a.m., lunch is available for \$6: sloppy Joe sandwiches, potato chips, tripasta salad, fresh fruit and dessert. At noon, President Bebe Bradbury will conduct a short business meeting before introducing the band.

The Fiddle Crabs have been together as a group for three years, but they represent more than 50 years of "singing and playing traditional American music," wrote Les Caraher, a graduate of Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda. He plays banjo and harmonica as well as singing harmony. Fiddler and vocalist Mary Caraher is the leader of the group. Guitarist George Hausser, also a vocalist, serves as music historian for the ensemble. Birdi Smock plays mandolin, sings, dances, and clogs.

Les Caraher wrote, "The Fiddle Crabs plays and sings music from an earlier time. We humbly opine that the American music from the 19th up to the



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Performing at the Desoto County Historical Society's 9th Annual Pioneer Day in March 2013, the Fiddle Crabs are, from left, Birdi Smock, Mary Caraher, Les Caraher and George Hausser.

middle of the 20th century is far superior to anything heard today. Traditional fiddle tunes, heart songs, country blues, tin pan alley, traditional bluegrass and all the variations on those themes have a quality and strength which sustain their relevance up to now and beyond. In short, they are fun to play and sing. That's what we do!"

Their presentation will include both

history and performance focusing on the music of Florida. Caraher wrote, "We wanted to include tunes that were historically important and were familiar enough where we could have a sing-along at the end of the program ... I can say that anyone in the DeSoto County Historical Society who went to grammar school in Desoto or Charlotte County during the 1940s and 1950s sang 'The Orange Blossom Song.' I certainly did. It is one song that qualifies as a truly traditional Florida tune even though it can be traced to an out-of-state origin."

The Society's books, "Recollections" I, II, and III, plus the "Walking Tour of Historic Arcadia, Florida," booklet will be on sale at the meeting. T-shirts and tote bags, featuring legendary Acrefoot Johnson as drawn by Luke Wilson, will also be available. All proceeds benefit the society's efforts to preserve and promote the history of DeSoto County. For information, call Bradbury at 863-494-6607 or email bebebradbury@gmail.com.



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Students learn about fire safety



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Memorial Elementary kindergarteners are studying Community Helpers. During a recent visit from DeSoto County Fire and Rescue, firefighters and paramedics explained the importance of fire safety and what to do in case of a fire or emergency. Students were able to examine gear worn by firefighters while fighting fires. They could ask questions, see firefighters in safety gear and tour the ambulance, fire engine and the safety equipment they use.

Volunteers at Stroll 4 A Cure have something to cheer about—they successfully raised \$2,600 to pay for cancer screenings for needy area residents and to donate to Tidewell Hospice. The event, now in its fourth year, includes a walk at The Bluffs community.



Mitzie McGavic, walking Striker, laughs with Missy Moxley and Megan Jensen as they leave the picnic area along the beautiful Peace River. They took part in Stroll 4 A Cure Nov. 2 to help raise \$2,600 for cancer screenings for area residents.



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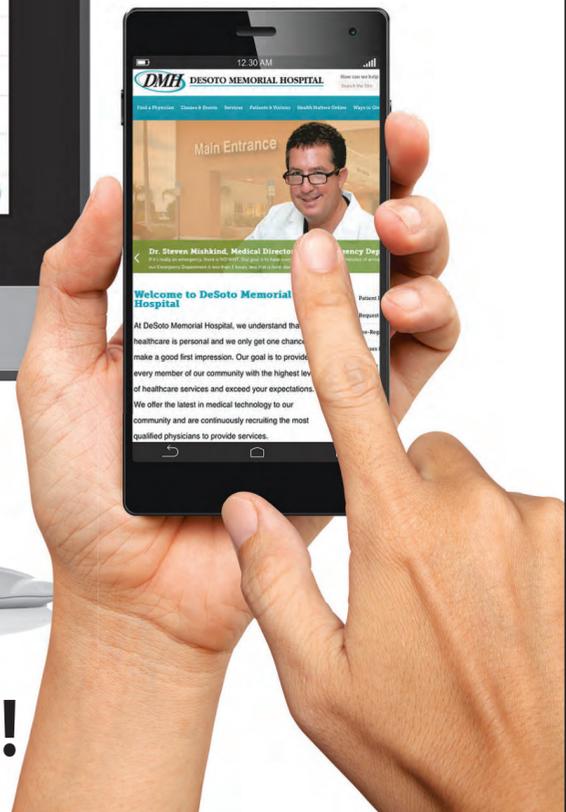


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Bulldogs lose finale 27-12

DeSoto County football coach Matt Egloff sat in his office with his coaches after the season ending 27-12 loss to Braden River and discussed the game and season as a whole.

Egloff said, "Did you see what happened just as Rosario (Zavala) kicked that last ball? A gust of wind came up and knocked the ball off of the tee and he didn't get a real good kick out of it. That kind of describes our season, doesn't it?"

It was an unusual season. It started out with a good game against Port Charlotte in the Kickoff Classic and the team was 2-1 after their first three games. After their win over East Lee County, the Bulldogs had all kinds of bad luck and went on a seven-game losing streak, and finished the season with a surprising 2-8 record.

Miscues doom Bulldogs

With his team down 14-0, DeSoto quarterback Kari Williams scored with 2:29 left in the first half on a 20-yard run. The Bulldogs were trailing 14-6 just before halftime when Nirion Washington intercepted a pass to stop a Braden River Pirate drive.



