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Students of Memorial Elementary and DCHS sing to the School Board

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Raves for this year's Christmas parade

By **ASHLEY COONE**

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President Penny Kurtz, Executive Director Ashley Coone and the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce directors thank the community for their support of this year's Christmas Card Lane and the Christmas Parade held Dec. 7. The cards and floats were truly a sight to see with the "Christmas Around the World" theme. There were more than 50 entries in the parade, and 29 Christmas cards. Thank you to all those who entered, showed their Christmas spirit and started DeSoto County's holiday season off so well.

Congratulations to the following businesses, churches and organizations for their winning entries, which will be announced at the Noontime Networking at DeSoto Jewelry, Dec. 18.

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The Summer Days Spa float sparkled with beautiful lights in Arcadia's Christmas parade on Saturday.



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Members of the DeSoto Veterans Council prepare to drop a wreath of flowers into the Peace River to remember all who lost their lives in that "day that will live in infamy." • Turn to page 3 for more photos.

Veterans commemorate Pearl Harbor

STAFF REPORT

The DeSoto County Veterans Honor Guard led a ceremony Saturday to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, propelling the United States into World War II.

The Japanese Navy launched an attack on the U.S. naval base located at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941, beginning at 7:48 a.m. President Franklin D. Roosevelt called it "a date which will live in infamy," as the United States embarked immediately into war against Japan. The surprise attack left 2,386 dead and another 1,139 wounded.

The annual commemoration of that day took place Saturday as veterans and residents gathered at the old Peace River Bridge that runs between Veterans Memorial Park and Morgan Park. The ceremony included the tradition of tossing a wreath of flowers into the river to mark the casualties from that day.

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Presbyterian Choir invites community to Christmas program

The Presbyterian church presents its annual Christmas Music Concert with all live music at 5 p.m. on Sunday. The choir has been presenting this program every year for over 50 years. It is the church's gift to the community.

All of your favorite Christmas music will be included: "Carol of the Drums," "Carol of the Bells" by Peter Wilhousky, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" arranged by Joel Raney, a special arrangement of "Silent Night" by Mark Hayes plus "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah by George F. Handel.

In addition the Handbell Choir will play three pieces, baritone Steve Hancock will sing "Let There Be Peace on Earth," Ellie Sutphin will play a flute solo, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach and a special cappella group will sing a Christmas spiritual. Soloists include Edward Maassen, Steve Hancock and Lew Cassels. Organist will be Charles Dirr, who is the former organist with



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Children will take part in a special Christmas musical concert on Sunday at the Presbyterian Church.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Burnt Store Presbyterian Church and organ professor at Tift College. Becky Ryals and Mac Martin are singing and playing guitar on "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly." The children's choirs and hand chime choir will be singing and playing as well.

The community is invited to this inspirational program of Christmas music. It is the church's gift to the community. There is no charge and no donation. A nursery will be available.

For more information, call the First Presbyterian Church office at 863-494-4434.



The Presbyterian Choir presents a free Christmas concert Sunday evening.



The Presbyterian Church Bell Choir will perform in a free Christmas concert on Sunday.

Annual Holiday Tour of Homes is Saturday

By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN
TEAM ARCADIA

Once again, Team Arcadia is hosting the annual Holiday Tour of Homes on Saturday. The tours will run between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., starting at the Tree of Knowledge Park on West Oak Street.

Tickets are \$12 per person and can be purchased in advance at Mary Margaret's Tea and Biscuit on S. Polk Avenue, or buy tickets at the park the day of the tour. Several homes will again be featured, all decorated for the holidays.

The DeSoto Middle School Choir will be performing at 4 p.m. at the Tree of Knowledge Park and the Heritage Baptist Choir will also give a free performance of Christmas music to get you in the holiday spirit. Punch and cookies will be served at the park as Team Arcadia's holiday treat to the community.

You can park your vehicle downtown and leave the driving to Team Arcadia, as buses will take visitors to all the homes. The identity of the homes is secret. This is a rare



FILE PHOTO BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

The Cecil F. Hull home, featured in last year's Holiday Tour of Homes, was built in 1926 by a former county tax collector. Find out which homes are on this year's tour, which runs 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. Purchase tickets at the Tree of Knowledge Park.

opportunity to visit some of Arcadia's charming Victoria homes and see them at their holiday best.

Proceeds from the Tour of Homes will benefit the community events sponsored by Team Arcadia.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY COVERED DISH LUNCHEON TODAY

The DeSoto County Historical Society will have a Christmas party and install officers at its monthly meeting today at the Family Service Center Annex (old West Elementary School cafeteria) at the corner of Orange Avenue and Effie Street. The event is free and open to the public.

At 11:30 a.m., lunch is a covered dish meal, featuring tantalizing and tasty entrees, side dishes, salads, desserts and more.

At noon, Vice-President Vernon Keen will conduct a short business meeting. Sheriff Will Wise will install the society's officers and directors who were elected at the November meeting.

After the brief ceremony, an auction will be held to raise funds for an annual scholarship awarded to a senior graduating from DeSoto County High School. Applications for the scholarship are available from the school's

Guidance Office.

Objects to be auctioned include artwork and books by local artists and authors; beautiful handmade gifts and crafts; and more. The society welcomes donations of new or handmade items before the meal begins. The auction is a wonderful opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and support the society.

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

For information, call Bebe Bradbury at 863-494-6607 or email bebebradbury@gmail.com.

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Remembering 'a day which will live in infamy'



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Veterans Charles Caldwell, Art Krause, Jerry Lonergan and Charles Anderson will drop the commemorative wreath along with Robert Thomas, right, past commander of American Legion Post K11.

Jared Deriso, 13, talks with Charles Burmeister, a disabled veteran who was stationed in Germany when Pearl Harbor was bombed. Jared said he would like to join the service some day in honor of his grandfather, past American Legion Commander Robert Thomas, who was a child in Hawaii the day Pearl Harbor was bombed.



Gazing at the Peace River, Tim Martin recalls his uncle, Carl Martin, who was docked in Pearl Harbor on the USS Nevada. He was working in the galley of the ship when it was bombed at 7 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941. His buddy had been wounded and Carl struggled to carry his shipmate through the ship to the dock before the Nevada sank.

Scott Langfang of Arcadia plays Taps during the ceremony to commemorate the bombing of Pearl Harbor.



Veterans filled the old Peace River Bridge Saturday for a ceremony to commemorate the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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OUR VIEW

County should tread lightly on utility hikes

Our View: Learn a lesson from the city.

For residents already grappling with the DeSoto Board of County Commission's recent approval of a 21 percent millage hike, the news from the board's Nov. 26 utility workshop isn't going to spread any holiday cheer. During the meeting, Utilities Department Director Eddie Miller recommended the county raise rates for nearly all of its water services in 2014. There are more than a dozen increases being considered, ranging from a late-fee hike to leak detection and meter re-read increases.

Miller told the board that with the county's increasing customer base and the anticipated growth from the U.S. 17 widening project, the fee increases would place DeSoto's rates more in line with neighboring counties and offset the cost his staff accrues maintaining areas like the recently acquired Lake Suzy development.

In some cases, the proposed rates are reasonable, if not overdue. Miller's request to charge a flat \$25 late fee, for example, is fair considering the current fee is a paltry \$1.38 per \$91 owed. The proposed fee would provide more incentive for customers to pay their bills on time, help recoup the county's administrative costs and match the city's late fee.

The county might also make it easier for residents to hook up to its utilities system. Currently many cannot afford the large fee associated with the connection, but the board is considering allowing the money to be collected via a tax assessment or monthly bill. This move will be a game-changer for many, allowing them to connect to the water and sewer system without the burden of a large, up-front payment. It's a smart move by the county, especially with the U.S. 17 project between Nocatee and Arcadia quickly approaching.

Other proposed changes, however, could anger residents. The Utility Department currently provides a second notice to delinquent customers before disconnecting services. The department asked the board to eliminate these notices, and to shut off water and sewer services after 29 days of delinquency. To add insult to injury, they also want to increase the reconnect and disconnect fees by \$20 dollars.

If these changes sound familiar to you, it's because a similar situation occurred with the city earlier this year. The late fee was increased, delinquency dates were shortened and the city council was deluged with complaints from residents who had late charges

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CORRECTION

A statement made in last week's Editorial erroneously indicated that Commissioner Bob Miller did not meet with Janie Watson, who had earlier written a letter to the Arcadian, until after the Nov. 26 commission meeting. In fact, the two met on Nov. 21, the same day Watson's letter was printed in the Arcadian.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to some special friends

Editor:

This is a special "thank you" to these wonderful friends at Sunrise Mobile Home Park: Carolyn, Louise and Marie.

At 2:30 a.m., an ambulance came to our home. Carolyn was awake. When she found out it wasn't me, the girls went to all the homes to check on all the families in the heat.

Sunrise Park is truly a family park. The only sad problem is kids stealing three-wheel bikes. Three bikes were stolen a few weeks ago.

To you young men, would you steal your grandma's bike? This is the

only thing for the folks to get out for their exercise and to be able to go for recreation.

So I pray you never come here again.

To you young boys: be kind and caring for the 2014 New Year.

Jane Morlock
Arcadia

Man challenges trespass claims

Editor:

Sgt. Larry Gloeckler, you are a disgrace to your uniform and the badge you wear, the city police department, your fellow employees and the citizens

of Arcadia and DeSoto County. You have put a black mark on the police officers and deputies who serve not only this city and county but many others as well.

How long have you been getting away with your illegal arrests and false charges? At least since 2003 when you arrested me at the store at the corner of S. Brevard Ave. and Lowe St. for trespassing. I was not standing on the store's property but on the edge of the city street. At the time you also charged me with some major felonies that would have carried 15 years in prison. Well, prison did not happen. My

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GRITS & PIECES

A merry little home-town Christmas

Well, Arcadia survived yet another Christmas parade, and seems to have had fun doing it. Crowds have never made me merry or jolly, but this is one time of year when I can make an exception, and enjoy it. There's nothing like a Ho-Ho-Hometown Christmas parade to bring people together and to bring some joy to their lives.

There were well over 50 entries this year, ranging from pull-behind floats and pick-up trucks to motorcycles and golf carts. And of course, the horses. This is Arcadia, and without our horsemen and horsewomen, it just wouldn't be right, even considering the mess they sometimes leave behind (the horses, not their riders).

Early birds began gathering around five that afternoon, staking out their



Grits & Pieces

Luke Wilson

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spots with chairs, and the police were finally able to locate owners of the cars parked along Oak Street and have them move. And the few folks scattered here and there soon multiplied, until the sidewalks were full, and passersby had to weave their way through to get by. Lots of folks showed up looking all Christmas-y and quite happy.

We all know how our parades start

here in Arcadia — with lots of police sirens that delight some adults and terrify some children. The way my whacked mind works, and having seen a good number of our rodeo parades over the years, I've imagined Santa and the Grinch having a good old-fashioned shoot-out in the middle of the street to kick it off. But that's just me, and would likely be a bit much for some.

Of course, one of the best things about going to small-town Christmas parades is that you get to see so many friends at the same time. Kind of like going to that big blue box store down the road, except you're not spending your money, pushing a wobbly-wheeled buggy, or standing in line

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A lifetime of giving

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

Editor's note: During a time of year many refer to as the season of giving, we decided to take a moment to recognize some citizens who contribute to our community year-round. Although their faces might not be familiar to some, these good Samaritans are constantly working to improve the lives of DeSoto residents.

This time of year, it's pretty easy to spot Marty Dow around town. Between his Santa suit and his red, four-wheeled "sleigh," he's one of the most visible individuals in the community. Dow has been donning a Santa suit for 35 years now, but his charitable nature goes well beyond the holiday season.

