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DeSoto plumber Bruce Trewyn repurposed his life to become an artist.

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## County wants answers on Fire Station 1

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

A presentation focused on financing a new sheriff's office/jail and fire station quickly turned into a lengthy discussion by the DeSoto Board of County Commissioners over paying for an architect's report on cost estimates for rebuilding or remodeling Fire Station 1.

Jim Gollahan of Gollahan Financial

Services gave the board several options for financing a new jail, which is expected to cost \$25.5 million. Gollahan estimated that including current debt, the county would have yearly payments of approximately \$3 million for the first eight years, and \$2.3 million for the next 30 years.

Commissioner Gabriel Quave wondered if, by the time the loan was paid in full, it would be necessary to build a new jail again. "Isn't the typical lifespan

of a jail around 30 years?" he asked. "It doesn't sound practical."

Commissioner Elton Langford responded, "We would obviously update the facility as needed down the road, and I'd like to think we'd select a jail site that would be large enough for expansion."

County Administrator Guy Maxcy then told the board that staff was preparing to rank five properties the county has researched as potential jail sites.

"This is something the board asked us to bring forward in 2014, and if you'd like we can come back next meeting and have a report ready that would rank the properties," he said. "We can then move forward on the next phase of this project."

Maxcy continued he'd like to push back the board's deadline for obtaining design and financing, and asked to

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## Best friends: Blind horse, healing man forge special bond

By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

ARCADIAN EDITOR

When Steve Stapp woke up after being in a coma for 16 days, he was supposed to be dead.

The Texas native was visiting people in December, 2009 when he had to be hospitalized for liver problems. He soon went into a coma and doctors expected he would not live for more than a few days, so he was taken to a hospice in Ellenton.

But more than two weeks later, he suddenly woke up. "I saw a nurse and told her I was really hungry and wanted

something to eat," Stapp said. "Then I wanted to walk, but she told me after being in a coma so long, I was not going to be able to do it."

But in a few days, he started to regain his strength and was transferred to Tidewell Hospice in Arcadia.

There he met a nurse, Monica Siercks, whose family operates Jasmine's Dream Ranch. When Stapp recovered, one of the first things he did was to visit Jasmine's and see for himself the work they do to rescue horses in need.

Stapp ended up adopting two of the horses that year, and found great homes for them.

Then Takoda arrived at Jasmine's. No one knew the original name of the brown and white paint who came to

Jasmine's in 2011. The 11-year-old gelding was brought there after being confiscated by law enforcement in another county, where he was being abused and neglected. The horse had been beaten on the head with such force, he suffered detached retinas in both eyes and became totally blind - in fact, he still bears a scar from the blow. He had been tied up and left to die. Gary and Sandy Deleandro, who run Jasmine's, began a fundraising campaign to help feed and care for the horse.

Stapp, who by then had become a regular at Jasmine's, felt an instant kinship with the horse: both had come back from the brink of death, in need of healing.

Stapp did some research, looking for a good Indian name for the paint horse, and found Takoda: a Sioux word meaning "a friend to everyone." The name seemed fitting - especially as three of his four grandparents were Native Americans.

"This horse fits his name," Stapp said. "Despite what happened to him, how badly he was abused, he is still gentle."

For two years, Stapp continued to work with Takoda, until finally last month, Jasmine's said he should be the big paint's

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Steve Stapp and the blind horse, Takoda, share a special bond. The horse has learned to trust his owner completely.

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# Search committee preps for council presentation

By **STEVE BAUER**

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The city administrator search committee discussed a potential budget to present to the Arcadia city council, along with potential advertising sources, the creation of a job summary and description, and ensuring that proper drug and background checks are required before a final hire.

The committee voted unanimously to ask the council for a budget of between \$1,500-\$2,000 to cover advertising costs and other expenses related to the interview process.

Dick Fazzone suggested the committee advertise the position through the Florida League of Cities, which will run a city manager ad at no cost in

its bi-monthly newsletter/magazine. He also discussed the possibility of advertising through print media.

"My first thought was perhaps we run an ad in the St. Petersburg Times; I believe that has one of the highest circulation numbers in the state," he said. "We should also consider running it in the local daily (Charlotte Sun)."

Mary Kay Burns said she believes on-line advertising would have the greatest impact to reach potential candidates, and noted the FLC web site runs city manager ads there, as well. "I went on their site and there was a tremendous amount of information available," she said. After further discussion the committee considered offering the council the choice to decide between the free services only, or to combine that with

paid advertisements.

## Job summary, qualifications

The committee then discussed the need to have a job summary and qualification requirements to present to the council Tuesday to ensure there is enough time to advertise the position. Burns offered to put a summary and requirements together based on advertisements other cities similar in size to Arcadia have used, and to have it ready by Tuesday. Burns noted many of the ads she viewed required a candidate to have a minimum of five years of manager experience (Arcadia's most recent ad had a minimum requirement of two years experience), and suggested the committee make that change to its advertisement as well.

Marcia Brown and Jack Super wondered if the increase in experience would drive away good candidates, but Burns said since it is a senior position, two years was insufficient. "You never know, there might be a city manager who wants to switch to a small town," she said.

Fazzone responded, "I think because of the smaller salary, we'll only attract those straight out of boot camp. Most city managers make upwards of six figures." After further discussion, the committee voted unanimously in favor of the change to five years.