On the Bench with Big Daddy

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The Bulldogs were unable to use up the clock or get a first down, however, and were forced to punt. Another bad snap in a season filled with them forced punter Zavala to run with the ball and he was taken down deep in Bulldog territory. (Zavala, who plays on the soccer team, sprained his ankle on the play. Soccer coach Tracy Hay was on the sidelines and was concerned about her star player. He played later in the game but had a visible limp.)

The Pirates took advantage of the short field and scored a touchdown with only 10 seconds left in the first half to widen their lead to 21-6. The score seemed to take the wind out of the Bulldogs' sails.

Both teams went scoreless in the third quarter and each added another touchdown in the fourth quarter. Kari Williams hit fellow senior Dequan Richardson with a 12-yard pass with 30 seconds left in the game. It was a nice way for both seniors to remember their final play in high school.

The Bulldogs' defensive secondary forced three Pirate turnovers, with Washington, Alfredrick Tyson and Reggie Jones each recording an interception. But like previous games this season, The Bulldogs had 11 penalties for 115 yards, with many of them coming during critical times of the game. Kari Williams threw three interceptions to boost his season total to 16, matching his number of touchdown passes.

The Bulldogs didn't fumble in the game and had more total yardage (317 to 271) than the Pirates did.

Terrell Gordon had 16 carries for 137 yards to put the hard-running senior over 1,000 yards for the season. He ended with 1,126 and was the only running back in the area with over 1,000 yards. Marcus Shaw and Antonio Washington are the only other Bulldogs to reach the 1,000-yard plateau.

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Panthers fall in McLeod's coaching finale

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County Middle School Panthers lost their season finale to Hardee 16-14 in what was Panthers' Head Coach Monty McLeod's final game of his coaching career. His record at the helm of the Panthers is 78-11 including a 6-2 record this season.

McLeod is the only coach the Panthers have had since their program started 14 years ago. "It would have been nice to go out with a win, but my boys played hard all the way to the end," he said. "There is a reason Hardee is undefeated this season, they're a good team. I've got nothing to complain about, we did the best we could, we just came up a little short."

Before the game began McLeod said

he was going to take a quiet role and let his coaches take over the game. Al Blackwood, Arthur Wiley, Delshay Turner and Sherley Hairston are planning to continue as coaches next season.

McLeod joked, "Some of my boys are taking bets as to how long I'll be able to not say anything once the game starts."

The veteran coach got vocal on the first play! The Panthers kicked an onside kick and as three players stood around the ball after it had gone the required 10 yards, McLeod was yelling "Jump on it!" They didn't and Hardee got the ball.

That mistake was erased in the first Hardee drive as Elijah Arthur intercepted a pass on the Wildcats' 40-yard-line.

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Nehemiah Hillard breaks loose from the Hardee tackle for an eight-yard gain. Hillard scored the first Panther points on a 40-yard run in the first quarter. Teammate Elijah Arthur (3) intercepted two Wildcat passes in the losing effort.



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Panthers' Coach Jarrett Zolkos congratulates Hannah England after her three-run triple in the second inning in the 8-2 win over Lake Placid.

Lady Panthers end season with win

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County Middle School Panthers ended their softball season Oct. 28 with an 8-2 win over visiting Lake Placid. That also was the Panthers' season record, an impressive 8-2.

It's always good to close out the season with a win especially on "eighth grade graduation night." There were



The DeSoto County Middle School Panthers completed their season with an 8-2 record.

11 of the 15 players on the roster who played their final middle school game. The victory was highlighted by

a five-run second inning after the

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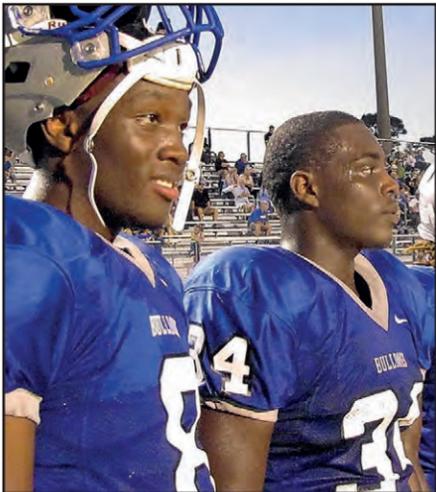
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• The varsity football team lost their final game of the season to Braden River 27-12.



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Seniors Kari Williams and Terrell Gordon finished their football season with good statistics. Gordon led the area as he rushed for 1,126 yards to become only the third running back for DeSoto County to break the 1,000-yard mark. Williams broke all the previous season marks for a quarterback, including passes, attempts, yards and touchdowns.

• The boys' varsity soccer team lost to Lake Placid and tied with Lemon Bay.

• The girls' junior varsity soccer team tied Hardee and lost 6-0 to Lemon Bay.

• The varsity girls' soccer team beat Lake Placid 1-0 and were shut out by Lemon Bay 4-0.

Upcoming games

• The girls' weightlifting team visits Charlotte for a meet today at 4 p.m.

• The girls' basketball team travels

to Palmetto tomorrow night, with the JV game starting at 5:30 p.m.

• The girls' varsity and boys' varsity soccer teams will host Sarasota Military Academy Nov. 19 in a district game. The girls will play at 5 p.m., with the boys starting at 7 p.m. There will be no JV games that night. Both varsity teams will also host Booker in a district game Nov. 21.