From his involvement with the Center for the Needy to volunteering with a variety of organizations and participation in community events for Animal Services, the Historical Society and Chamber of Commerce, Dow's list of charitable contributions is unmatched.

Dow says his giving ways were instilled by his parents, who stressed the importance of giving early on in his life.

"My mom would take me to the nursing homes, and through Masonic charities we would help widows and orphans. So it's



something that has always been a focal point in my life," he said.

Helping hands

One of Dow's primary focuses during the year is ensuring regular meals for those in need. Although he does work with some local organizations for food distribution, Dow says he likes working for himself, not having to rely on others for help. He does receive help from stores like Sweetbay, for example, in acquiring meat and other difficult-to-find food items. He and his wife, Sharon, have two freezers and three refrigerators at their home to store perishable foods, and work diligently to ensure needy have access to fresh fruit and vegetables. They also often help families pay for utility bills or offer financial assistance in abuse or other domestic situations.

"Sharon is really involved in that aspect, and we consider that part of our tithing," Dow said. "My children are grown and out of the house, and we

don't have any extra expenses, so I can't think of any better way to spend what we have on those who truly need it."

For a man as busy as Dow is, you'd never think he's working so hard while battling a life-threatening illness. He has limited use of his lungs due to COPD, which doctors initially told him would kill him in six months. "That was 35 years ago," Dow said. "That was the same year I dressed up as Santa for the first time." Dow even admits he doesn't know how he keeps going some days. "To be honest, I amaze myself sometimes that I'm even capable of doing this," he said.

And even though Dow works diligently throughout the year to provide assistance where he can, there's no doubt his favorite time of the year is Christmas. His face lights up when he talks about playing Santa, and he even revealed a secret weapon he uses to ease the nerves of youngsters scared of the jolly old elf. "I'll go to Dollar Tree and buy 30 teddy bears, and will use them as bribes to gain the trust of the little ones," he said. "I really do love children in general, and seeing the wonderment in their eyes when they tell me what they want for Christmas or I hand them a present from my bag, that's my reward."

In the end, Dow says the rewards he receives from his



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

DeSoto's resident Santa, Marty Dow works tirelessly throughout the year to help the citizens of DeSoto County.

volunteer work are plentiful, but don't happen immediately and can't be measured by money, material items or fame. "I don't do this to get my picture in the paper or receive accolades; that's never even a thought when I do this," he said. "You have to give to receive, and you

get out of it what you put in. "The best thing you'll find by giving some of your time is that you can sleep well at night knowing you did something to help others. You have to plant your seed, and then watch your efforts grow and blossom into something greater."

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TODAY

- TEAM Arcadia meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Margaret Way Building, 23 N Polk Avenue. The purpose of TEAM Arcadia is to unite community organizations and coordinate community improvement efforts.
- DeSoto County Historical Society meets at noon every second Thursday monthly at the Family Service Center annex, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia. Lunch is available for \$5 at 11:30 a.m.
- Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity meets at 6 p.m. second Thursdays monthly at the Habitat ReStore, 111 N. Polk Ave. Call 494-4118 or desotohabitat@embarqmail.com for more information.
- Gastric bypass support group meets at 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays monthly at Mardis Citrus on U.S. 17 S. For more information, call 990-0082 or 494-5700.
- 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.
- Relaxation Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m.-5:15 p.m., registration and yoga tea; 5:15-6:15 p.m., yoga class. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925. No sessions on Dec. 19, 26. Next session Jan. 2.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

FRIDAY

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

- The annual Holiday Tour of Homes takes place Dec. 14. Sponsored by Team Arcadia, the tour starts at the Tree of Knowledge Park. Several historic homes and buildings will be decorated for the holidays, with docents at each location to explain features of the stop. Tickets can be bought at the park and a bus takes guests to all the locations.
- Women in Fellowship Ministry meets every second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, 256 S. Orange Ave. Be uplifted, motivated and inspired by God. Free and open to the public. Light brunch is served.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. The first Saturday of every month is Book Buddies, when children read to dogs. 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

- First Presbyterian Church, 213 W. Hickory, will present its Annual Christmas Music Program at 5 p.m. Dec. 15 at the church. The concert is free and open to the public. It includes the adult choir, handbell choir, children's choirs, children's chime choir, and soloists in flute, baritone, organ and piano. Led by Music Director Genie Martin and Organist Charles Dirr. Nursery available. Refreshments and reception following in Pfrangle Hall.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.

MONDAY

- Public workshop on homeless issues in Arcadia, 5 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church. Downtown merchants, the public, homeless individuals, anyone with an interest in this issue is encouraged to attend and participate.
- The DeSoto Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will have a \$6 sale in the McSwain Room from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Time to do some last minute shopping in your hometown. Shop locally.
- Toys for Tots will be distributed on Dec. 16, Dec. 18 and Dec. 20. For more information, call Art Creations at 491-0202.
- The DeSoto County Republican Executive Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's.
- The DeSoto County Fair Association meets at 7 p.m. third

- Mondays monthly in the fair office on Heard Street, Arcadia.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.
- A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. on Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Al-anon, offering help for families of alcoholics, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit www.district13sofal-anon.org.
- The DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1425 Martin Luther King St. The center provides referrals for mainstream resources, elderly food stamps (by appointment) and computer service. Salvation Army has office space on Wed. by appointment. For more information, call 491-5683.
- A faith-based addiction recovery ministry meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the Nocatee Baptist Church (red brick church) on U.S. Highway 17 in Nocatee.

TUESDAY

- Arcadia City Council meets at 6 p.m. at the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia.
- 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 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.
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- 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

WEDNESDAY

- 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.

SPECIAL

- The Center for the Needy, at the corner of W. Pine St. and S. Orange Ave., is desperately in need of food, clothing, household goods (such as blankets, towels, cooking and eating utensils etc.), supplies — anything a person in need might require. The center is dangerously low on food, its shelves are almost bare, and they need to replenish supplies before the colder months. Any donations are gratefully accepted, including cash, to help those in real need in our community. For more information, call 863-444-0499.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Arcadia Eagles, 150 S. Polk Ave., now offers Bingo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak Street.
- "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.

THURSDAY

- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- Friends of Arcadia Airport will hold their monthly Pancake Breakfast at the airport this Saturday beginning at 9am. All the pancakes you can eat along with sausage, OJ & coffee all for only \$6. Door prize and 50/50. So come on out and enjoy breakfast at the airport.
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Wedding bells



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Joel and Paxine Eggleston celebrated their wedding on Dec. 7 with family members and many of the Craig's Park family in attendance. Joel has been a long time valued employee at Craig's and the couple will continue to live at the park.

Happy birthday



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Happy 50th birthday to Debi "Bonz" Barnwell!

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Find it in the Classifieds!

SUN **NEWSPAPERS**

L & E Club helps Toys for Tots

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

The Arcadia Literary and Embroidery Club met on Dec. 6 at Mary Margaret's Tea and Biscuit. Each December the club breaks away from its traditional meeting of speakers and book reviews and uses the opportunity to visit with one another and share Christmas stories. This year was no different as the members talked, laughed and enjoyed some of the famous Mary Margaret's wonderful soups, sandwiches and unforgettable desserts.

The L & E Club also uses the December meeting to reflect on those less fortunate and each member is requested to bring a wrapped children's book to be given to Toys for Tots and then distributed to children in DeSoto County. The club began this tradition over 15 years ago and hopes to foster a love of reading in children by providing them with a book of their own.

The next L & E meeting will be held in January at the home of Ann Ryals.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Catherine Knoche and Edith Wildt share Christmas stories during the December meeting of the L & E Club..



During the monthly L & E meeting, Linda Hollingsworth and Adie Daly share a few laughs in front of the lovely Christmas tree at Mary Margaret's Tea and Biscuit.

Vernon Peebles, local historian and former legislator as well as a noted

author of books relating to southwest Florida, will be the guest speaker.

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SUN **NEWSPAPERS**

Report: Man tried to stash drugs in cop car

The long arm of the law was reportedly long enough to find drugs hidden in the back seat of a squad car.

According to an Arcadia Police Department arrest report, an officer saw two men near a daycare property late Thursday evening. When he asked them to empty their pockets, one of them, later identified as George Kuame Golloman, 24, threw a baggie containing a white substance and started to run.



GOLLOMAN

The officer told him to stop or he would use his Taser. When the man tried to knock the Taser out of the officer's hand, he used it and was able to restrain Golloman. When searched, according to the report Golloman was found to have two baggies with a white substance in a pocket.

As he sat in the back seat of a deputy's car, Golloman was reportedly "moving around a lot" on his way to jail. After the suspect was booked at the jail, the deputy checked and reported finding a bag containing 13 small baggies of cocaine in the car's back seat.

Golloman, of the 900 block of Spring Ave., Arcadia, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a prohibited location with intent to sell or deliver, possession or use of drug equipment and resisting an officer with violence. Golloman was released on \$8,620 bond.

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.

Sarasota wreck injures Arcadian woman

Sandra Lee Lyday, 52, of Arcadia was seriously injured in a two-vehicle collision Wednesday morning in Sarasota.

According to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol, around 8 a.m. a Chevy Malibu driven by Jack Habashy, 35, of Sarasota, was eastbound on State Road 72 near Proctor Road. The Chevy attempted to turn left, into the path of a Ford pickup headed west on S.R. 72. The two vehicles collided, causing the driver of the truck, in which Lyday was a passenger, to lose control. The pickup rotated and ended up in a ditch on the south shoulder of S.R. 72.

FHP reported that Lyday suffered serious injuries and was taken to Blake Medical Center in Manatee County; the pickup driver had minor injuries. No one in the Chevy was injured, although Habashy was cited for making left turn into approaching traffic.

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

- Gabelo Luis Cifuentes, 22, 1200 block of 3rd Ave., Arcadia. Charges: hit and run where crash involved injury and driving without a valid license. Bond: \$5,500.
- Teenamarie Adara Salatino, 24, Punta Gorda. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Reginald Dean Washington, 40, FCCC, Arcadia. Charge: battery on staff of a sexual predator facility. Bond: none.

- Thomas Loyd Caraway Jr., 31, 11000 block of State Road 31, Arcadia. Charges: two counts of unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. Bond: \$15,000.

- Dusty Lamar Chaney, 29, no address, Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession or use of drug equipment and driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$1,740.

- Omar Masterkeyla Hillman, 31, 4100 block of S.W. Jasmine Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and two counts of failure to support spouse or child. Bond: \$4,120.

- Ronald Duvone Mathis, 60, 1700 block of S.W. Duke St., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$870.

- Angel Manuel Morales, 52, no address, Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.

- Tito Lorenzo Ramirez, 41, 1000 block of S. Mills, Arcadia. Charge: felony battery. Bond: none.

- Pamela Lynn Reding, 40, 2400 block of S.E. E&T Circle, Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment, fleeing to elude police and driving while license is suspended or revoked. Bond: \$1,240.

- Jennifer Ann Schlogel, 38, Lake Placid, Fla. Charges: three counts of obstruction of justice (tampering with a juror). Released on recognizance.

- Michael Stephen Shaw, 24, 700 block of N. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Charges: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Selvin Junior Ventura, 20, Okeechobee. Charge: battery. Bond: \$120.

- Bobby Lee Young Jr., 36, 800 block

of S. Monroe Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- Peter Hernandez Delgado, 38, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$120.

- Gerardo Dorantes, 48, 1000 block of Oliver St., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.

- Kary Michelle Durrance, 36, 700 block of W. Whidden St., Arcadia. Charge: permitting unauthorized person to drive. Released on recognizance.

- Tanya Denise Goodwin, 31, 2400 block of S.E. E&T Circle, Arcadia. Charge: possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$120.