## Screening process

The committee also voted unanimously to require a background check for any potential candidate. Fazzone made the suggestion, saying, "It's appropriate to do a background check; it's smart to do it." Burns also suggested the committee recommend a mandatory drug test before hire, along with a more stringent screening process of candidates' credentials. "We need to make sure we check all references, and possibly use a business to conduct a background check outside of just criminal records," she said. "Even something as simple as a Google search could uncover important information on a candidate."

The committee will meet at 4 p.m. in the council's chambers prior to the city council's meeting on Tuesday.

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DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### Economic Development Advisory Committee 1st QTR Schedule

Thursday, February 13, 2014 8:00 AM

*DeSoto County Extension Office  
2150 NE Roan Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266*

### Tourism Development Council 1st QTR Schedule

Monday, February 10, 2014 2:00 PM

*DeSoto County Administration Building, Room 103  
201 E Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266  
Board Chambers*

### Enterprise Zone Development Agency 1st QTR Schedule

Monday, January 27, 2014 2:00 PM

*DeSoto County Administration Building, Room 103  
201 E Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266  
Board Chambers*

If special accommodations are required in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals should contact the County Administrator Office by calling 863-993-4800 at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting. Please note two or more DeSoto County Commissioners may be in attendance at the meeting and may participate in discussion of the issues.

For more information please contact Mandy Hines or Mike Taber at (863) 993-4800

Please visit [www.desotobocc.com](http://www.desotobocc.com) for schedule changes or cancellations to these meetings. These will be noted on the calendar events section of this website.

## County fair opens tomorrow for 10 days

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

The DeSoto County Fair opens tomorrow, kicking off 10 days of livestock, rides, entertainment and, of course, the always popular fair food. This is the 61st anniversary of the fair.

Admission is generally \$20 for an armband which gets you into the fair and gives you access to all the rides. There are special nights designated for \$15 armbands or buy-one, get-one deals. Admission for those not using the rides is \$5.

Highlights of the 10-day fair include pageants on Friday and Saturday, talent shows Monday through Thursday, rabbits and poultry on Saturday, beef programs on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, swine on Monday, goats and animal costumes on Wednesday, and awards and the popular livestock auction Friday.

### SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- Friday:**
- 5:30 p.m. — Kindergarten Princess Pageant
  - 6:30 p.m. — DeSoto Sweetheart Pageant
  - 8 p.m. — Junior Miss DeSoto Pageant
- Saturday:**
- 11 a.m. — Rabbit show
  - 1 p.m. — Poultry show
  - 3 p.m. — Little Miss DeSoto 3rd Grade
  - 4 p.m. — Little Miss DeSoto 4th Grade
  - 5 p.m. — Little Miss DeSoto 5th Grade
  - 6 p.m. — DeSoto Princess Pageant
  - 8 p.m. — Miss DeSoto Pageant
- Sunday:**
- 2 p.m. — Steer grooming
  - 2 p.m. — Gospel sing
- Monday:**
- 6 p.m. — Elementary talent show
  - 7 p.m. — Swine show
- Tuesday**
- 7 p.m. — Middle school talent show
  - 7 p.m. — Steer show
- Wednesday:**
- 6 p.m. — Animal costume contest
  - 7 p.m. — Goat show
  - 7 p.m. — High school talent show
- Thursday:**
- 7 p.m. — Beef breeding
  - 7 p.m. — Adult talent show
- Friday:**
- 5 p.m. — Livestock awards
  - 7 p.m. — Livestock sale
- Saturday:**
- 7 p.m. — Mexican band
- For details and special admission offers, visit <http://desotocountyfair.org> and click on "Calendar."

## NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

The DeSoto County, Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop on **Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 10:00AM** with the regular meeting of the Board to follow at **3:00PM** in the County Commission Meeting Room 103, Administration Building, 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida on the following:

### TO DISCUSS THE TURNER CENTER

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# 'Make all schools Bulldogs,' boosters ask School Board

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

The Big Dog Club wants to unify all of DeSoto's school sports teams under a single banner: the Bulldogs.

On behalf of the Big Dogs, DeSoto County High School's athletic booster club, Robert Womack Jr. asked the school board Tuesday to consider changing other DeSoto schools to the Bulldogs mascot under the same blue and white colors that the high school uses.

Womack first introduced the board

to some good news. "Over the summer, a group of parents at one of the out-of-town baseball games came up with the idea of building a covered batting area for baseball and softball," he said. So the group is in the process of seeking funding for the project, and designing the new batting area at the high school. Womack said it will have new AstroTurf, new netting, and should be ready by summer.

Club members also considered ideas on how to raise school and community spirit for the school's athletic teams. "We envy our neighbors to the north

and their community spirit," he said. "All through school, they are ingrained with what it means to be a 'cat,'" referring to the Hardee Wildcats. "We need to ingrain our kids into what it means to be a Bulldog."

Therefore, they propose that DeSoto Middle School change its colors to blue and white and its mascot to the Bulldog, and the same for the elementary schools. Womack said the idea came from discussions with Jarrett Zolkos, the high school athletic director, Hocker Browning, Jeff Adams, Bob Miller and Billy Bennett.

"We don't know where they came up with Panthers for the middle school," School Board member Rodney Hollingsworth said.

School Board member Ronny Allen answered, "We students voted on it. The students chose the mascot and colors themselves. I know, because I was the first in line then."

"There will be naysayers," Womack said, "but at some time we have to put it out there. So many things divide us as a community: we need to teach

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new owner.

Stapp found a nice pasture to house him and prepared to load the horse into a trailer to take him to his new location. "I didn't know what to expect. Here he is, totally blind, and we're asking him to step up into a trailer.