Golfers tee up for DeSoto Memorial Hospital



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Winner of the 50/50 was Pete Watson, with Bonnie Molloy, Kathy Brandt and Lew Ambler.



The all-important cooks!

Many thanks again to Chief Carrie Taylor for her brilliant work at Arcadia International Golf! Her super efforts prepared us to play this lovely place and others such as California, India, Italy, New Zealand and Sarasota. Best wishes for more success

Myakka City Golf Committee

Grow an Asian experience

Cool weather heralds the season for growing 'greens' in central Florida. 'Greens' to the southerner usually means collards, but 'greens' to the vegetable connoisseur encompasses an entire palette of color, texture and flavor from delicate salad greens to robust cooking greens. Asian greens are gaining in popularity in home gardens. If you haven't tried growing oriental greens, give them a place in your garden.

Greens grow well even in locations that only get a few hours of sunlight. Their fertilizer needs are relatively low also; if you've grown other crops there probably are enough nutrients remaining in the soil to produce a crop of greens. Some compost to help hold moisture will be beneficial.

Asian greens are a vegetable ideal for growing in our winter climate. Many plants are sensitive to day length, and oriental greens produce best as day length shortens. Most are tolerant of light frosts and freezes, making them excellent for cool season growing. Chinese cabbages are versatile vegetables; nearly all are excellent in salads or lightly stir-fried or steamed. "Cabbage" is actually a misnomer, as these greens are more closely related to mustard.

Quicker to mature than traditional cabbage, the majority have a more delicate mild flavor. Some varieties have a sharp mustard flavor that disappears when cooked.

Oriental greens may be tight-headed or open-headed. Napa types form tightly packed heads of crisp leaves with the texture of lettuce with a mild cabbage flavor. Choi varieties have more open heads with crisp stems and succulent leaves with pronounced ribs. Confusion arises because different regions of China give them different



Over the Garden Gate

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names, and Japanese seed growers give them still other names. But try any of them — you won't be disappointed.

Varieties recommended for Florida include Michihili, Napa (heading), and Bok-Choi, Baby Bok-Choi, Pak-Choi, and Joi-Choi (open-heading). One of our favorites is Tah-Tsai, which forms a rosette of spoon-shaped leaves that resemble spinach. There are also many delightful Asian mustards. An excellent source of seed for these and other varieties is www.stokeseeds.com 800-396-9238.

Chinese cabbage needs soil rich in moisture-holding organic matter, and should not go without water. Oriental greens will be tender and flavorful if grown quickly at temperatures of 60 to 70 degrees. Direct seeding is the best way to grow oriental greens, as transplants are seldom available. Sow seed and cover lightly with soil and tamp with a level-head rake. Most greens sprout in only a day or two. Keep seed bed moist for the first two weeks, then water only if leaves wilt in the heat of



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Asian greens are ideal for growing in our winter climate. Tah-tsai with dark green spoon shaped leaves resembles spinach. Joi Choi and Michihili or Napa is delicious either raw or cooked, enjoy them in healthy salads or delicious stir-frys.

day. We have had success at transplanting thinnings by lifting them with a ball of soil around the roots. Thin greens as they grow, and enjoy the thinnings in stir-frys or soups. Thin heading varieties to 12 to 16 inches apart, open-heading to 8 to 12 inches. Give a mid-season nitrogen boost with fish emulsion or a side dressing of compost or fertilizer. Most varieties mature in 40 to 75 days.

Pests of Chinese cabbage include cabbage worms, aphids, sow bugs, and slugs. Control with appropriate natural remedies. A number of diseases, including downy mildew, black speck, viruses and bacterial soft rot may be

a problem, but watering from below avoids most of these problems. We use black rubber porous soaker hoses, placed about 2 inches from the row.

Wash greens thoroughly — an outdoor sink makes this chore easy and fast. It's best not to wash greens after cutting as many nutrients will be lost. Use a salad spinner or colander to drain off as much water as possible. Grow your own Asian greens and treat your family to delicious stir-fries, or add chopped greens to soups. Enjoy these crisp flavorful greens in healthy salads, you'll find them a fresh alternative to bland lettuce.

Citrus forecast down from 2012-13

The United States Department of Agriculture issued its initial 2013-2014 Florida citrus crop forecast Nov. 8, placing the orange crop at 125 million boxes, down six percent from last season. Florida produced 133.6 million boxes of oranges during 2012-2013.

The government agency estimated early-mid varieties at 58 million, down from 67.1 million at the end of last season, while the Valencia orange total is at 67 million boxes, compared to 66.5 million in 2012-2013. If realized, this would be the lowest production since the freeze-affected 1989-1990 season.

"The number shows HLB continues to affect our industry and growers are faced once again with a challenging season," said Mike Sparks, executive VP/CEO of Florida Citrus Mutual. "The good news is that at this size crop, there should be upward pressure on prices."

The USDA usually makes its initial estimate in October of each year and



revises it monthly as the crop takes shape until the end of the season in July. However, the federal government shutdown delayed the estimate, and the USDA used data collected in the fields until Nov. 1.

The estimate of the 2013-2014 Florida grapefruit crop is 17.8 million boxes, down from 18.35 million. Specialty fruit checked in at 4.75 million boxes. The yield for frozen concentrate orange juice was 1.60 gallons per 90-pound box.