- Rebecca Dolores Morales, 24, 1600 block of S.E. First Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Released on recognizance.

- Charles Franklin Scott, 56, 100 block of Luther Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- Brooke Elaine Edwards, 20, Lake Placid. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- Michael Dean Merrell, 47, Lettuce Lake. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,120.

- Ronnie Lee Redding, 41, Sarasota. Charge: trafficking in methamphetamine over 14 grams. Bond: none.

- Charles Franklin Scott, 56, 100 block of Luther Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Joshua Allen Pearce, 31, 2300 block of Tyler Road, Arcadia. Charge: fugitive from justice. Bond: none.

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

- Junior Webster Bartell, 40, 200 block of W. Myrtle Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- Charles Franklin Scott, 56, 100 block of Luther Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Joshua Allen Pearce, 31, 2300 block of Tyler Road, Arcadia. Charge: fugitive from justice. Bond: none.

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ROADWATCH

U.S. Highway 17 from the Charlotte/DeSoto County line to SW Collins Street — Work continues to widen four miles of US 17 from two to four lanes. Crews currently are converting original US 17 travel lanes to future southbound travel lanes through the entire length of the project. Workers are paving new lanes and installing retention ponds, water lines, drain pipes, silt fences, sod and mulch. Weather permitting, Massachusetts Street will be closed for paving and curb work at the point where it intersects with the now closed (future southbound) US 17 travel lanes from Jan. 2 through Jan. 11. Motorists should use Kentucky Street as a detour route

while Massachusetts Street is closed. From SW Collins Street to the DeSoto/Charlotte County line, motorists should also expect daytime flagging operations at side streets intersecting with the original US 17 lanes presently closed/under construction. Flagging also will occur where County Road 761 intersects with now closed US 17 travel lanes. The work at Massachusetts Street and other streets will not affect traffic on the US 17 lanes now open in both directions. Law enforcement is patrolling the construction zone and speeding fines are doubled when workers are present. Project completion is expected early in 2013.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEF

Audubon bird count

Peace River Audubon's 2013 Christmas Bird Count will be on Dec. 14 and encompasses a 15-mile diameter circle, the center point being approximately downtown Punta Gorda. The circle is divided into about 12 areas, the furthest south areas being Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center and Cecil B. Webb preserve. There are three water areas: the southern part of Charlotte Harbor including the area around Alligator Creek; the northern part of the Harbor; and the Peace River from the US 41 bridge.

Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an early officer in the then-budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition — a "Christmas Bird Census" — that would count birds on the holidays rather than hunt them. The data collected by observers over the past century allow researchers, conservation

biologists, and other interested individuals to study the long-term health and status of bird populations across North America. It provides a picture of how the continent's bird populations have changed in time and space. It informs strategies to protect birds and their habitat - and helps identify environmental issues with implications for people as well. So come on out and help us count.

Each area is headed up by an individual who determines where their group goes in their particular area, where and when they meet. In some cases they break up into smaller groups covering particular areas, such as a golf course. Most groups start about 7 a.m. and go out until about noon. Some go out again later in the afternoon to count birds coming in for the evening.

For information on how you can participate in the annual Christmas bird count, call Tony Licata at 941-505-9775, or email alicata@dcwis.com.

OBITUARIES

Clement E. Hutzel

Clement E. Hutzel, 94, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013.

He was born Aug. 28, 1919, in Deer Park, Ohio, to Joseph and Ida Speller Hutzel, the last living of eight siblings.

Clement joined the U.S. Army and served as a Medic in the South Pacific, including the Philippines, during World War II. During his Tour of Duty, he received four Bronze Stars, a Combat Medical Badge, a Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the American Theater Ribbon. His service to the people of the South Pacific spanned decades and blessed him with many friends along the way. After his service to our country, he returned to Ohio and became a Dairy Farmer (Hutzel's Farms) and Breeder of Jersey Cattle for 49 years. Clement was a member of the VFW, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the American Jersey Cattle Club. When he found time, he enjoyed golfing.

Clement is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Fern Logan Hutzel; sisters-in-law, Betty Hutzel and Patricia Hutzel, both of Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held and the Rosary recited Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass was held Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, with Father Vincent Clemente officiating. Burial followed at Joshua Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Clement's name may be made to either: Typhoon Fund, c/o Diocese of Venice, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285; or to St. Joseph's Indian School, 1301 N. Main St., Chamberlain, SD 57325. Online condolences can be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

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

Thomas Newport Sr.

Thomas Newport Sr, 88, of Lake Suzy, Fla., and formerly of Punta Gorda, Fla., passed away Monday, Dec. 2, 2013, at his home.

He was born Aug. 29, 1925, in Bloomfield, N.J., the son of Walter and Mary Newport.

Thomas formerly resided in the Blairstown, N.J., area. He served proudly in the U.S. Navy during

World War II. Thomas retired from Hoffmann-LaRoche in Belvidere, N.J., after 18 years of service as a Safety specialist.

Prior to that he was a dairy farmer.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Helen Pat; daughter, Virginia (Raymond) Davis of Blairstown; son, Thomas (Joyce) Newport Jr. of Hardwick, N.J.; brother, Robert Newport of Toms River, N.J.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Thomas was preceded in death by his sister, Elizabeth Buckenmyer; and his parents.

Services were held Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, at San Antonio Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to San Antonio Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul Society, 24445 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980; or the American Cancer Society, 922 Tamiami Trail, Unit C-2, Port Charlotte, FL 33953.

Arrangements were made in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Lillian B. Hawkins

Lillian B. Hawkins, 81, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away peacefully Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, at home, with her family by her side.

She was born in Winston, Ga., and moved to DeSoto County, Fla., in 1976 from Sarasota, Fla.

Lillian worked as a CNA for the former

G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital for 20 years. She loved animals, dancing, family and, especially, her grandchildren. Lillian was of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by her son, Johnny E. (Robin) Hawkins of Arcadia; daughters, Cynthia E. (John) Drymon of Arcadia, Sandra L. (Pat Buzzard) Lawson of Arcadia, and Cheryl R. Hawkins of Bradenton, Fla.; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Lillian was preceded in death by her husband, James Ray Hawkins Sr.; and sons, James Ray Hawkins Jr. and Randy Hawkins.

A private graveside service will be held Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at Joshua Creek Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home.

Mary Elizabeth Adams

Mary Elizabeth Adams, 87, passed away Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013 in Avon Park, FL. Mrs. Adams was born in Blountstown, FL on Nov. 24, 1926 and was a longtime resident of Fort Meade before moving to Arcadia in 1970. She was a homemaker, raising 10 children, and a citrus fruit sectionizer, working for Donald Duck in Lake Wales and Ben Hill Griffin. She was a member of the Gardner Baptist Church in Gardner, FL, and a former longtime member of Lake Buffum Baptist Church of Fort Meade.

Mrs. Adams was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence O. Adams; sons, John Adams and Richard Adams, daughter, Marilyn Turner; daughter-in-law, Frances Adams, and brother, George Robert Senterfitt.

She is survived by her sons, Spencer Adams, Fort Meade; Edward (Delta) Adams and wife Delta, Arcadia; Deleon (Mary Rose) Adams, Phillipines; Lawrence A. Adams, Rayford, FL; daughters, Zelda (Peck) Harrell, Zolfo Springs; Virginia (Milton) Cochran, Bowling Green; Carolyn (Brian) Long, Melbourne, FL; Linda (Buck) Quinn, Bartow; 22 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013 at the Hancock Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services followed with Rev. Joe Parrish officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Fort Meade. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hancockfh.com. Arrangements are by Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade.

Annie Joyce Campbell

Annie Joyce Campbell departed from this life Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013, for a more peaceful life with the Lord.

She was the youngest of eight children.

Annie is survived by her loving son, Tecoy (Cateshia) Campbell; grandchildren, Akenaton Polk, Tecoya Campbell and Tecoy Campbell Jr.; devoted friend, Don Vanderpool; sisters and

brothers, Betty (John) Campbell, Walter Lomax (Charlene) Campbell Jr. of Perry, Fla., Henry Earl Campbell of Orlando, Fla., Gloria Campbell (Marvin) Slaughter of Orlando, Gene (Rutha) Campbell of Orlando, and Sara Green of Orlando; and many sorrowing nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, at Hickson Funeral Home in Arcadia. The funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, at House of God Church, 200 S. Alabama Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266. Burial will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia.

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

Ruth E. Schweizer

Ruth E. Schweizer of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.



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Lost and Found at Christmas

In her book, "Who Am I?" Marjorie Holmes leads her readers in a prayer for all who get lost at Christmas. And who are these lost ones? Holmes identifies them as children lost in stores, adults lost in the confusion of crowded parties and crowded lives controlled by drugs, drink, sex and mistaken goals.

She includes husbands and wives lost to each other through habit and neglect and misunderstanding; sons and daughters lost to their parents and those who are lost in prisons and at sea.

Christmas has a lot to do with losing and finding.

The wise men, who traveled from the east bringing gifts to the newborn king, lost their way when they stopped following the star and ended up at the palace of Herod. There, the king's



Roger Campbell

advisors consulted the Scriptures and told them the king they sought was to be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). Following this good advice, they found their way again and soon they were worshiping and presenting their treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the one they had traveled far to find.

Many have lost their way in life and then found their way home through faith in the one born in Bethlehem that first Christmas. Recognizing

the power of God's love revealed in Bethlehem's stable, Marjorie Holmes wrote: "Reach out your arms to us, bring us back into the warm shelter of the stable. Let us gaze upon the miracle of the manger. Let us become one with it, drawing new hope from it, and a sense of new worth so that we know we are all very dear to You, so that we are less likely to stray."

Some, however, think they've lost Christmas, itself, in the celebration. Perhaps you're one of them. If so, in order to help you find what you've lost, I submit the poem at right by our daughter, Cheryl, one of my favorite writers of rhyme.

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

Take Some Time

Cheryl Campbell Powell

Take some time from all the bustle of the season
From the rushing crowds of people everywhere;
Find a quiet room and close the door behind you;
Take a moment . . . meet your Savior there.
Take some time to read again the Gospel stories;
Start in Matthew, move to Mark and Luke and John;
Read the truth about the life and love of Jesus,
The only One to rest your faith upon.
Take some time . . . and treasure what you find there;
Let the wonder of Christ's birth embrace your soul;
Meditate upon the Gift God chose to give you,
In sending Jesus Christ to make you whole.
Take some time . . . or the season will overwhelm you.
Just let go of all your worries, all your care.
Find that quiet room and close the door behind you.
Take the time . . . your Savior's waiting there.



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Beau Carson and Bonnie Malloy dressed in fashions of the Roaring '20s as the Arcadia Literary Club celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

Arcadia Lit Club explores 100-year history

By **CHERIE HOLLINGSWORTH**
ARCADIA LIT. CLUB

The Arcadia Literary Club enjoyed a wonderful meeting on Nov. 13. Shannon Fusco hosted the members at her charming home in northwest Arcadia. Greeting the members were co-hostesses Ann Pepper and Beau Carson.

The hostesses served a wonderful array of delectable refreshments including pumpkin cheese pie and a favored apple delight. The serving area was adorned with seasonal fall settings.

President Laura Amendola called the meeting to order and welcomed

everyone. Shannon Fusco read the quote for the day. Gratitude was expressed to the hostesses for exceptional offerings and hospitality. Birthday greetings were extended to members Sally Aldrich and Shannon Fusco who celebrated birthdays in November. A get-well card was by signed for Muriel Hall wishing her a speedy recovery.

The roll call, approval of minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved. Donations were taken for the annual Thanksgiving program. The club decided to donate offerings to the Trinity Methodist lunch program. Ann Pepper, chairperson for the 100th year anniversary program, led a discussion on invitations, decorations and refreshments.