"But he didn't hesitate," Stapp said. "He just walked right in."

In a way, as Stapp helps Takoda heal, the paint horse helps Stapp, too. Caring for the horse has brought a new purpose to his life, after he almost lost it four years ago.

### Lifelong love for animals

Stapp's love for horses came at an early age. Growing up in Texas, he had a pasture behind his house with two horses. Stapp would often go to see and talk to the horses and developed a friendship with them.

One night, though, the six-year-old boy looked out and saw flames shooting into the sky from the barn where the horses were kept overnight. He was alarmed, worried sick about his two equine friends, and cried himself to a restless sleep. His dad finally called the neighbor at 2 a.m., reporting that his son was inconsolable about the man's horses.

Then his dad took young Steve outside, leading him back to the pasture, and there was the neighbor with both horses on leads, safe and sound. "He had been able to get them both out of the barn," Stapp said.

In college, Stapp trained horses for extra cash, but got away from that over time.

Once he settled in Arcadia, though, he adopted two rescued dogs. Czar (pronounced like Caesar) is a Golden Retriever who had lost all his hair when Stapp got him. He had little money

but found Banfield Charitable Trust – affiliated with the veterinarian offices connected with PetSmart stores – which helped him find a cure for the Golden. The dog had a thyroid condition and, once treated, his coat came back.

"I found I had room in my heart for another," Stapp said, so he adopted a chocolate lab whom he named The Artful Dodger, called "Dodger" for short.

### Happy in green pastures

When Stapp first brought Takoda to the new pasture, it took a few days for the horse to get his bearings. He shares the space with two steers, and they greet each other from time to time. Takoda has also made friends with the neighbor horses in the adjacent pasture. Now he knows his way around the pond and how to navigate to the little shed where he is fed every day. And he looks forward to Stapp's visits when he is fed, groomed and fussed over.

Stapp himself is disabled and cannot work, so his resources are limited. Skip's Bitless Bridle donated a special bridle to Stapp for Takoda, and he picked up an antique saddle from a pawn shop. He is starting to ride Takoda, and the big paint trusts his new owner to guide him. Stapp's hope is to be able to ride Takoda in the rodeo parade and show people what love and kindness can do, even for an animal who seemed hopeless. He's hoping now for donations to get a better saddle and ultimately a trailer to be able to take Takoda to fundraisers.

When Stapp feeds the horse every day, he finishes by giving him three horse cookies. Takoda looks forward to them. When he doesn't get his "dessert," the paint nudges Stapp, letting him know something is missing. "He's smart," Stapp said, "People don't think horses can count, but he knows – if I only give him two, he lets me know he wants the third. And as soon as he has all three, he's happy to walk back out into his pasture."



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The paint horse, reminded Steve Stapp of an Indian mount, so he came up with an Indian name. "Takoda" means "a friend to all" in the Sioux language and seems to fit the gentle horse.

## Public Notice SOLICITATION FOR DESOTO COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners is actively seeking four (4) members for the Library Advisory Board. The Library Advisory Board is established by Ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners and consists of nine (9) members appointed by the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners.

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# VIEWPOINT

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## OUR VIEW

### A disconnect on the interconnect

**Our view:** City officials should meet soon with the county so the interconnect can move forward

Tuesday's BOCC meeting revealed a frustrating and unnecessary communication gap between city and county staff, the result of which could leave some businesses and residents without access to city and county water services. During the meeting, County Attorney Donald Conn informed the board that, despite efforts made by staff to contact City Attorney T.J. Wohl and Interim City Administrator Tom Slaughter to set up a meeting to discuss boundary lines, the city had yet to make any attempt to respond.

It's a head-scratching move for sure, and time is running out for an agreement to be approved. The county is up against a key Jan. 28 deadline regarding utility funding for the U.S. 17 road expansion, and although it can move forward without the city, it would prefer not to.

The irony in all of this is it's the city that wanted the meetings in the first place. At its Dec. 17 meeting, the city council put the brakes on approving the interconnect, concluding it was in its best interest to table the matter until Wohl and Slaughter could meet with Conn to ensure the city would not be prevented from expanding its own services south in the future. In other words, the city is concerned the county will "steal" potential customers if exact expansion boundaries aren't set. But with the city's financial woes, plans for utility expansion aren't anywhere near the top of its priority list.

As both city and county staff have already stated, the interconnect is a win-win for both entities. Not only does it give the city and county an emergency source of water should either system fail, but it would also provide city residents and businesses with a much-needed boost in water pressure, along with providing service to additional customers. Not allowing the interconnect would hurt the county to a small degree, but it's the city that would take the bigger hit. The county is concerned enough with the issue that it agreed to send Commissioner Bob Miller to contact each council member to explain the benefits of the agreements.

We believe in the end this will all be resolved by the Jan. 28 deadline, but it should never have gotten this far in the first place. This is an issue that could have been taken care of already if any effort at all was put forth on the city's end. The silence coming from city hall just doesn't make sense, not on an agreement that would be to the benefit of all involved.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks to Walmart pharmacists

Editor:

This is just a little thank-you note to express how very blessed we are to have Walmart pharmacist Michael

Patel and the entire Walmart pharmacy staff to care for us and to attend to us in Arcadia.

I thank Pharmacist Patel and the entire staff for all they do for me and

all their clients.

We all hold Pharmacist Patel and the staff in our prayers of gratitude and love.