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PANTHERS

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Three plays later Nehemiah Hillard outran the defense for a 40-yard touchdown. The extra point failed but the Panthers had drawn first blood with a 6-0 lead.

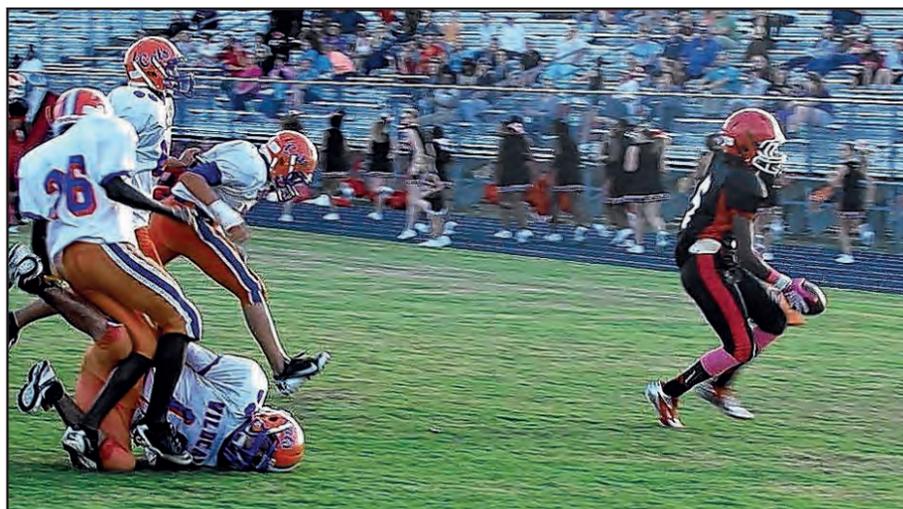
The Wildcats returned the kickoff 49 yards to the Panthers' 31-yard-line. Two plays later they scored and converted the extra point to take an 8-6 lead.

The Panthers played ball control with an eight-play drive that ended when Hillard lost 15 yards on a fourth-and-eight-yard play. Jonshae Reed recovered a fumble on the next Wildcat drive to give the Panthers another scoring opportunity.

A 10-play drive ate up most of the second quarter clock and ended with a Shawn Campbell four-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion was good to give the Panthers a 14-8 lead.

With just over two minutes left in the first half, the Wildcats scored on a 61-yard sweep to the left to tie the game. Hardee passed for their two-point conversion to take a 16-14 halftime lead.

The Panthers ran 10 plays in the third quarter to eat up nearly all of the clock, but were unable to push the ball



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The Panthers' Shawn Campbell scores on a two-point conversion to give the Panthers a 14-8 lead late in the first half. Campbell scored on a five-yard run on the previous play. Hardee came back to win 16-14 capping off an undefeated season, while DeSoto County finished at 6-2.

into the end zone. The Panthers ran 33 plays in the game, gaining 118 yards with Hillard picking up 56 yards on eight carries. Without the two losses he would have had a nine-yard rushing average for the game.

Hardee ran the ball in the fourth quarter as they used up the clock and protected their slim two-point lead. The Panthers got another chance as Arthur intercepted his second pass of

the game on the DeSoto 27-yard-line with 2:52 left in the game.

On the first play following the turnover, there was a bobble during the hand off. While the ball was juggled around with two Panthers trying to gain control of it, the Wildcats came up with the loose pigskin. Hardee ran for a first down and then took a knee as time ran out on the Panthers and on Coach McLeod's coaching career.

SEASON

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Dragons had taken a 1-0 lead in the first. Emma Heitman knocked in Destiny Pelham to tie the score and later scored on a bases-loaded walk to Savannah Slaughter.

With the Panthers up by a run with two outs and the bases loaded, Hannah

England cleared the bases with a two-strike triple up the alley in right center.

The Dragons had a chance to get back into the game in the fourth inning. Panthers' starting pitcher Michaela Cross got out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam with a pair of strikeouts and a ground out. England singled in Shea Lipe, who had singled and stolen second base in the bottom of the fourth to stretch the Panther lead to 6-1. Malyssa Jeter doubled to

put two runners in scoring position with just one out, but the Panthers couldn't add to their lead.

Heitman doubled in Makayla Price in the fifth and then scored when Stephanie Whitmore was safe on an error to give the Panthers two final insurance runs. England took the circle in the fifth and closed out the win for the Panthers.

Heitman had two RBIs and scored twice while England knocked in four.

Cross went the first four innings as she shut out the Dragons after their first inning score.

Panthers' Coach Brittany Hines, who also coaches at the high school said, "There was a definite improvement from the beginning of the season to now. It was a fun year, I enjoyed seeing them outside of class and watching them get better at a game that they love. I'm looking forward to next year when the eighth graders move up."

SAFETY

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to cook and preserve them," Popa said.

Commissioner Elton Langford commended Popa for securing the grant, and was happy that food preservation would be one of the main uses for the kitchen.

"Through the years canning has sort of become a lost art," he said. "I remember my grandmother canning just about everything, from mullet to tomatoes. When she went to the grocery store she never needed to go down the canned food aisles. I think it's great we'll be teaching our youngsters this skill."

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield jokingly asked Popa if there would also be adult cooking classes because, "if so, I'd like to sign my wife up for one."

The board elected Langford as its new chairman, and Commissioner Gabriel Quave as vice-chairman. Both positions took effect Wednesday. At the close of the meeting, Langford presented former chairman Jim Selph with a plaque commemorating his time in the position.