The members agreed to help with the Holiday Tour of Homes by decorating and serving as hostesses on Dec. 14 for a home on the program.

In keeping with this year's theme, "Reflecting On Our Heritage — 100th Anniversary," Heidi de Jong presented the program on the history of clothing.

She shared books of fashions with the members and everyone enjoyed the pictures of styles through the years. Beau Carson and Bonnie Malloy were dressed in full early '20s attire including feathered head bands, jewelry, gloves, and string handbags.

The highlighted charter member for November was Laura Virginia Mitchell, 1854-1930. Heidi said Laura was married to Charles Henry; they had four children and lived on Whidden Street. She was a teacher; she played piano and was a member of Trinity Methodist Church.

Members were invited to the home of Jamie Kirschner for the Dec. 11 meeting when Shirley Cullom and Kathy Cullom-Crouse will present the program.

Ladies present were: Sally Aldrich, Laura Amendola, Susan Barnes, Marcia Brown, Beau Carson, Shirley Cullom, Kathy Cullom-Crouse, Heidi de Jong, Shannon Fusco, Cherie Hollingsworth, Tara Welles-Jones, Bonnie Molloy, Ann Pepper, Raye Southwell, Janie Watson and Theresa Wheeler.

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Veteran missionary Otto Koning, author of "The Pineapple Story," will speak at Heritage Baptist Church at 6 p.m. on Dec. 15. He shares humorous and inspirational messages, beginning with lessons he learned from a pineapple garden. The church is at 27 N. Polk Ave. across from the Post Office.

Gallimore promoted to Arcadian publisher

STAFF REPORT

Joe Gallimore has been promoted to Publisher of the *Arcadian* effective Wednesday.

"Joe exemplifies the type of community passion we are looking for in our publishers," said David Dunn-Rankin, president of Sun Coast Media Group.

"Joe has been involved at every level in DeSoto from a coach of Little League team in the DeSoto Youth Athletic Association for five years (including a year as President of DCYAA), to serving as color commentator and play-by-play radio announcer for DeSoto High Varsity Bulldogs football games for 12 seasons," Dunn-Rankin said.

Gallimore is a founding board member of the DeSoto County Mural Society, a member of the Rotary Club and the DeSoto Toastmasters Club. He's served on the Turner Center Ag Fest committee, the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council board, the DeSoto Memorial Hospital Foundation and as an associate member of the Arcadia

Rodeo Association board.

"Joe's passion is to market DeSoto and Arcadia outside the county to bring more folks to visit the community he loves," said Dunn-Rankin.

Gallimore began his career at the *Arcadian* delivering and selling subscriptions to the newspaper in 1998 and quickly became circulation manager in DeSoto. In 1999 he was promoted to General Manager of the *Arcadian*. He served Sun Coast Media in other roles from 2003 to 2006 as facilitator of the company's continuous improvement program and overall circulation director for the daily newspaper. He rejoined the *Arcadian* team in 2006.

Sun founder and chairman Derek Dunn-Rankin said, "We are pleased to have Joe join our team of committed publishers who put their community first when it comes to covering the news, promoting local business and community well-being."



GALLIMORE

School board treated to Christmas chorus



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Memorial Elementary Principal Dale Wolgast led the school's chorus as they sang two Christmas songs to Superintendent Dr. Karyn Gary and school board members prior to Tuesday's meeting.

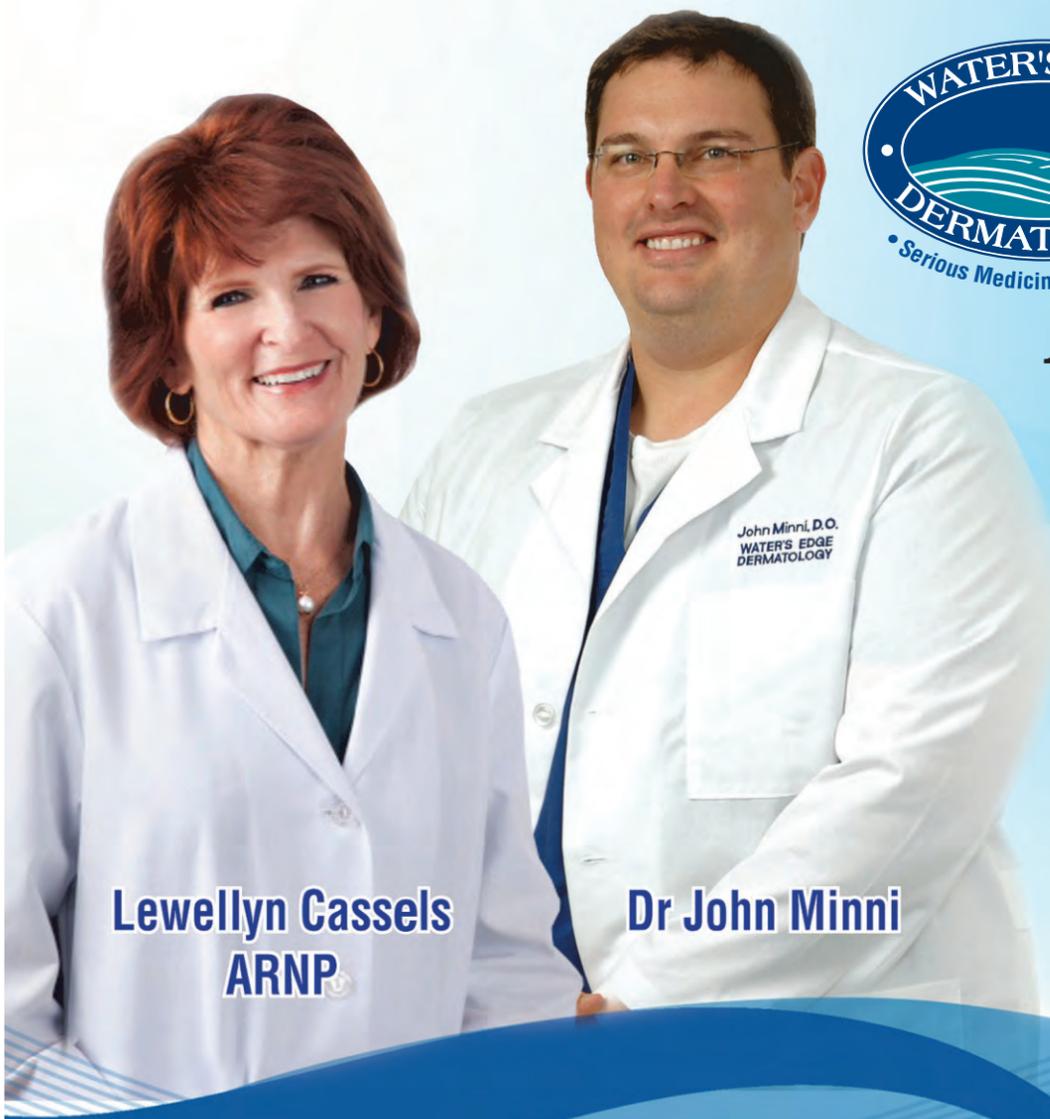
DeSoto County High School Music/Chorus Director Byron Jones and members of the chorus entertained school board members with two beautiful a cappella Christmas songs. The full chorus will be holding its Christmas concert Dec. 19 at the high school.



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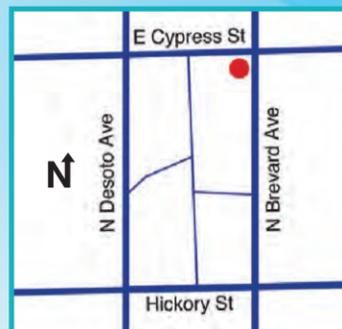


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Parade Winners:
 Lighting: First — Julie's Need & Thread, Second — Peace River Campgrounds
 Theme: First — Habitat for Humanity, Second — Imagination Station
 Religious: First — First Baptist Church, Second — Calvary Baptist Church
 Best Overall: Summer Day Spa

Christmas Card Lane Winners:
 Best Theme: First — Nocatee Elementary School; Second — Desoto Correctional Institute
 Most Unique: First — Desoto Arts and Humanities Council; Second — First State Bank
 Best Religious: First — Desoto County Schools; Second — Pine Level United Methodist Church

We extend special recognition to the following individuals and businesses whose contributions helped make this holiday tradition so successful: Kay Reed for once again emceeing the parade and making it so entertaining and fun; George Lempenau and Peace River Campground for the use of the judges' trailer; The City of Arcadia for their help with closing the streets; DeSoto Public Safety for the use of the firetrucks; Sheriff Wise and Marshal Anderson for their presence and assistance with traffic control; the judges for both the parade and Christmas Card Lane; the parade chairperson, Angie Wilson, and of course ... Santa Claus!

To all who took part, whether creating a card for our community, riding on a float, walking, riding a golf cart or horse, or as a spectator, we thank you on behalf of the Chamber for a successful kickoff to DeSoto's holiday season. Merry Christmas to all from the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce!



Pine Level United Methodist Church won best card with a religious theme.



Sofia Garcia tells Santa what she wants for Christmas. Santa took time to talk to all the children who wanted to see him at the Chamber of Commerce building, following the Christmas parade.



Kay Tisdale Reed serves as emcee for the annual Christmas parade down West Oak Street, giving color commentary on all the entrants.



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Isaiah Santilli, Dylan Santilli, DJ Walker, Preston Barringer, Joshua Shelfer, Jayden Twhig, Mason Albritton, Layla Albritton and Kaylen Barringer made special Santa ears for the Christmas parade.



Habitat for Humanity celebrates building homes around the world in its float for the annual Christmas parade.



The Arcadia Dance Academy float is beautifully lit and their dancers all smiles along the parade route.



Vince Sica, CEO of DeSoto Memorial Hospital, waves to spectators as he walks along West Oak Street.



Owners and staff of Mary Margaret's Tea & Biscuit brought an old-fashioned touch to West Oak Street in their Victorian finery, followed by a vintage automobile.



Leon Wesley settles down to watch the lights of the annual Christmas parade through the eyes of youngsters.



The DeSoto ARC Angels are decked out in Santa hats to march in the Christmas parade.



An acrobatic juggler towers over the crowds as he walks along the parade route. Needless to say, he was a big hit with the kids.



Links2Success members parade along West Oak Street.



Michelle Fields and Michala Durrance hand out sweet treats for the children from First State Bank's parade float.



Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ashley Coone and President Penny Kurtz lead off the annual Arcadia Christmas Parade riding in a Mustang convertible.



For some reason, Scooter looks less than thrilled to be wearing a jaunty Santa hat as he rides along the parade route.

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Bulldogs notch first win of season

By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

"They made this game way too hard." That was DeSoto County varsity basketball coach Richard Koonce's opinion of his team's first win of the season, as the Bulldogs came back to beat Hardee 63-54 behind Kari Williams' 23 points and Tony Lee's 15.

Williams was the key all night as the big senior kept bringing the Bulldogs back into the game. It was Williams' seven first-quarter points that allowed the Bulldogs to hang on to a slim 17-15 lead. The Bulldogs committed 11 turnovers in that opening quarter after jumping out to a 10-3 lead.

The Wildcats tied the game for the first time at 22 with 4:27 left in the first half. Just a minute later they had their first lead of the game at 25-24. It was Williams who scored the next four points to put the Bulldogs back into the lead before Hardee went on a 9-0 run



Bulldog senior Kari Williams gets over the Hardee defense and scores two of his seven first-quarter points. Williams led the team with 23 points in the 63-54 victory.

DeSoto County's Quay Fudge gets out of position on this shot that went through the net. The Bulldogs beat Hardee 63-54 in a Dec. 6 home game.

to take a six-point lead at 34-28 at the break.