Mary White  
Arcadia

## GRITS & PIECES

### Outsmarted by the Smart Phone

Is it just me, or are phones getting too big for their britches these days? Everybody either has or is wanting to get a Smart Phone so they can have all the bells and whistles, but I am doing good to be able to interact with the cheapest thing I can find — something just this side of two tin cans and a piece of string.

The way some people are attached to their cell phone, you'd think it was a life-support system. And if you ever tried separating them from it, it would be a fight to the death situation, something like, "You can have my phone when you pry it from my cold, dead thumbs."

I'm not knocking phones, as I know they're an integral resource for communication for nearly everybody these days. As I said, I have a very simple, cheap one, and it's in case I need it. That's rare, though, as I seldom make calls and it only rings a couple of times a week. So you can see why I have no use for all those bells and whistles, as well as the expense.

I'm shocked when I hear what some pay for theirs, because they simply must have the latest phone with the latest features. And then they turn right around and somehow manage to drop it in the toilet. And then they go



### Grits & Pieces

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stick it in their rice container to dry it out. Ewww. Remind me to not eat rice at anybody's house. Ever again.

Who'd want to use the phone when in the bathroom? Better yet, who wants to talk to someone when they're there, or get a text from them? If that's what it's coming to, methinks we should be more reluctant to borrow or even touch someone else's cell phone. I'm no germaphobe, but my Ewww Factor does spike pretty high when I think of that.

Phones, in my opinion, are to make and receive calls with. These days, people carry around these expensive gadgets that do so many tricks that the phone feature is but a footnote in the voluminous instruction manual. I don't need mine to wake me up as an alarm, play music for me, check my Facebook page, arm my home security system, provide a map, watch movies,

record family events, or any of the other crazy things they do now.

Phones have so many features these days that you'd think someone had crossed one of them with a Swiss army knife. What's next? It whistles for your dog, or comes running when you whistle for it? I was in a restaurant recently and overheard someone talking about their phone. They said, "Guess what comes out at the bottom?" I had no clue, but since they were eating, I wanted to ask, "Salt?"

If they're going to get that crazy with the tricks, I might opt for one that could fetch me a cup of coffee or go make me a sandwich while I'm watching football. Or one with a grenade pin, in case I needed to blow something or somebody up in an emergency.

There's this "bump" thing that some phones do now. If yours is like theirs, you can be looking at a photo image on yours, reach over and bump yours against theirs, and your photo jumps over onto their screen. Kind of weird. But the freaky thing (to me) lately is that some phones sense when you're not looking directly at them, and whatever you were doing on it shuts

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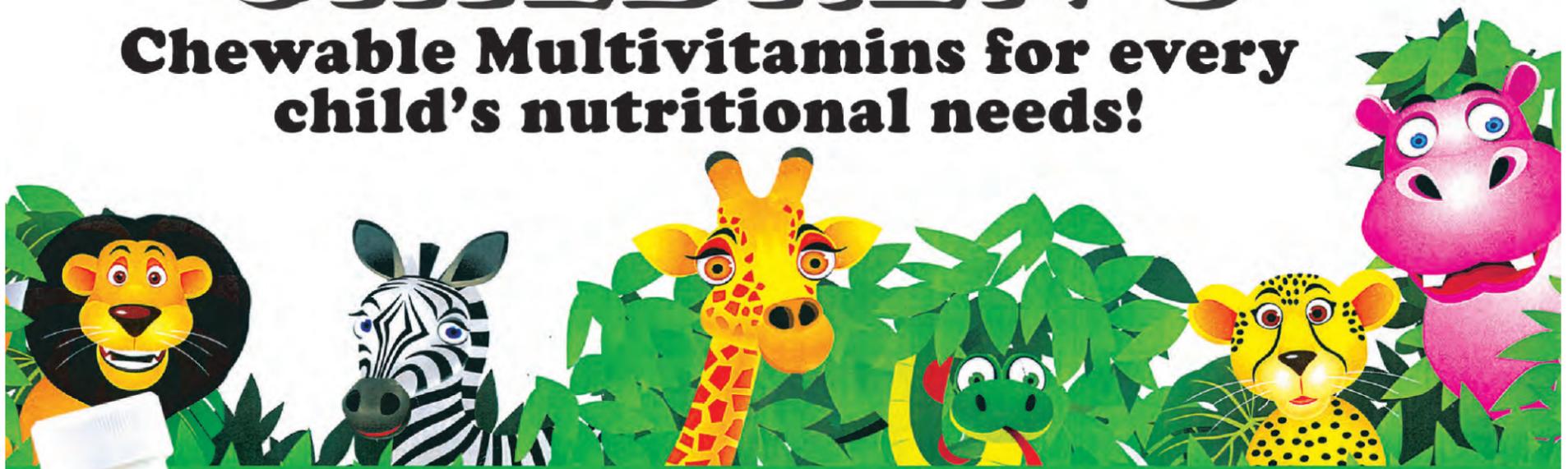
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NOTE: All area codes are 863 unless otherwise indicated.

## THURSDAY

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- 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. Come enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
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- Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make

an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

• ACCESS office is open from 1-4 p.m. today at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Call for appointments at 494-0320.