"I'd like to thank all of you for your support while I served as chair," Selph said. "It's been an honor and I congratulate both Elton and Gabriel and wish them the best in their new positions."



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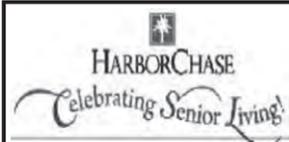
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NOTICE OF ACTION 3116

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 FORECLOSURE 3122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 14-2012-CA-000073 DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS TRUSTEE FOR RALI 2005QA7, PLAINTIFF, VS. GASTON GOSSELIN, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 4, 2012 and entered in Case No. 14-2012-CA-000073 in the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida wherein Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as Trustee for RALI 2005QA7 was the Plaintiff and GASTON GOSSELIN, ET AL., the Defendant(s). The Clerk I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the South door of the Desoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak St., Arcadia, FL 34266 on the 5th day of December, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK "B", WALDRON'S SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 AND PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4, ALL OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 137. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS OF THE SALE, IF

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 3120

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.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA M & T BANK Plaintiff Case No. 2013CA000003AXMA Vs. ALFREDO VALDOVINOS; IVAN VALDOVINOS; ET AL Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated October 29, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2013CA000003AXMA, of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for De Soto County, Florida. M & T Bank, Plaintiff and ALFREDO VALDOVINOS; IVAN VALDOVINOS; ET AL, are defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at Desoto County Courthouse 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, on this 17th day of December, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment entered on September 9, 2013.

LOT 12, BLOCK A, DESOTO MOBILE ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 37. 1989 RADCO SERIAL # PH-092789 A&B, HUD LABEL # FLA 415481- FLA415482. Property Address: 1465 LEISURE AVE NE, ARCADIA, FL 34266 A 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 1st day of November, 2013. By: /s/ B. Wynn As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff
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CASSIDY MARTINEZ A/K/A CASSIDY M. MARTINEZ, ET AL Defendants

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated October 14, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2013CA000013AXMA, of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for De Soto County, Florida. Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff and CASSIDY MARTINEZ A/K/A CASSIDY M. MARTINEZ A/K/A CASSIDY MARIE MARTINEZ; MANUEL MARTINEZ A/K/A MANUEL L. MARTINEZ A/K/A MANUEL L. MARTINEZ, JR. A/K/A MANUEL LOPEZ MARTINEZ, JR.; ET AL, are defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 at 11:00 a.m. on this 12th day of December, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment entered August 8, 2013.

LOT 30 OF MOCKINGBIRD MANOR, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 41, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1982 HILL MOBILE HOME, ID NOS. 02650293AR AND 02650293BR, PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS
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TAX DEEDS 3132

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Notice is hereby given that **TC TAMPA 1, LLC; PNC CUS TC TAMPA 1, LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said

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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.

TAX DEEDS 3132

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

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

OTHER NOTICES 3138

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

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2013-CA-667
PARCEL NO.: 174
STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Petitioner,

-vs- QUIRINO HERNANDEZ, A MARRIED MAN AND URBANO HERNANDEZ, A MARRIED MAN; BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY; FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK,

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK; HERNANDEZBROTHERS, LLC; ELVIRA HERNANDEZ; MARIA DE LOS ANGELES HERNANDEZ; UNKNOWN BUSINESS TENANTS; NEWT KEEN, PROPERTY APPRAISER; KATHRYN J. HILL, TAX COLLECTOR. Defendants.

NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE AND NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Unknown Business Tenants 1019 SW Highway 17 Arcadia, FL 34266 Parcel 174
To all said Defendants who are living, and if any or all Defendants are deceased, the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any such deceased defendant or defendants, if alive, and, if dead, their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, legatees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any such deceased defendant or defendants, and all other parties having or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in and to the property described in the Petition, to-wit F.P. NO. 1938982 SECTION 04020-000 PARCEL 174 FEE SIMPLE - RIGHT OF WAY
That portion of the northeast 1/4 of Section 1, Township 38 South, Range 24 East, Desoto County, Florida.
Being described as follows: Commence at the northwest corner of the northeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence along the north line of said Section 1, South 89°47'18" East a distance of 1,684.07 feet to the survey base line of State Road 35(US 17); thence along said survey base line South 11°58'23" West a distance of 20.27 feet; thence North 89°48'17" West a distance of 33.71 feet to an intersection with the northerly existing right of way line of Hargrave Street (per FDOT Field Book 009761) for a POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along said northerly existing right of way line South 11°58'23" West a distance of 194.51 feet; thence North 77°59'38" West a distance 57.00 feet; thence North 11°58'23" East a distance of 118.61 feet; thence North 31°28'11" West a distance of 28.98 feet; thence North 70°31'37" West a distance of 20.10 feet to the beginning of a curve having a radius of 379.25 feet; thence along the arc of said curve to the left a distance of 127.49 feet through a central angle of 19°15'41" with a chord bearing North 80°09'28" West to the end of said curve; thence North 89°47'18" West a distance of 90.16 feet; thence North 00°03'51" East a distance of 17.05 feet to said south maintained right of way line of Hargrave Street; thence along said south maintained right of way line the following five (5) courses: 1) South 89°48'17" East a distance of 158.44 feet; 2) South 87°30'51" East a distance of 100.08 feet; 3) South 78°22'14" East a distance of 15.63 feet; 4) South 89°57'58" East a distance of 34.68 feet; 5) South 89°48'17" East a distance of 12.33 feet to end said courses and to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 17,254 square feet. You are each notified that the Petitioner filed its sworn Petition and its Declaration of Taking in this Court against you as defendants, seeking to condemn by eminent domain proceedings the above described property located in the State of Florida, County of DESOTO.