Late game heroics

Williams scored six of the first eight Bulldog points in the third quarter. His basket gave the Bulldogs the lead at the 3:13 mark. Quay Fudge's basket gave the Bulldogs a three point lead at 40-37, but Hardee came back with five points to retake the lead. Dequan Bowers-Richardson tied the game at 42 and Lee stole the ball and gave the Bulldogs a one-point lead into the final eight minutes.

Williams scored the first field goal in the final quarter and then Lee took over. A Lee steal led to a five-point

lead and his three-point shot from way downtown gave DeSoto County an eight-point lead at 54-46.

Lee put the icing on the cake when he hit two free throws and stole another Wildcat pass. His layup gave the Bulldogs their 63-54 first win.

Basketball 101

In the locker room after the game Koonce told his team, "When we do what we're supposed to do, we're a pretty good team. When we don't then we are a terrible team. We played together at times and sometimes we were individuals. We can't have that."

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JV boys defeat Hardee

By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County boys' junior varsity basketball team shared the wealth and played strong defense to notch their first win of the season after dropping their first two games. The

70-41 win over Hardee brings the Bulldogs up to 1-2 on this young season.

Twelve of the 14 players on the roster scored at least a point, with four players reaching double figures. Led by Lanaija Nesmith with 13 points, the other double-figure

players were Nirion Washington with 12, followed by 11 by Caleb Blackwood and Jordan Lawson.

The biggest cheer however, came from the players when a free throw by Earl Grace in the final seconds of the game put the Bulldogs up to the 70-point mark.

Head Coach Darby Ellis said, "We were supposed to win this game. We played better defense. It wasn't that we stopped them from scoring, it was that we were in the right positions at the right times in our defense."

Nesmith has a 13-point average this season after scoring 12 and 14 in the first two games. "I feel good that we got our first win. I just try my hardest to help my team to win the game," he said. "We still need to work on our defense and layups."



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The Bulldogs' Jordan Lawson scores in the first period of DeSoto County's 70-41 win over the Hardee Wildcats. Lawson finished the game with 11 points.

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Sarasota dominates varsity girls

By **STEVE KNAPP**
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The Sarasota Sailors basketball team had a perfect season riding along with a 7-0 record. Then they lost to Southeast. Two days later the DeSoto County basketball team took the brunt of the Sailors' anger in a 65-31 loss.

The gym was unusually cold as many fans wore jackets while watching the game. Even the referees joked they might wear their jackets during the game.

The low temps might have explained the cold shooting for the Bulldogs, as they never led in the game. It could have been that they hadn't played since their win over Avon Park seven days earlier while the Sailors were fresh off a tournament. It's so important to have at least one practice before starting back up after a long break, but the Monday game didn't allow any time for that.

Truth be told, however, the Sailors just have a better team than the Bulldogs. They only dressed seven players and any one of them could play

equally as well as the others. The Bulldogs don't have anywhere near that kind of depth on the team.

Sarasota looked like a team with an 8-1 record. They passed the ball crisply and quickly. They got the ball down the court one time for a score on four fast passes without the ball even touching the court! They handled the ball much better than the Bulldogs did and they found an open player under the basket many times for an easy two points off the glass.

The Sailors kept an extra body on Tishonna Riley and held her to just two first-half points. Meanwhile, Ladeja Dennis put up seven points and Victavia Blandin added another five in the first half. Shanita Nurse had three and Mariah Noble picked up the last of the 18 points in the half.

The game got out of hand and the running clock was put into motion with just over two minutes left in the game.

"They only had seven players and we were supposed to run them to death but they did it to us. I don't know



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DeSoto County's Victavia Blandin gets fouled in the 65-31 loss at Sarasota.

where our effort was tonight. This was a bad game tonight," said Bulldogs coach Joe Davis.

Dennis led the team with 11 points and Riley was able to get a few more shots in the second half to end with nine points. Blandin added seven to go along with the first-half totals of Noble and Nurse.

Blandin said, "It seemed like that team just had more

energy than we did tonight. We have to work on keeping our heads up. When we get down we look like we just don't care anymore. We can always come back."

"I just don't know what happened to us. We just played a bad game," Nurse said. "They did what we were supposed to do. It really is embarrassing to get beat like that."



By **STEVE KNAPP**
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

DeSoto County High School

- The varsity boys basketball team went 1-1 last week by beating Hardee but losing to Sebring. Kari Williams scored 31 against the Blue Streaks, which was more than half of the team's total.

- The junior varsity boys' basketball team followed the varsity's footsteps, losing to Sebring and beating the Wildcats.

- The varsity girls' basketball team lost to Sarasota 65-31 and Sebring

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Rusty JV girls slammed by Sailors

By **STEVE KNAPP**
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County junior varsity girls' basketball team traveled to Sarasota Dec. 2 to play the Sarasota Sailors. The Bulldogs hadn't been in the gym for a week because of the Thanksgiving break and it showed as Sarasota coasted to an easy 48-22 win.

The Sailors have a 5-1 record and dominated from the first whistle. They had a tough press defense that rattled the Bulldogs players and created several turnovers throughout the game.

The first Bulldog shot came from Lexi Williams with 1:33 left in the opening period. Williams scored the only points of the quarter 33 seconds later to keep the Bulldogs from being shut out the entire period.

Entering the second quarter with a 17-2 lead, the Sailors put the game away



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GIRLS | 22 Shaderra Daily hustles after a rebound in DeSoto County's 48-22 loss to Sarasota.



DeSoto County players Jayla Cowell and Sarah Bennett listen to pre-game instructions from coach Joe Davis.



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This beautiful tiger-striped, unspayed female Siamese/ragdoll mix not only has gorgeous blue eyes but very unusual markings on her coat. The gray stripes are tinged with a bit of caramel coloring.

These three-month-old Chihuahua/pug mix sisters are very sweet and easygoing. Could you see them in someone's stockings on Christmas morning?

Latte, a Tonkinese cat, has striking blue eyes and beautiful dark markings on her cream-colored coat.



Mrs. Claus holds a sweet black-and-white kitten ready for his forever home. He is an unneutered 6-month-old male who is a purring machine!



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Dozens of motorcycle riders, including the Blue Knights, rode from Punta Gorda to DeSoto County to deliver donated gifts for the Toys for Tots campaign. Inset: An estimated 60 to 70 motorcycles thundered into Arcadia Saturday morning to deliver donated toys for the annual Toys for Tots drive.

Bikers with toys roar into town

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Dozens of motorcycle riders thundered into downtown Arcadia Saturday morning, bringing with them teddy bears, games and dolls for Toys for Tots.

Members of the Blue Knights — motorcycle aficionados who are retired from law enforcement — along with other groups made the annual run from Charlotte County up U.S. Highway 17 North into Arcadia. Their purpose was to bring toys to children in need in DeSoto County.

Several of them brought along toys strapped to their motorcycles, while

more toys came in a trailer to the collection area in the former Arcadia Police Department offices. There the toys are being sorted by gender and age.

Families including around 1,700 children — a few hundred more than last year — have already signed up to receive toys. Organizer Bob Grinis hopes there will be enough toys for everyone, and notes Saturday's donations from the Charlotte County bikers will help significantly.

In DeSoto County, a small army of volunteers helped receive and sort toys on Saturday, and continue working through the distribution, which begins next week. Volunteers include

Bob Grinis, Bev Grinis, Holly Layport, Melissa Moe, Dan Moe, Haleigh Layport, Aaron Layport, Tyler Bost, Nancy Moe, Sue Leversee Grossman, Billie Jo Goings, Daniel Goings, Pat Stanford, Bridgett Whidden and

McKayla Moe.

For more information on the Toys for Tots drive or to make a donation, call Grinis at 863-558-2415. Donation boxes have also been set up at several area stores.

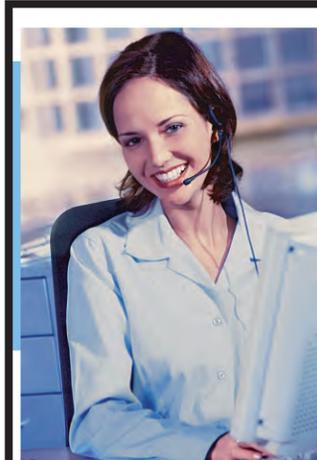


Some of the Blue Knights (a group of motorcycle enthusiasts who are retired from law enforcement) had some fuzzy passengers on their bikes for the ride from Punta Gorda to Arcadia.



Some of the riders bring toys strapped to their bikes, while others are hauled in a trailer to deliver gifts to Arcadia's Toys for Tots campaign Saturday. Several groups of motorcycle riders donate their time and toys to brighten Christmas for area girls and boys.

After riders arrived in Arcadia, they dropped off their toys at the old Arcadia Police Department where volunteers are sorting and wrapping them. Each rider received a Toys for Tots pin.



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Good varieties of sprouts for Florida are Jade Cross hybrid and Long Island Improved. Try Early White Vienna or Early Purple Vienna kohlrabi.

Started plants of both are usually not available. That's OK, because both are easy to start and actually do better when started from seed directly in the garden. If plants are allowed to grow too long in cell packs they tend to become root bound and then fail to send out the broad mat of fine shallow roots they'll need to sustain growth.

Brussels sprouts require full sun; kohlrabi will manage with a half day or more of sunlight. Both favor a pH close to neutral—6 to 6.8. If your soil tests lower than that, apply dolomite lime a month or two before planting. After working up the seedbed, broadcast about a pound of 6-6-6 fertilizer per 100 square feet and apply about a half inch of water.

The seeds of both are small and round, and often are coated with a



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fungicide to prevent seedling diseases. Brussels sprouts need plenty of space. Plant two or three seeds in groups about a foot apart. When plants have two true leaves, snip off the weakest ones leaving single plants spaced about a foot apart. Thin to 2 feet by 2 feet spacing. Kohlrabi may be grown at six-inch spacing in rows, or eight inches in wide beds. Cover seed lightly and press into damp soil. Seedlings will emerge in three days or so.

Keep soil moderately moist. A thorough watering once a week will do

once plants are past the seedling stage. As plants grow, add a mulch of hay to help keep down weeds and keep the soil cool.

If you've grown cabbage, you may have noticed once the heads are mature small cabbage buds begin to form in the leaf axils. Brussels sprouts develop in the same way on elongated stems that may reach 3 ft. tall. This vegetable requires a long cool growing period, 100 to 120 days.

At first plants may not want to stand upright—but eventually they will, and usually don't require staking. Brussels sprouts are heavy feeders; every 2-3 weeks scatter two tablespoons of fertilizer around the base of the plant and water in. Avoid disturbing the shallow roots. Once the plant begins to develop a strong upright stalk, break off the lowermost five or six leaves. This seems to send a message to the plant to start developing buds.

When you see buds forming, switch to a fertilizer with higher nitrogen content. It's a good idea to use a product containing all the trace elements. We like to add a bit more mulch each time we fertilize.

Aphids may be a problem for both vegetables, but Brussels sprouts will suffer the most if aphids aren't controlled. Use a blast of water, or a soap spray containing garlic oil to help it stick and repel aphids. Neem oil spray is another option. If harvested sprouts are covered with aphids, soak in salt water to remove them. Root and stem rot may be a problem if soil is too wet.

Cold weather is essential for the formation of tight compact buds. If we have a warm winter buds will not fill out properly. There's not much you can

do about it, but they are still edible. Both vegetables are cold hardy, and the flavor of Brussels sprouts improves after frost. Harvest sprouts when they are ¾-inch to 1-inch in diameter. Pick every few days, using a knife to slice off the bud and the leaf below. Removing the leaves encourages continued upward growth. By mid March growth begins to slow. Go ahead and lop off the central bud. All energy will be directed to the small buds already formed—and they'll mature at the same time.