## FRIDAY

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

## SATURDAY

- The Friends of Arcadia Airport are resuming their monthly pancake breakfasts at the airport. Breakfasts will be held 9-11 a.m. the third Saturday of every month (except March when it will be held during Rodeo week). All-you-can-eat pancakes, OJ, sausage and coffee for only \$6. There will also be a 50/50 raffle with all profits supporting airport projects and our "AV8RS" youth program. Str8 Up Aviation will be offering helicopter rides and aerial tours of Arcadia for only \$40. The first one will be held at 9 a.m. Oct. 19. Volunteers to help out are welcome and encouraged. Email FriendsOfArcadiaAirport@gmail.com for more information.
- Main Street Farmer's Market is held the first and third Saturday every month in downtown Arcadia from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh produce, pickled products, jams, jellies, homemade granola bars, baked goods, fresh and dried herbs, arts, crafts, woodworking, quilts, sewing, plants and other goodies. For vendor info call the Arcadia Main Street office at 494-2020.
- Classic car show in downtown Arcadia, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. the third Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Team Arcadia. Trophies, door prizes, and 50/50 jackpot. For more information call 494-2020.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.

• Music in the park Concert Series continues at Highlands Hammock State Park with Lotela Gold. \$5/person. Bring lawn chair or blanket. Concerts at 7-9 p.m.

- 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

- The Friendship M. Baptist Church Family invites the public to its Annual Choir & Usher program at 3 p.m. on Jan. 19. Come help us lift praise and worship to our father Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. 304 W. Myrtle St.
- Telephone Reassurance and Friendly Visitors available to those over 55 and homebound. Phone Senior Friendship Centers at 863-494-5965 to sign up for these free services, staffed by trained volunteers who have had background screenings. Phone also if interested in becoming a volunteer for either program.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.

## MONDAY

- There will be no garbage collection in the County on Jan. 20 in observance of Martin L. King Jr. Day. Monday customers' next service date will be Thursday, Jan. 23.
- The Martin Luther King Parade will be held starting at 10 a.m. Jan. 20, sponsored by the NAACP DeSoto County Branch. The parade begins at Oak Street and Volusia Ave. and will end at Louis C. Anderson Park at Martin Luther King St. and Orange Ave. All are invited to take part in the parade. For details, call Sam Morgan at 993-0939.
- The DeSoto County Republican Executive Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's.
- 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. Edmund's 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 Ogdan Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogdan. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit www.district13sofla-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

- Lifelong Learning Institute class, Introduction to Nature Photography, by Jerry Waters, begins today and on the next three Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Waters has more than 35 years experience as a photographer; he is a certified Florida Master Naturalist. Class is \$25 if preregistered, \$30 day of class. Sign up at www.lifelonglearning-charlotte.org.
- The Greater Charlotte Sierra Club meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1532 Forest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte. Guest speaker will be Captain Dennis Kirk of the Nav-A-Gator Grill and Peace River Boat Tours, who will speak on the ecology of our area and the impact of ecotourism.
- 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 Memorial Hospital offers free blood pressure screenings from 3 to 4 p.m. in the DeSoto Memorial Hospital McSwain room. Call 494-8432 for details.
- Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- Every Tuesday night, line dance class at the Palace Dance Hall (17N). Beginners welcome. \$3 donation. For more info, call Jennie Martin at 494-2749.
- Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1509 E. Oak St. For details visit www.weight-watchers.com and "find a meeting" or call 800-651-6000.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- DeSoto County Library holds story time at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Peace River Woodcarvers meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, starting Nov. 12, at the Speer Center, U.S. Highway 17 North, Arcadia. For information, contact Bill or Mary Morse at 207-418-4687.
- ACCESS office is open from 9 a.m. to noon today at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Call for

## SPECIAL

- The DeSoto County Historical Society is looking for people who can demonstrate a traditional skill or craft such as weaving, chair caning or whip-making, for the 10th Annual Pioneer Day March 15. Call Bebe Bradbury at 494-6607 or email bebradbury@gmail.com for details.
- AARP needs tax volunteers in DeSoto County from Feb. 1 through April 14. Training is available. For details, visit www.AARPfoundation.org and click on "Tax Aide Volunteer."
- 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.
- The DeSoto County Literacy Council is looking for volunteers for Adult Literacy and ESL (English as a Second Language), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and 5-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Call 993-1333.

appointments at 494-0320.

- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.
- Suncoast Community Blood Bank is open from noon to 6 p.m. today at 710 N. Brevard Ave. (U.S. 17 North), Arcadia. For more information, call 993-9366.

## WEDNESDAY

- The Lifelong Learning Institute offers "Spanish II" with Hugo Ramos, from 10 a.m. to noon for Wednesdays Jan. 22-Feb. 12. Class is \$25 if preregistered, \$30 day of class. Sign up at www.lifelonglearning-charlotte.org
- The DeSoto County Emergency Operations office will host the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group meeting at 10 a.m. Jan. 22 at the EOC, 2200 N.E. Roan St. The LMS is up for renewal in 2015; the Working Group will decide how that effort will proceed.
- The Arcadia Writing Group will conduct a Lifelong Learning Institute class, The Write Shop, on Wednesdays Jan. 22-Feb. 12 from 2-4 p.m. Learn how to tell your story. Taught by Patty Ramos. Class is \$25 if preregistered, \$30 day of class. Sign up at www.lifelonglearning-charlotte.org.
- Been There Ranchers and Farmers' Club meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 1 p.m., first clubhouse inside South Entrance of Arcadia Village Country Club. North of Walmart, Highway 70. Call Max R. Fitzpatrick at 863-494-6257. Free. Tours, speakers, conversation, friends, fun — all welcome.
- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- The Arcadia Eagles, 150 S. Polk Ave., now offers Bingo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak Street.
- "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.