OTHER NOTICES 3138

if desired, to said Petition on: STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL 801 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830 c/o Kenneth L. Hadley, Assistant General Counsel (863)519-2623 on or before the 23rd of December, 2013 and file the originals with the Clerk of this Court on that date, to show cause what right, title, interest, or lien you or any of you have in and to the property described in the Petition and to show cause, if any you have, why the property should not be condemned for the uses and purposes set forth in the Petition. If you fail to answer, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. If you fail to request a hearing on the Petition for Order of Taking you shall waive any right to object to said Order of Taking. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court on the 7th day of November, A.D., 2013.
Mitzie W. McGavic
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/Marlene Harris
Deputy Clerk

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STATION

FROM PAGE 1

A closer look at Station 1

County Administrator Guy Maxcy then recommended the board approve a tear-out of Fire Station 1, 1985 S.E. Carlstrom Field Road, which would involve gutting the entire interior of the 50-year-old building. Maxcy said the move would be cost-effective and provide a clear answer on whether the building could be rehabbed.

"I would suggest we go this route. The tear-out is estimated to cost \$2,600, which is a reasonable amount to finally find out if this building can be refurbished," he said. "It needs to be done anyway, and this is a good opportunity for us to figure out whether this building can be of use to us in the future."

Commissioner Bob Miller asked what the purpose of gutting the building now would be, and Langford said it was a necessary move if the county has any interest in getting reliable bids on rehabbing the building.

"If we're going to have companies come in there and bid, we need to see what we've got in terms of structure," he said. "If we don't gut the interior we'll never know if it can be refurbished, and the interior all needs to be gone anyway."

Maxcy added a crew from the DeSoto Correctional Institute would do most of the tear-out work, but did not provide a specific time on when the interior gutting would be completed.

Commissioner Gabriel Quave agreed the tear-out needed to be completed, and then told Taylor, "Everyone up here wants this fixed yesterday. Please tell your guys we want this fixed and done, and we're doing all we can on our part to get this taken care of as fast as possible."

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield echoed Quave's sentiments, but told both Metzger and Taylor that mold testing needed to be conducted on the spray foam that lines the building. "If water got in there, I would bet there's a good chance there could be mold growing there as well," he said. "I strongly suggest you research that material and ensure it is mold-free as well."

Langford moved to approve spending up to \$5,000 for construction costs related to the tear-out and the board approved it unanimously.

GRITS & PIECES

FROM PAGE 4

be called a “terror-ium” instead. That “Itsy Bitsy Spider” nursery rhyme is cute, but when it comes to “Hairy Scary Spider,” color me gone.

One way I stay in my comfort zone is by eating only foods that I approve of and recognize. I can watch others scarf down escargot and raw oysters with no problem, so long as they keep them in their comfort zones and out of mine. Sushi can stay away too. Just keep the Southern cookin’ coming my way and my comfort zone will only keep getting more comfortable. And better tasting.

Our comfort zones are not hard to detect. They are tangible, smellable and can be tasted (see above paragraph). Don’t we all have various levels of tolerable pain? Step on my foot and

I might wince a little. Let a truck run over my foot and you’ll find out about my “uncomfortable zone” real quick. I might even invade your zone with screams and flying fists until you get your truck off me and out of my comfort zone. Too bad we cannot hang “Do Not Enter” signs at the boundaries of our zones.

Sticking with what you know has a lot to do with maintaining your comfort zone. It’s OK to broaden our zones, but it should be done slowly and with caution. If you hear someone yell, “Hey, let’s see if we can wake up this hibernating grizzly bear!” then be assured that someone may be broadening theirs a little too hastily, and perhaps for the last time. And if you’re within earshot enough to hear that, grab your comfort zone and make a run for it.

Staying in one’s element lends a lot to maintaining a comfort zone. Going

to the circus and enjoying it from the bleachers would be a comfort zone. Getting up on the high wire and juggling flaming torches while riding a unicycle and wearing a blindfold would be stretching it a bit. Let somebody else do that and see how it works out for them before you decide to put something like that on your bucket list.

Know your strong suits and stick with them. You’ve heard of “holding the fort?” Let your conscience run around like a referee, keeping you in check and preventing you from allowing your mouth overload your backside. Pay attention when it blows the whistle or throws a penalty flag. And stay in bounds!

I can’t sit here telling you that yours truly has never ventured outside his comfort zone. But like they say, the beauty of experience is that it lets you recognize a mistake every time you make it. And I have to say that

sometimes when I stepped outside my comfort zone, I immediately felt like I’d locked myself out of my house and had no keys to get back in. And with a pack of wild, rabid dogs stampeding, snarling, and slobbering in my direction, I might add.

Know your own comfort zone and that of others. If your zone overlaps with someone else’s, enjoy that. Unless, of course, theirs includes stuff like sword swallowing, swimming with sharks, or playing Russian Roulette.

Life should be as comfortable as possible. My best comfort zone is right here at home, in my PJs, and drinking coffee. That way, I know I’m safe from parachutes that might not open and tarantulas. In fact, I named my comfort zone “PJville,” and I’m living not only happily, but comfortably ever after.