Kohlrabi is not as demanding of cool temperatures, and may reach harvest size in 50 to 60 days. The name comes from the German words for cabbage and turnip, kohlrabi has a sweet nutty flavor. The edible part is an enlarged stem just above the soil line. Leaves grow out from the stem in a concentric pattern giving it an odd appearance.

Harvest kohlrabi when the stem is 1½ to 2½ inches in diameter. Beyond that size stems tend to get tough and woody, although there is a giant variety that remains tender up to eight inches diameter. Kohlrabi is delicious raw, and tender leaves may be added to salads too. Or slice and steam and serve as a vegetable. Young plants, less than one inch in diameter, may be quartered and stir fried, leaves and all. Kohlrabi is also a great addition to soups and salads. Kohlrabi will store well in the refrigerator for two to three weeks. It is high in potassium, vitamin C and fiber.

What to do with Brussels sprouts? Cook them in water until just tender then serve in a light cream sauce with a dash of nutmeg. Or garnish sprouts with thin orange slices and dust with nutmeg—it sounds unusual, but this spice compliments the flavor of sprouts nicely.

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Weather Summary

One of Florida's Automated Weather Network locations received over two inches of rain this past week. The remainder of the state was almost rain free. Defuniak Springs (Walton County) received the most rain with 2.13 inches. Nine locations in Florida had a high temperature of 86 or higher. The highest temperature was reported in Lake Alfred (Polk County) at 86.47 degrees. The lowest temperature was 42.47 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County).

Field Crops

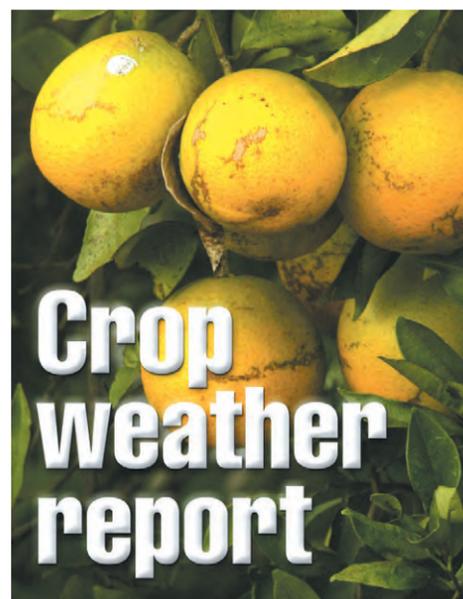
Cotton and soybean harvest was finishing up in the northern part of the State. Hay was still being harvested in Pasco County. Cover crops were being planted in Dixie County. Sugarcane harvest was proceeding as scheduled in Hendry and Glades counties.

Fruits & Vegetables

Vegetable harvest in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties was ongoing. Disease in vegetables was noted due to scattered showers and foggy conditions. Winter greens were being planted in Bradford County. Cabbage planting will continue through December in Flagler and Putnam counties. Ground was being prepared in Flagler County for potatoes. Vegetables and fruits marketed included tomatoes, peppers, herbs, cucumbers, eggplant, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, snap beans, radishes, escarole, lettuce and kale.

Livestock and Pastures

The cattle condition across the state ranged from fair to good. Calving was



active in the southwestern part of the state. Pasture condition ranged from poor to excellent throughout the state. Cattlemen were feeding hay, as winter forage was not yet ready in most regions.

Citrus

Rain was extremely light and scattered this week in the citrus growing region. Only 10 stations recorded any

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68.0 ft.; thence S 89° 40' East 248.65 ft. to P.O.B. a/k/a 5104 NE Sandy Road, Arcadia, Florida 34266. Parcel Identification Number: 08-37-25-0100-0000-0120. Subject to reservations, restrictions and easements of record. you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Sandra Sanders, the plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 903, Arcadia, Florida 34265, on or before January 12, 2014, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiffs' attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. Dated on December 9, 2013. MITZIE MCGAVIC Clerk of the Court By: /s/ N. Daughtrey Published as Deputy Clerk 12/12/13, 12/19/13, 12/26/13 & 1/2/14 203886 2976475

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
3120

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2013-CP-092 Division Twelfth IN RE: ESTATE OF Richard W. Biehl Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of Richard W. Biehl, deceased, whose date of death was October 25, 2013, and whose social security number are xxx-xx-6867, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is December 12, 2013. Attorney for Personal Representative: Eugene E. Waldron, Jr. Primary Service E-mail: Service@eewj.com Secondary Service E-mail: Ewaldron@eewj.com Florida Bar No. 0794971 Eugene E. Waldron, Jr., P.A. 124 N. Brevard Ave Arcadia, Florida 34266 Telephone: (863) 494-4323 Personal Representative: Kathy Biehl 9401 SW Lipe Road Arcadia, Florida 34269 Published 12/12/13 & 12/19/13 228541 2976226

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
3122

TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DE SOTO COUNTY, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, INC., is Plaintiff, and SHAWN A. BARNEY, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at 115 E. Oak St. Arcadia, FL, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 3 day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:
BEGIN AT THE SW CORNER OF NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST FOR P.O.B.; THENCE N 0 DEGREE 21 MINUTES 05 SECONDS W ALONG WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 402.56 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 55 SECONDS E, 498.00 FEET; THENCE S 2 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 49 SECONDS E, 405.03 FEET TO SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 06 SECONDS W ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 514.00 FEET TO P.O.B. LESS R/W TO C-660 (FORMERLY SR #660) ALONG WEST SIDE. TOGETHER WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE PERPETUAL EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT A POINT 402.56 FEET NORTH OF THE SW CORNER OF NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 55 SECONDS E, 498.0 FEET; THENCE N 2 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 49 SECONDS W, 60.0 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 55 SECONDS W, 498.0 FEET; THENCE S 0 DEGREE 21 MINUTES 05 SECONDS E, 60.0 FEET TO P.O.B. LESS COUNTY ROAD R/W.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated at Arcadia, DE SOTO COUNTY, Florida, this 2nd day of December, 2013.
Mitzie W. McGavic Clerk of said Circuit Court By: /s/ B. Wynn As Deputy Clerk CITIMORTGAGE, INC. c/o Phelan Hallinan, PLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 2727 West Cypress Creek Rd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 954-462-7000
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerks Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Published 12/5/13 & 12/12/13 336737 2973895

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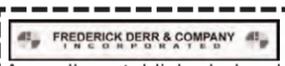
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NOTICE OF ACTION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 2013CA000758 Earl L. Carpenter and Diane Van Sickle, Plaintiffs, vs Susan M. Creameans, her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, successors in interest, assignees, lienors, trustees, beneficiaries, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against her, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Defendant, Susan M. Creameans, her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, successors in interest, assignees, lienors, trustees, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against her; all unknown natural persons if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, and creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, or under those unknown natural persons; the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, or any other person claiming by, through, under, or against any corporation or other legal entity named or described as a defendant; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants, or parties claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the property hereafter described, except for parties claiming by, through or under these Plaintiffs, and ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title on the following real property in DeSoto County, Florida:

Parcel 12: Begin at the NE corner of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 8, Township 37 South, Range 25 East, thence N 89° degrees 40' West along North line of said tract 245.0 feet; thence South and parallel to East line of said tract 467.0 ft.; thence S 0° 01' degrees 01' West 55.0 ft. to P.O.B.; thence continue same line 68.0 ft.; thence N 89° degrees 40' West 248.63 ft.; thence N

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

CASE NO.: 13DR765 DIVISION: Yolidabeth Ferrer, Petitioner and Santos Degollado, Jr., Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR Temporary Custody By Extended Family

TO: Santos Degollado, Jr. Last known address: Bonita Springs 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 Yolidabeth Ferrer whose address is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before January 13, 2014, 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 December 11, 2013. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ Marlene Harris Deputy Clerk Published 12/12/13, 12/19/13, 12/26/13, 1/2/14 131159 2976684

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
3122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 14-2010-CA-000895 CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, vs. SHAWN A. BARNEY, et al Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated November 25, 2013, and entered in Case No. 14-2010-CA-000895 of the Circuit Court of the

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

14-2012-CA-000814
Section:
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES,
GRANTEES, LIENORS AND
OTHER PARTIES TAKING INTER-
EST UNDER RANDALL C. HOP-
KINS; AND MARY L. HOPKINS.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING-PROPERTY

TO:
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GRANTEES, LIENORS AND
OTHER PARTIES TAKING INTER-
EST UNDER RANDALL C. HOP-
KINS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT
WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
IS:

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Residence unknown, if living,
including any unknown spouse of
the said Defendants, if either has
remarried and if either or both of
said Defendant(s) are dead, their
respective unknown heirs,
devisees, grantees, assignees,
creditors, lienors, and trustees,
and all other persons claiming by,
through, under or against the
named Defendant(s); and the
aforementioned named Defend-
ant(s) and such of the aforemen-
tioned unknown Defendants and
such of the aforementioned
unknown Defendant(s) as may be
infants, incompetents or other-
wise not sui juris. YOU ARE HERE-
BY NOTIFIED that an action has
been commenced to foreclose a
mortgage on the following real
property, lying and being and sit-
uated in DeSoto County, Florida,
more particularly described as
follows: LOTS, 15,16,17 AND 18
OF HORSE CREEK ACRES, A SUB-
DIVISION ACCORDING TO THE
PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN
PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 45A AND
45B, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 7912
Southwest Horse Creek Road,
Arcadia, FL 34266 This action
has been filed against you and
you are required to serve a copy
of your written defense, if any,
such as Morris Hardwick Schnei-
der, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff,
whose address is 5110 Eisen-
hower Blvd, Suite 302A, Tampa,
FL 33634 on or before January
13, 2014 and file the original with
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ney or immediately there after;
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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 2nd day of December, 2013.

Mitzie W. McGavic
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By:/s/ B. Wynn
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY,
FLORIDA

CASE NO.
2013CA000580AXMA
SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK,
SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL
BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLIAM A. HOFFMEIER A/K/A
BILL A. HOFFMEIER,
et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 22, 2013, entered in Case No. 13-CA-580 in the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida wherein Seacoast National Bank is Plaintiff, and William A. Hoffmeier a/k/a Bill A. Hoffmeier and

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

Shirley M. Carrillo a/k/a Shirley M. Hoffmeier, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Desoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, beginning at 11:00 am on the 21st day of January, 2014, the following described property in Desoto County, Florida:

Lot 1 of Paul Yanosik Subdivision, as per Minor Plat Book 1, Page 87, Public Records of Desoto County, Florida, also being described as:
Begin at the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 37 South, Range 25 East, Desoto County Florida; thence S 00 degrees 00'00" W along the West line of said NE 1/4, 509.65 feet; thence N 89 degrees 56'20" E, 1127.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue same line, 136.00 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 17; thence N 20 degrees 56'57" E along said right-of-way, 171.00 feet; thence N 69 degrees 03'03" W, 213.17 feet to a point on a curve having an arc distance of 215.78 feet, and a radius of 278.98 feet and a delta angle of 44 degrees 18'54"; Thence Southwesterly along the arc of said curve, 99.42 feet; thence S 24 degrees 49'31" E, 197.66 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Less and Except road right-of-way to the State of Florida Department of Transportation on the East side, as described in Case # 99-557 CA, Public Records of Desoto County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 26th day of November, 2013. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ B. Wynn
DEPUTY CLERK
Copies furnished to:
Edmond Alonzo, Alonzo Law Offices, P.A., 217 Avenue A, Ft. Pierce, FL 34950
William A. Hoffmeier, 6693 NW Pine Bridge Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266
Shirley M. Carrillo a/k/a Shirley M. Hoffmeier, 2162 Abalom St., Punta Gorda, FL 33980 Published 12/5/13 & 12/12/13 365872 297332

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

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

CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000630
DIVISION:
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2004-36CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-36CB, Plaintiff,
vs.
DAVID G. FAN A/K/A DAVID GIA FAN, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 26, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2009-CA-000630 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida in which The Bank Of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank Of New York, as Trustee For The Certificateholders Of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2004-36CB Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-36CB, is the Plaintiff and DAVID G. FAN a/k/a DAVID GIA FAN, MYLOAN THI NGUYEN, are defendants, the DeSoto County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266; DeSoto County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 9th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

ALL OF LOT 5 AND THE NE 1/2 OF LOT 4, BLOCK H, OF RIDGEWOOD SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 85, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 235 MACON RD, ARCADIA, FL 34266

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated in Hillsborough County, Florida on this 4th day of December, 2013.