## THURSDAY

- Nature Walks: Deep Creek Preserve, 8:30 a.m. Jan. 23. With master naturalists John Phillips and Jamie Reynolds. Free.
- Caregiver support group meets at 1:30 p.m. at DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at DeSoto Memorial Hospital Medical Plaza, 1006 N. Mills Ave., Arcadia. For more information, call DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at 494-8432 or Hospice of Southwest Florida at 993-0662.
- The Family Safety Alliance meeting for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. at the McClure Center, 4215 Concept Court, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call 941-316-6009.
- Relaxation Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m.-5:15 p.m., registration and yoga tea; 5:15-6:15 p.m., yoga class. Come enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
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## NOTICE

### SOLICITATION FOR DESOTO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners will have five (5) seats for the Economic Development Advisory Committee for which current serving members' terms expire in February 2014. The Economic Development Advisory Committee is established by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners and consists of thirteen (13) members appointed by the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners. Please note that 5 five members of the Committee whose terms are expiring may express interest in serving again and may be reappointed.

#### Available Seats:

**Qualifications-** Each member shall be a resident of DeSoto County; shall possess an outstanding reputation for civic pride, integrity, responsibility, and business or professional ability; and shall have no current financial interest, direct or indirect, in any of the County's economic development programs or projects.

The composition of available seats is:

- One (1) Private Sector Agriculture Appointee
- One (1) Financial Sector Appointee
- Three (3) Private Sector Business Appointees

All appointed members will be required to comply with conflict of interest provisions and all applicable provisions of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

Please submit a brief biography, a letter of interest, and contact information to the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners, c/o Economic Development Office, 201 E Oak Street, Suite 201, Arcadia, FL 34266 or via email to [m.taber@desotobocc.com](mailto:m.taber@desotobocc.com). Please clearly mark Economic Development Advisory Committee on the envelope or email subject line. For more information, please call 863-993-4800.

Submissions will be accepted through Friday, February 7, 2014 at 5:00 PM

# Family Album

## FAMILY ALBUM PHOTOS

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

### Hospital volunteers honored



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JANE POWERS

DeSoto Memorial Hospital Auxiliary honored its volunteers in January at its monthly luncheon meeting. Receiving awards were, from left: Bill and Nancy Aston, each with 500 hours; Beverly Hensley with 200 hours; and Nelda Hill with 3,500 hours (with a lifetime total of 28,500 hours).

### Thank you

We would like to thank the two gentlemen who helped fix our scooter. One is from Sarasota and the other is from Orlando. We never got your names, but we want to thank you for your help. Ed and Ruth McConnell

# Gen. Dozier recounts kidnap ordeal

By HAYLEY MERCER

ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

The DeSoto County Historical Society welcomed home one of Arcadia's most notable natives as retired U.S. Army Brigadier General James "Jimmy" L. Dozier returned to give his thanks to the hometown community that once held vigil over his hostage situation in Verona, Italy in 1981.

Terrorists with the Red Brigade of Italy kidnaped Dozier and held him

for 42 days and as the world watched, awaiting his safe release. His quaint hometown of Arcadia kept his name lifted in prayer and yellow ribbons were displayed throughout the community. After Dozier was rescued, he returned to DeSoto County to show his hometown his gratitude for their support. Now, 32 years later, Dozier came back, this time with a presentation of his harrowing experience.

After serving 30 years in the military, Dozier and his first wife were stationed in Italy where they could see the Swiss Alps from their apartment — "Not a hardship," Dozier said with a grin. As a display of photographs played on a screen behind him, the General took the audience through the events of his abduction.

It was at the end of the day and Dozier was in his Verona apartment having a drink with his wife, Judy, when the doorbell rang. He was not alarmed as he asked the two men at his door who they were; they said they were plumbers working on a leak downstairs and needed to check the pipes in his home. "It sounded reasonable and they were dressed the part."

Dozier showed the two young men to the utility room where they appeared to inspect the premises. They spoke to him in Italian so when a word was not familiar to him he headed to his dictionary for assistance. It was at this point when the men armed with silenced pistols jumped him. The fight



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN, [shoffman@sun-herald.com](mailto:shoffman@sun-herald.com)

Arcadia native Gen. James Dozier (ret.) gave a riveting talk to the DeSoto County Historical Society about his capture by an Italian terrorist group in 1981.

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# Arcadia cyclist struck by two cars, dies

An Arcadian man riding a bicycle is dead after he was run over by two separate vehicles Friday night, and one driver was charged with DUI.

According to a report issued by the Florida Highway Patrol, around 7:29 p.m., Joseph Albert Adams, 63, of Arcadia, was crossing State Road 70 in front of Walmart, when he entered the path of a Ford Escort driven by Lisa C. Summerlin, 32, of Clarksville, Fla, heading eastbound. Summerlin was unable to avoid hitting Adams, FHP said, and he was vaulted over the Escort's hood, landing in the center of the roadway.

Behind the Escort, also eastbound, was a Scion driven by Edna Mae Johnson, 50, of Fort Myers. She was unable to avoid hitting Adams, and he was struck a second time. Johnson did not remain at the scene but continued driving eastbound, stopping further ahead on the highway.

A trooper searching for the second vehicle saw Johnson walking along the roadway. She said her car had broken down and she was walking to get some help. The trooper discovered her car was the second one to hit Adams, and Johnson was brought back to the scene of the crash.

Adams died at the scene. Summerlin was taken to DeSoto Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Johnson, however, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and taken to the DeSoto County Jail. She was freed on Sunday on \$500 bond. Further charges are pending investigation.