Find yours, enjoy it, and maintain your boundaries. But be careful who and what you let in.

NOCATEE

FROM PAGE 2

governor from 1909 to 1913. In May 1887 when DeSoto County was established, he offered to donate land for county buildings to the new county if Nocatee was voted as the county seat. However, voters chose Arcadia in November 1888. Historian Howard Melton identifies Daniel Carlton, Sallie Ann Murphy Carlton, and their 12 children as early residents of Nocatee. They were farmers and ranchers. Some of their descendants still live here.

In 1886, W. G. Welles opened the King Lumber Manufacturing Company. He served as Nocatee’s postmaster from 1900 to 1908, followed by his brother, B. F. Welles, from 1908 to 1914. Sometime before 1910, W. G. Welles with F. R. McConnell, H. T. Davis, and C. F. Walker, opened the Nocatee Crate Company — later known as the Nocatee-Manatee Crate Company, which continued operation until the 1950s. At one time, it was the largest employer in DeSoto County.

The ground-breaking for Gulf Naval Stores — known familiarly as the “stump plant” — was September 19, 1957. It contributed to creating more usable land in the county by processing the stumps of timbered trees into turpentine and other products; however, it did not build “company houses.”

ACI reported, “Many of the homes and businesses along Highway 17 in Nocatee were built during

the time when the Nocatee Crate Company and the King Lumber and Manufacturing Company were prospering. A total of 24 homes along the highway were built during the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s and most of the families were directly or indirectly connected with the mills.”

In the 1930 U.S. Census and in other historic documents, U.S. Highway 17 is identified as the Nocatee Road. The name recognizes the connection of this important town with Arcadia. Over the years as traffic increased, owners enclosed front porches and removed or replaced windows to insulate residences and businesses from the noise. FDOT considered what we jokingly refer to as the “Nocatee Bypass,” but routing the highway around the proposed historic district was not feasible.

As the widening of the highway approaches — resulting in more traffic in closer proximity— these historic structures seem more neglected, vacated, boarded up, and/or for sale. Even those of us who drive by them every day realize the problem. Perhaps the solution is historic preservation.

Usually, it is more cost-effective to renovate and restore a structure than to build a new one. Plus, it keeps the demolished structure out of the landfill, prolonging its life and saving the taxpayers money.

Historic districts are compact and walkable, and revitalizing them is smart, sustainable growth. Restored historic properties increase property values. They provide economic development because they attract tourists

and their dollars.

Vintage buildings give an area a cultural identity, or something that sets it apart from other locations. Downtown Arcadia is a perfect example. Preserving historic structures builds community and the resulting respect for our heritage actually lowers the incidence of vandalism and graffiti.

Historic structures are one of DeSoto County’s important resources. Unlike timber, pine stumps, or minerals which are sold only once, investment in historic structures continues to provide economic benefits. The proposed Nocatee Historic District might not look like much — especially to an outsider — but it has value and is our home.

DEATHS

FROM PAGE 9

Jerry Delmer Coker

Jerry “Delmer” Coker, 74, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Friday, Nov. 8, 2013, in Sarasota, Fla.

He was born Feb. 20, 1939.

Delmar was a lifelong resident of Arcadia. He graduated from DeSoto County High School with the class of 1957. Delmar retired from Central Maloney

Transformer Co., and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, reading Western novels, and watching football on TV, especially the Florida teams. Delmar was a member of Oak Hill Baptist, Arcadia.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Patsy Coker of Arcadia; two daughters, Karen Coker of Arcadia, and Terri Sue Coker of Virginia; a granddaughter, Summer McCullen of Bradenton, Fla.; and one sister, Evelyn Smith of Florida. Delmer was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Eula (nee White) Coker; a son, Jerry Delmer Coker Jr.; and a brother, Phillip Coker.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013 with graveside services following at Oak Hill Cemetery, Arcadia. The Rev. Tim Daniels officiated. Burial is in Oak Hill Cemetery. Online condolence may be made at ponger-kaysgrady.com.

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

Earline McClelland

Earline McClelland, 72, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013.

She was born March 24, 1941, the daughter of Garfield and Alice (nee McBride) Brown, and grew up in Arcadia.

Earline owned a plant nursery/landscape business, until she retired in 1988. She will be remembered as a strong woman, who lived her own

life on her terms, all the way until the end.

Earline will be greatly missed by her son, Darryl (Lisa) Lowe; brother, Gilbert Brown; sisters, Edith Marie Brown and Martha Jean Rorie; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Richard McClelland.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, 2013, at Joshua Creek Cemetery in Arcadia. Memorial donations may be made to Hope Hospice. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.LTaylorfuneral.com and sign the online guest book.

Mary Krier Riley

Mary Krier Riley, 92, of Lake Suzy, Fla., and formerly of Indianapolis, Ind., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013.

She was born June 22, 1921, to Paul and Matilda “Tillie” (nee Kroeger) Krier.

Mary graduated from St. Mary’s Academy in 1939, and married Harold G. “Hal” Riley in November 1941. Together they had four children, Karen, Kent, Keith and Kevin.

Mary is survived by her loving husband of 72 years, Hal; their sons, Keith (Jan) and Kevin (Linda); son-in-law, Bruce Hunsicker; daughter-in-law, Evelyn Riley; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Hunsicker; son, Kent; brothers, Paul and Bill Krier; and her sister, Margaret Eichrodt.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held in Mary’s home state of Indiana, where she will be interred at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Tidewell Hospice, 917 N. Arcadia Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266.