/s/ Erik Del'Etoile
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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.

14-2011-CA-001003
Division 1
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.

MARILYN K. VAN DYK A/K/A MARILYN VAN DYK, LAKE PEMBROKE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., SUNTRUST BANK, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on November 25, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, The Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in Desoto County, Florida described as: LOT 20, BLOCK 8, LAKE PEMBROKE SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 85 THROUGH 85B, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 12750 SW KINGSWAY CIR, LAKE SUZY, FL 34269; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on front steps of the DeSoto County Courthouse, on January 9, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 27th day of November, 2013. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Mitzie W. McGavic
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 14-2012-CA-000513
Division
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ULISES HERNANDEZ AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause

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on June 24, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, The Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in Desoto County, Florida described as:

PARCEL 'A' OF CHAPMAN SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN MINOR PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 147, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE WEST ALONG SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 21, 680.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 651.34 FEET TO THE SW CORNER OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 01'22" WEST ALONG WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 802.21 FEET; THENCE EAST AND PARALLEL TO SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 21, 651.34 FEET; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 01'22" E, 802.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT DRAINAGE EASEMENT ALONG THE WEST SIDE AND LESS RIGHT-OF-WAY TO COUNTY ROAD NO. 763 ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE AND ALSO RESERVATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD, and commonly known as: 11826 SE COUNTY ROAD 763, ARCADIA, FL 34266; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on front steps of the DeSoto County Courthouse, on January 7, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 9 day of December, 2013. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Mitzie W. McGavic
By:/s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk
Published 12/12/13 & 12/19/13 101348 2976221

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that we will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following self storage units in order to satisfy the delinquent storage lien placed in accordance with the State of Florida Statute 83.806.
UNIT# NAME CONTENTS
70W037 Richard B. Brooks
Household Goods
70W049 Michael W. Washington,
Household Goods
70W083 Adrian Aldape
Household Goods
70W101 Richele I. Terstegge
Household Goods
70W113 Lee W. Quave
Household Goods
The above 5 unit(s) are located @ 4599 NW Hwy 70, Arcadia, FL 34266
NS041 Kary M. Durrance
Household Goods
The above 1 unit(s) is located @ 4981 SW Hwy 17, Arcadia, FL 34266

The public sale will be conducted at Easy Mini Storage, 4599 N.W. Hwy. 70, Arcadia, Fl. 34266, at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2013. Units will be sold to the highest bidder. Open door sale, cash only. A cleaning deposit will be taken. (863) 993-2220.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE No. 2012-CA-000819
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.

Barbara A. Palmer, individually and as Trustee of the Palmer Revocable Trust U/A dated February 4, 1998 and Carl Jensen, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 13, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012-CA-000819, of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., is Plaintiff and Barbara A. Palmer, individually and as Trustee of the Palmer Revocable Trust U/A dated February 4, 1998 and Carl Jensen are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Door of the DeSoto

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County Courthouse, located at 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 7th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 20, AND ALL OF LOT 21, AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 22, BLOCK 59, ORIGINAL SURVEY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 67.

Located: 226 SOUTH HERNANDO AVENUE, ARCADIA, FL 34266

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated at Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida, this 19th day of November, 2013.

Mitzie W. McGavic
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
As Deputy Clerk
Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, P.L.
Attorney for Plaintiff
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West Palm Beach, FL 33401
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
Case No.13CA000481
NEW SEASON PROPERTIES, L.L.C,
Plaintiff
v.
NEW SEASON DEVELOPMENT OF DESOTO COUNTY, INC.,
Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of DESOTO County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in DESOTO County, Florida described as:

Lots 1 through 11, Block S, and Lots 4 and 5, Block J; Lot 21, Less the East 15 feet and Lots 11 and 22, Block C; Lots 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 24, Block H; Lots 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23. Block I; Lot 1, Block W; Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block V; and Lots 5, 6, and 7, Block U, EL DORADO PARK SUBDIVISION, 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 5, Page 71. At public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, on the South steps of the Courthouse, 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266., on January 16, 2013, at 11:00 A.M.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact DeSoto County Jury Office, 115 East Oak Street Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863) 993-4876, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. DATED this 27th day of November, 2013.

MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2013-CA-000298
IBERIABANK, successor in interest to CENTURY BANK, FSB,

Plaintiff,
v.
WHITFIELD INVESTMENT COMPANY and COASTAL FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment entered September 4, 2013, and Order on Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated November 26, 2013, in Case Number 13 CA 298, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, the clerk shall offer for sale the property, situate in Desoto County, Florida, described as:
The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida, less road right-of-way. Together with:
The South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida. Together with:
That part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida, lying East of SE Townsend Avenue. (Collectively hereinafter the "Real Property", "Mortgaged Property", "Land" or "Premises") Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, appurtenances, privileges, rights, interests dower, reversions, remainders and easements thereunto appertaining. Together with all of the following, referred to as the ("Mortgaged Property"):
A. All structures and improvements on the Property.
B. All right, title and interest to the minerals, soil, flowers, shrubs, crops, trees, timber, emblements and other products on, under or above the Real Property, or any part or parcel thereof.
C. All of Mortgagor's right, title, interest and privileges arising under all contracts and permits entered into or obtained in connection with the development or operation of the Real Property, including by way of example and not in limitation: all development and construction permits, approvals, resolutions, variances, licenses, and franchises granted by municipal, county, state and federal governmental authorities, or any of their respective agencies; all architectural, engineering, and construction contracts; all drawings, plans, specifications and plats; and all contracts and agreements for the furnishing of utilities.
D. All of Mortgagor's interest in all utility security deposits or bonds deposited in connection with the Real Property.
E. All of Mortgagor's interest as lessor in and to all leases or rental arrangements affecting all or any part of the Real Property and all other rents and profits derived from the Real Property, all income or proceeds from development of or economic activity upon any part of the Real Property.
F. All of Mortgagor's interest in and to any and all contracts and agreements for the sale of the Real Property, or any part thereof or any interest therein, all interest in and right to earnest money deposits made upon such contracts and agreements.
G. All land improvements to and upon the Real Property, including water, sanitary and storm sewer systems, and all related equipment and appurtenances thereto, located in, upon, over or under the Real Property.
H. All machinery, apparatus, equipment, fittings, and fixtures, whether actually or constructively attached to the Real Property, and all trade, domestic, and ornamental fixtures and articles of personal property of every kind and nature whatsoever located in, upon, over or under the Real Property, or any part thereof, and used or usable in connection with any operation or development of the Real Property, and owned or acquired, including by way of example and not in limitation: heating, air conditioning, freezing, lighting, laundry, incinerating, and power equipment, engines, pipes, wells, water filtering systems and softening devices, water heaters, pumps, tanks, and motors; all swimming pools and appurtenances thereto; all electrical and plumbing installations; all

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furniture, furnishings, wall and floor coverings, blinds, elevators, appliances, television antennas and cables, storm and screen windows and doors, and lighting fixtures; all building materials and equipment delivered to the Real Property or stored at an off-site location which are intended to be installed on the Real Property.

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

Together with all leases and other tenant arrangements which may affect all or any portion of the property and all rents, income and profits arising from the Lease(s) and any and all other rents, income or profits for the use and occupancy of the Property by any person, firm, corporation or other legal entity from whatever source derived.

Together with all the third party contract rights, security deposits, rents, revenues of any kind or nature, issues, profits and insurance proceeds arising from the Property, all leases affecting the Property and all contracts and contract rights relative to the sale of any portion of the Property.

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

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

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

All paving for streets, roads, walkways or entrance ways owned and located on the Property. All interest as lessor in and to all leases or rental arrangements of the Property, or any part thereof, made and entered into, and in and to all leases or rental arrangements made and entered into, together with all rents and payments in lieu of rents, together with any and all guaranties of such leases or rental arrangements and including all security deposits and advance rentals, and any and all assignments of rent with respect to the Property or any part thereof. Any and all awards or payments,

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

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

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

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

at Public Sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, on the south courthouse steps, Desoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 am on the 9th day of January, 2014. **IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.**

Dated: December 2, 2013. SHUMAKER, LOOP & KENDRICK, LLP

240 South Pineapple Ave. Sarasota, FL 34230 (941) 366-6660 (941) 366-3999 facsimile Primary E-mail: cvanhise@slk-law.com Secondary E-mail: dflayler@slk-law.com Attorneys for Plaintiff By: /s/Christian T. Van Hise Florida Bar No. 0058459 Original notice to be returned to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Bill to be mailed to Attorney for Plaintiff: Christian T. Van Hise, Esquire, P.O. Box 49948, Sarasota, FL 34230

NOTICE: IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE DESOTO COUNTY JURY OFFICE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, (863) 993-4876, WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS DOCUMENT; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711. Published 12/5/13 & 12/12/13 274145 2973306

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Notice Physician Office Closing Please be advised as of December 31, 2013 DeSoto Memorial Hospital will no longer staff a physician's office specializing in OB/GYN services at 1012 N. Mills Avenue in Arcadia, Florida. Dr. Durfee resigned her position as of September 30, 2013 and we have been using temporary physicians to care for her patients since her departure. As the patient you are entitled to retain a copy of your personal medical record. Please contact Mrs. Janet Page if you would like your medical records sent to

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another provider. Mrs. Page can be reached at (863) 494-8401 or 888 N. Robert Avenue in Arcadia. If you desire to continue to be seen by a local physician Dr. Teodorescu and Dr. Mohammadbhoj are available and may be contacted at Community Care Family Health Clinic located at 1110 E. Gibson Avenue, Arcadia, Florida 34266, Telephone number 863-494-1918. Both Dr. Teodorescu and Dr. Mohammadbhoj have served this community for many years and would be happy to provide you with quality healthcare services. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Janet Page at (863) 494-8401. Thank you for your dedication and loyalty to DeSoto Memorial Hospital.

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Seacoast hosts annual artists reception



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The annual artists reception hosted by Seacoast National Bank, held Tuesday evening, allows art lovers to view and purchase original creations made by local artists.



Artist Dotti Bade signs one of her paintings for a buyer at the arts reception hosted by Seacoast National Bank Tuesday. The bank invited artists to display their work.



Susie Pate, right, is joined by Chip Ballard to provide some musical background for the annual artists reception hosted by Seacoast National Bank, in conjunction with the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council, to promote local artists in the holiday season.

Artist of the Month: Fay Binkley

By JANE HILTON
DE SOTO ARTS AND
HUMANITIES COUNCIL

The Artist of the Month Program has this month been graced with the lovely and serene paintings of Fay Binkley. A representative sample of her work is on display in the lobby of DeSoto Memorial Hospital for the month of December.

Binkley discovered her artistic talents in a roundabout

manner. Born on a farm in Ontario, she always enjoyed drawing. She took art as an elective in high school and found it useful in her career as a fifth grade teacher. But art for art's sake had no place in her busy life. Marrying her childhood sweetheart and raising two daughters was enough to fill her days. As she says, the only painting she did was with a BIG brush.