## Report: Two use jobs for fraudulent refunds

Two women were arrested on charges that they used their positions as Walmart associates to collect money for



JOHNSON

## 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.

fraudulent merchandise returns.

According to the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, a loss protection specialist at Walmart reported suspicions to DCSO about two women, both of whom worked at the customer service desk. According to the report, Samantha Jo Bouyea and Samantha Kay Fewox would scan returned merchandise waiting to be returned to its rightful department, or they would scan a receipt, and refund money to themselves, usually on a gift card or sometimes as cash. The two, the report states, would scan and make refunds for each other.

The report states Bouyea, 24, of the 100 block of E. Hickory St., Arcadia, received \$1,015.78 on gift cards and \$57.25 in cash, while Fewox, 28, of the 1500 block of S.E. Pear Drive, Arcadia, obtained \$739.63 on gift cards and \$55.56 in cash.

The loss expert discovered the apparent excessive returns in the names of the two women. The report notes the two would use various driver's licenses during the transactions, which when checked turned out to be invalid.

Some 30 individual transactions by Bouyea, which were also recorded on video, were identified as fraudulent returns, while 20 transactions by Fewox were fraudulent.

Bouyea reportedly admitted the



BOUYEA



FEWOX

fraudulent refunds and said they had been doing this for about a year.

Both women were arrested on charges of fraud by swindling to obtain property valued under \$20,000 and grand theft of property with a value between \$300 and \$5,000. Bond for both was set at \$8,500.

## Report: Selling lenses without a license

The Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco charged Sm Saleh Ahmed, 56, of Bradenton with dispensing contact lenses without a prescription and practicing as an optician without a license.

According to the report filed by ABT, Ahmed, who owns the Fiesta Food Mart convenience store on West Magnolia Street, sold Hollywood and Freshlook contact lenses to someone without asking to see the prescription, and without having the requisite license. He was jailed on \$1,620 bond.



AHMED

## Barroom brawl results in two arrests

The Arcadia Police Department responded to a call Thursday night about a fight at the Longhorn Saloon. They found several people in front of the bar who needed medical attention.

Police interviewed a bartender, who said the fight was started inside the bar by a woman, later identified as Connie Lee Cornejo, 29, of the 6000 block of Bagdad St., Nocatee.

Cornejo reportedly was intoxicated and had begun cursing and yelling at



CORNEJO

people in the bar. She refused to leave, and the disturbance escalated.

One man at the bar — later identified as Holland Jacob Incitti, 22, of the 2700 block of N.E. Earnest St., Arcadia — who seemed to be involved, kept flashing a badge and identified himself as a police officer. He kept pointing a Taser at various people. At one point, a witness told police he took away Incitti's Taser. Later he confronted Incitti, who pointed a small handgun at the witness's chest.

Police searched Incitti's vehicle and found the Taser, along with a semi-automatic handgun, a metal Drug Enforcement Administration badge, a DEA ID card, a tactical vest with a police placard, another handgun, handcuffs, ammunition, holsters and other law enforcement items. Incitti denied he had earlier claimed to be law enforcement and said the items were props for making music videos, and that the Taser and guns were for self-defense. He also denied aiming the gun at the witness.

Police also found brass knuckles in Cornejo's purse.

Incitti was arrested on charges of assault with intent to commit a felony, unlawfully impersonating an officer by using a police badge and improper exhibit of firearm or dangerous weapon. Bond was set at \$11,500.

Cornejo was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and affray. Bond was set at \$1,120.

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

- Marcus Tiyone Bing, 25, Palm Beach, Fla. Charge: aggravated battery where offender should have known victim was pregnant. Bond: \$15,000.



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was over, though, when Dozier looked up to see his wife on her knees with a gun pointed to her head.

The men then forced Dozier into a box that was taken downstairs and loaded into a waiting vehicle, then transferred across town to a basement parking garage where he was switched to another car. He spent almost two hours in the box while being taken to the hiding place. The terrorists rode him up and down the elevator to disorient him before he was removed from the box and chained to a bunk

inside of a cabana tent set up inside an apartment.

He spent the next six weeks in isolation inside the tent with three men and one woman on guard. Although he remained chained by his right leg to the bunk the entire time, Dozier said he was fed three times a day and treated well. Attempts to brainwash him were unsuccessful; however, he suffered damage when forced to wear headphones, listening to acid rock at a high volume for a long time. As a result he is hearing-impaired.

On Day 42 rescuers from the Italian Police Special Operations Unit, wearing ski masks and toting machine guns, burst into the apartment to end Dozier's ordeal. After a wild ride

through the streets of Italy, he used his first phone call to report to headquarters. Then, after six weeks without, he enjoyed the "best cup of coffee ever" before being reunited with this wife.

Thousands showed up in Arcadia to welcome "Jimmy" home in the month following his release, as he returned to thank the community for their support. Dozier was given a 300-pound cake and the keys to the city during the day of celebration.

During his abduction the terrorists ransacked his den, stealing files and various records. With a touch of humor he describes this event as causing the most grief, as he lost all the paperwork he needed for his 1981 income tax returns. When he was honored at the

White House following his safe release, he took the opportunity to go straight to the top, telling President Ronald Reagan about his plight and asking for leniency from the IRS, to which the President said, "Good Luck."

Dozier is now remarried and he and wife, Charlene, traveled back to Italy in 2012. There he was reunited with his rescuers and returned to the apartment where he was imprisoned. "Eerie, a very eerie feeling to go back there," he said.