OBITUARY POLICY

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



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY CAROL MAHLER

Beautifully landscaped, this house has a front porch closed in with windows which may help block the sound of the ever increasing traffic on U.S. Highway 17.

DeSoto pays honor to its military veterans on Nov. 11



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN BLACK, photeke@gmail.com

A group of veterans gathered at the court house steps following the Veterans Day ceremony held there Monday.



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Bill Waits, a former World War II prisoner of war in Germany, serves as Grand Marshal during Monday's Veterans Day Parade.



A member of the Veterans Honor Guard hands out flags to people lining the street to view the parade

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School Superintendent Karyn Gary shakes a pom-pom as the school district's float makes its way down West Oak Street for the Veterans Day Parade.



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The DeSoto County High School JROTC unit marches impressively down West Oak Street.



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Dr. Sharon Goodman sings the National Anthem at the start of the parade.



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Sheriff Will Wise speaks to the crowd gathered in downtown Arcadia for the Veterans Day Parade.



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The DeSoto County High School Blazing Blue Band is a perennial favorite in any parade.



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Memorial Elementary School students were among the several large groups that paraded along West Oak Street Monday.

Cattle producers hold annual meeting

SUBMITTED BY ANNA BESWICK

The DeSoto County Cattlemen and Cattlewomen held their Fall Annual Meeting on Oct. 24 at the Turner Agri-Civic Center. More than 150 members attended, enjoying a steak dinner sponsored by Mosaic. Members brought their favorite side dishes.

The meeting included a discussion of the latest cattle market trends by Carl McKettrick, president of the association and owner of the Arcadia Livestock Market. Guest speaker Stephen Monroe, Animal ID Coordinator with then-Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, discussed obtaining official identification tags for cattle. "Official tags are available from private manufacturers as well as from USDA. A Premises ID number (PIN) must be established as well," said Monroe.

District 5 Supervisor John Court answered local producers' questions at the meeting. To obtain a Premises ID visit www.freshfromflorida.com/ai/.

New federal regulations are planned to take effect in 2014.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Cattlemen's Association president Joyce Hunter, left, and Carl McKettrick, president of the Cattlemen's Association, pose with Sweetheart Bailey Lyons at the annual banquet Oct. 24.

The DeSoto Cattlewomen have worked this year with the DeSoto County/IFAS Extension office and both Kristie Popa, 4-H Agent and Anna Beswick, office manager teaching young members how to preserve food grown in the garden. Summer camps helped introduce new members to the community. Some of the 4-H activities will be featured during

Ag-Fest on Nov. 23 in the Exhibit Building. DeSoto County's Cattlemen's Sweetheart, Bailey Lyons, was crowned. She will represent DeSoto in a state competition next June. She will promote the beef industry at several events such as Ag-Fest, the county fair and rodeo. The 31st Florida Cattlemen's Institute and Allied Trade Show for 2014 will be held Jan. 16.

Raffles and door prizes were given out at the meeting. The group raised \$750 and thanks its sponsors, including and the following made donations. Mosaic, Farm Credit of Southwest Florida, Mrs. Barbara Collins, DeSoto Automotive, Tractor Supply, Smith Ranch & Garden, Fender Auto Parts, Dr. Mark Davis, Home Owners Supply, Mid-Florida Credit Union, Seacoast National Bank, Bryan Farm Supply, Cowboy Enterprises, Farm Bureau and Terra-Fried Chicken. F

For more information, call Anna Beswick at DeSoto County Extension Office at 863-993-4846 or email abeswick@ufl.edu.

FINALE

FROM PAGE 14

Balanced attack

DeSoto County was more balanced on offense this season. Williams attempted 193 passes while Gordon had 183 rushing attempts. Williams rushed for 70 yards on 10 carries against Braden River to make him the second leading rusher on the team with 69 carries and 247 yards.

Dequan Richardson led the Bulldogs with 24 catches and 435 yards along with six touchdowns. Richardson also had one touchdown rushing on 15 carries for 125 yards to lead the team with seven total touchdowns. He missed two games with injuries. The Gordon/Williams/Richardson trio of seniors accounted for 3,282 yards in the Bulldog offense.

Williams had a season total of 75 completions on 193 attempts for 1,349

DeSoto County quarterback Kari Williams jukes a defender on his way to the end zone on a 20-yard run just before the half. Williams also hit Dequan Richardson for a touchdown pass in the 27-12 loss to Braden River on Senior Night.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

yards and 16 touchdowns along with his 16 interceptions. He tied with Brennan Simms of North Port with 16 touchdowns even though Simms threw the ball 72 more times than Williams. Even with a trio of talented receivers

at Charlotte High School, quarterback Brennan McGill only had 15 touchdowns and threw 19 more passes than Williams attempted.

Williams rewrote the record book for quarterbacks at DeSoto County.



DeSoto County football coach Matt Egloff draws up a play for linebackers Stefan "Thumpa" Williams (left) and Oscar "The Cuban Assassin" Alfonso in the season finale.

According to MaxPreps, which only has statistics dating to 2005, Williams now owns the lead in every category for a season and most of the game records, too. For the season Williams had 75 completions (old mark was 46), 193 attempts (108), 1,349 yards (675) and 16 touchdowns (6) and 16 interceptions (9).

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