Time went by and eventually

her husband, Raymond, retired. They became snowbirds, fleeing the winters of Toronto for the balmy, laid-back life in Sunnybreeze. It was her husband Raymond who decided to try his hand at painting first. He did very well and was juried into several shows and exhibits in Punta Gorda.

Sadly, Raymond died suddenly two years later, walking off a tennis court.

Fay had his paints and

supplies. Rather than throw them away, she began to experiment with them. She took some lessons. To her surprise and delight, she has also been juried into some exhibits. Her paintings are realistic without any fussiness, very pleasing to the eye. She has tackled a variety of subjects including typical Heartland Florida scenes.

Binkley's paintings will be on display for the month.



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

Fay Binkley's art is realistic without being fussy.

Binkley likes painting typical scenes of the Florida Heartland.



A sense of humor in art is always refreshing; here, Binkley has depicted the artist sketching a scene while a painting of the scene lies not far away.

ROUNDUP

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49-34. The Lady Bulldogs blasted Hardee 69-37. Tishonna Riley scored 21, followed closely by Ladeja Dennis with 20. Eight of the 11 girls on the team scored.

The JV girls' basketball team lost at Sarasota and then were on the short end of a 41-39 squeaker against Sebring.

The girls' varsity soccer team was shut out by Cardinal Mooney 8-0 and then lost 2-1 against Sarasota Military Academy. They finished the week with a scoreless tie at Charlotte High School.

The varsity boys' soccer team shut out Cardinal Mooney 2-0 and then shut out Sarasota Military Academy 5-0. They also defeated the Charlotte Tarpons 5-1. The JV soccer team also defeated the Tarpons by the same 5-1 score.

DeSoto County Middle School

The boys' basketball team was the only DeSoto County basketball team to beat Sebring last week with a 41-14 win. The girls' team lost a heart breaker 21-20 to Sebring. That made the Bulldogs' basketball teams 1-5 against Sebring.

The middle school Panthers played Lake Placid to open their season. The girls lost, but the boys brought home a victory with an exciting 25-22 win over the Blue Streaks.

Upcoming games

The boys basketball team will be at Tenoroc tonight and home against Sebring tomorrow. Games start at 6 p.m. for JV and 7:30 p.m. for varsity. Varsity (no JV game) will host New Beginnings next Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The girls' basketball team will visit Sebring tomorrow night and then Port

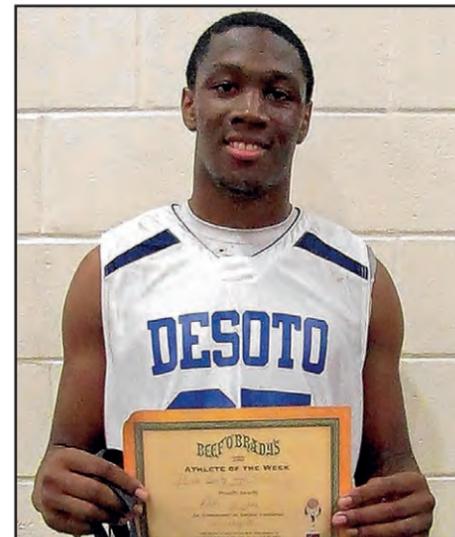
Charlotte next Tuesday. They also travel to Braden River next Thursday, as the Lady Bulldogs play four of the next five games on the road. Games begin at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The girls' soccer team will host Cardinal Mooney tonight at 5:30 p.m. with a varsity-only contest. The boys' team will play after the girls' game is completed.

The girls will be at Lake Placid next Monday with the JV game starting at 6 p.m. and the varsity to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The boys will be home next Monday night as Lake Placid comes to town. The JV game begins at 6 p.m., with the varsity game at 7:30 p.m.

The middle school Panthers will host Hill-Gustat tonight. The girls start at 5:30 p.m., with the boys game at 6:30 p.m. Both teams will be at Avon Park next Monday and then will not play again until Jan. 9 at home against Hardee.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

Kari Williams scored 31 of his team's 60 points in the loss to Sebring and then knocked down 23 more in the win over Hardee. He earned the Beef O'Brady's Athlete of the Week award for his excellent performances.

GIRLS

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by outscoring the Lady Bulldogs 15-5 to take a comfortable 32-7 lead at the half. Williams had four points, with Jayla Cowell adding two and Shaderra Daily

scoring the other point on a free throw. DeSoto County Coach Joe Davis made some halftime adjustments that paid off as Cowell scored a basket and stole the inbounds pass to put up two more points in a span of four seconds. Cowell scored nine of the team's 11 third-quarter points for the Bulldogs, with Williams picking up the other two.

The Bulldogs outscored Sarasota 11-10 in the third period. They were outscored by two in the final period, so they lost the second half 16-15. That was a much better difference than the 32-7 first half score.

Turnovers, impatience hurt Dawgs

The Bulldogs were plagued with turnovers throughout the contest. There were poor choices on passes and a lot of traveling calls due to trying to make the game faster. They need to gain a lot of experience and playing time this season. With little doubt as to the outcome of the game, the Bulldogs were still racing up the court trying to make everything a fast break.

Davis told his young squad to slow down and work their plays. "Take your time" seemed to be the second-half slogan. It made sense considering they got blasted in the first half trying to play at a varsity level in terms of speed of the game.

When they took their time and

worked the ball around to find an open player, they were much more successful. That was the inexperience of the players coming through in the first half as they tried to keep up with the quicker and more experienced Sailors.

Cowell led the Bulldogs with 13 points followed by Williams with six. Daily wrapped up the scoring with three points.

Daily didn't let the score determine her effort, hustling right to the final whistle even though the game was out of hand. "I don't need to be sad; that just lets the team down. Our coach tells us to play hard all the time so I did," she said.

Cowell injured her ankle early in the first half and said it didn't loosen up until the second half when she scored her nine points in the third period. "Everything (ankle) was pretty tight until after the half. Coach kept telling me that I was doing a good job and when it felt better he said he wanted me to pick the team up. So I just did my best," she said.

CROP

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precipitation, all a tenth of an inch or less. Wellington (Palm Beach County) recorded the most precipitation with 0.10 inches. Temperatures were in the low 80s through most of the citrus growing area. Growers and caretakers continued to irrigate due to dry conditions. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated Dec. 3, abnormally dry conditions cover most of the Indian River and southern growing areas and portions of the northern and

central areas. The western growing area remains drought free.

Field workers are reporting small sizes on early and midseason oranges and Sunburst tangerines. Grove activity included resetting of new trees, pushing of dead groves and replanting new citrus, mowing, fertilizing and psyllid control. Thirty-seven of 44 packinghouses have opened and begun shipping small quantities of fruit. Fourteen of 19 processing plants are open so far this season.

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4

attorney saw to that.

In 2003 or 2004, false and entrapped arrest at La Zeta. You walked over to me and told me to come to your vehicle so you could talk to me. I followed you to find out what you wanted. You told me to turn around and put my hands behind my back, that I was trespassing on property of La Zeta. What a set-up.

In 2013, another false arrest, again on Lowe St. I was standing on the edge of the street, not the homeowner's property.

This town and its citizens would get along just fine without you and your kind — corrupt law enforcement and judicial system.

Danny Floyd
Arcadia

GRITS & PIECES

FROM PAGE 4

at one of the only two cash registers out of 20 cash that's open!

This year's theme was "Christmas Around the World," and Kay Tisdale Reed did such a great job emceeing the event, as she always does. She announces each float or entry as it reaches her, and sure knows how to make each participant feel special and appreciated. We appreciate you as well, Kay, and thanks for all you do for our community.

I think the real highlight of our parades is watching the faces of the children light up. So many are riding on the various floats, and many more are watching from the sidewalk, fascinated by the lights and sights,

waving at friends, and receiving candy as the parade continues. There were some entries from which candy was thrown towards the curb, which defied the rules. A long-established habit of doing so is hard to break, but it needs to happen before somebody's little one gets injured or killed by running up near the floats to grab candy. That's why people walk the route alongside their entry, so they can hand the goodies out next to the curb.

The big finale is always the fire truck, inching along at the rear of the parade, featuring Santa atop it, waving down to the awestruck children. Many follow him to the Chamber of Commerce, where he takes lots of time to listen to what the many children have to say when they sit on his knee. He's always patient, and stays until the last wee one has had their turn, and that's a mighty fine thing.

This year, however, after the children were all gone, I saw none other than Sheriff Will Wise sitting on Santa's knee. I'm not sure what he was telling the jolly old elf or asking of him, but it looked like a pretty special moment. I guess we never know when our inner child will make an appearance, and am not surprised that seeing Santa Claus would trigger it.

I'm thankful for all the folks who made this year's parade a very fun success, whether they organized it, participated in it, or just came to enjoy it. Each of you played an important part in bringing an evening of joy to our community and are keeping a wonderful small-town tradition alive. May the children who had so much fun Saturday night someday be the same ones who are delighting their own grandchildren with such an evening for generations to come.

OUR VIEW

FROM PAGE 4

because their monthly disability or Social Security checks arrived after the city's new deadlines. In the end, after repeated complaints at city hall and during council meetings, the

dates were adjusted to give residents additional time to pay their bills.

It's understandable if the county needs to raise many of these rates to cover its operating costs. But approving increases to create an additional revenue source is unfair to cash-strapped residents. To several of the commissioners' credit, however, they said they would not support increases with the

goal of padding the county's coffers.

Miller says he'd like to come back with final numbers for the board's approval as soon as possible. Both the Utility Department and the board should take the time to fully understand the impact these changes are going to have on many residents who are struggling financially, and whether it would be wise to take their

foot off the pedal for now. The county has the chance to learn from Arcadia's missteps and assist the Utility Department in creating an effective customer service element that has been lacking in the past. This is an exciting time of growth for the Utility Department, but its success shouldn't come at the expense of residents' financial health.



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JV

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Missed layups can take a team out of a game very quickly and if they are open shots then it also can



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DeSoto County's Nirion Washington puts up two of his 12 points in the 70-41 win over Hardee.

become embarrassing. Blackwood knows about missing layups and the effect it has on his upper body strength.

"Mr. Blackwood owes me 250 push-ups. He likes that finger roll layup but for every one he misses he owes me 50 push-ups," Ellis said.

When informed about his push-up punishment, Blackwood responded, "Yeah, coach says I owe him 250 for missing five layups," he said. "We stressed defense and running our plays better in practice this week and we won so I thought maybe he would forget about the push-ups."

The players gathered around in the locker room to see who scored the most points. Washington found out he missed being the top man by a point and lamented, "I missed two layups tonight and they called a charge on another one. I should have had 18 but I missed some free throws. That's the same thing that happened in middle school with me, too."

WIN

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We have to work together and do what we tell you to do, and if you don't it will be a first round exit for us (district tournament)."

Koonce said his team lacks basketball knowledge. He said they need to watch some college games and learn when to foul a player and when to shoot the ball. Simply put, they need to increase their basketball IQ.

"They don't know what they are supposed to do, they need to learn more about how to play the game," he said. "We can look good for two minutes then bad for the next two minutes."

Although Williams led the team in scoring, he took the brunt of Koonce's wrath during a DeSoto timeout midway into the final quarter. Koonce, who towers over his 6'6" senior, met him at midcourt and held a private conversation with Williams.

When asked about the incident,

Williams sheepishly smiled and said, "He got on me pretty good and he was loud too! I shot a three pointer that didn't go in. Tony had just made one and I thought I had a good shot so I took it. That's not what he wanted. He wanted to swing the ball and eat up the clock. He motivated me, he got me looking crazy in front of the crowd so I felt I had to prove myself. The next time that happens I'm going to pass the ball."

After a long pause Williams added, "Or maybe I'll drive to the hole, but I'm not going to shoot a three!" The lesson was learned.

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