"It's going to get worse, terrorism that is. Now is not the time to get complacent," he said. "It will be 32 years next month that I came back to Arcadia to a warm welcome and I still sincerely thank you. It sure is a good feeling."

# Thanks!

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## OBITUARIES

### James Lloyd Finnemore

James Lloyd Finnemore, 65, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, in Sarasota, Fla.

He was born June 6, 1948, in Skowhegan, Maine, to Milton and Luella Corson Finnemore.

The Finnemore family moved to Arcadia 56 years ago, and has called DeSoto County, Fla., home ever since. In 1977, James married Ilene Farabee. He worked as a gas truck driver. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing. James was a hard worker and a very likable man.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Ilene Finnemore of Arcadia; sons, Richard (Debra) Finnemore of Georgia, and William C. Gaskins of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; daughters, Shannon (Mike) Lloyd of Oklahoma, and Stacy Lowery of Port Charlotte, Fla.; brother, Milton H. "Butch" Finnemore Jr. of Arcadia; sisters, Judith (TP) Riseden of Arcadia, and Ann (Charlie) Davis of Alabama; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren, and one on the way.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, in the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Arcadia. Online condolences can be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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

### James H. McAnly

James H. "Jim" McAnly, 73, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, in Arcadia.

He was born Nov. 25, 1940, in Arcadia, to William "Slim" and Margaret Hickman McAnly.

Jim was a graduate of DeSoto County High School, Class of 1958. He graduated from the University of Georgia and Stetson University College of Law. Jim practiced law in DeSoto County, Fla., offering legal services to his community for over 40 years. He was an avid golfer until his health prevented him from playing. Jim enjoyed woodworking and restoring antique furniture. He collected guns all his life, and was an excellent marksman. Jim loved target shooting with his family and close friends. He was a member of the Arcadia Elks Lodge for many years, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve, where he served with the JAG unit. Jim was of the Presbyterian faith.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Stephanie McAnly; his children, James Ross (Sarah) McAnly of Leesburg, Fla., Jamie Harmon McAnly of Wellington, Fla., Kirsten Prebianca (Barry) Flanik of Brooklyn, N.Y., Dana Prebianca (James) Smith of Franklin, Tenn., and Larry "Chip" Furr of Arcadia; his eight grandchildren, Austin McAnly, Reese McAnly, Cassidy Furr, Luke Flanik, Kate Flanik, Jackson Harris, Brady Smith and Skyler Smith; his brother, William (Bette) McAnly of Sebring, Fla.; and his sister, Kerry (Peter) Wegner of Naples, Fla. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Slim and Margaret McAnly.

A gathering and celebration of James McAnly's life took place Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014, at the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia. Memorial services followed at the funeral home, with the Rev. Jimmie Collins officiating. Online condolences may be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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

### Densel Ray Dees

Densel "Ray" Dees, 79, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, in Sarasota, Fla.

He was born Aug. 4, 1934, in Arcadia, to William and Gladys Cunningham Dees.

Ray was a graduate of DeSoto County High School, Class of 1952. He was a retired life insurance agent, having worked 20 years for Independent Life Insurance Company. Ray also worked for Bethel Farms, Sod and Citrus Company for 15 years and for McBee Citrus Harvesting Company for another 10 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served with the 101st Airborne Division. Ray enjoyed hunting, fishing and watching football on TV. He loved to have breakfast each morning with his buddies at the former Louise's restaurant and then at Wheelers.

He is survived by his son, Craig (Linda) Dees, Arcadia; daughter, Barbara (Ed) Norris, Arcadia; sister, Hazel (Danny) Ebersole, Lakeland, Fla.; six grandchildren, Nicholas (Kim) Bergens, Brian Dees, Christopher (Shantel) Dees, Joshua Dees, Abby (Ed) Kielarowski, and Lindsay (Steve) Norris; and eight great-grandchildren. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, William and Gladys Dees; brothers, Tommy and R. L. Dees, and William Leonard Dees Jr.; and his beloved wife, Mary Ann Dees.

Memorial services were conducted Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, at the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia. The U.S. Army Honor Guard rendered military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arcadia Tidewell Hospice, 917 N. Arcadia Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266. Online condolences may be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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### Nancy Smith Fuller Voyer

Nancy Smith Fuller Voyer, 71, passed away Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, in Arcadia, Fla. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

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# Beat fear this year

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, saw a link between swearing and worrying, seeing them both as acts of unbelief. Yet many people of faith fret continually over present problems and fear the future. They worry about family members, financial security, health and a number of other supposed impending disasters. If you are one of these anxious ones, try evaluating your fears.

Of the things you fear, how many are really likely to happen to you today? If you can feel safe for the remainder of the day, that is enough for now. "Do not worry about tomorrow," said Jesus (Matthew 6:34). And that is good advice for every day of the year.

Think of the cares that would be canceled if we would escape anxiety about tomorrow. Most feel fairly safe about today, but the tomorrows are tough.

Tomorrow the house payment is due. Tomorrow is the final day of grace on the insurance premium. Tomorrow is the day of your appointment with your doctor to find out the results of the medical tests you took last week.

But what if tomorrow does hold unknown trials? Is worry likely to change anything? Ian McClaren wrote: "What does your anxiety do? It does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, but it empties today of its strength. It does not make you escape evil — it makes you unfit to cope with it if it comes."

Which of your concerns tormented you yesterday? Last year? Have you been down this road before? How many times have you been troubled by the same thought patterns that upset you today only to find that your expected tragedy didn't occur? Can you trust God to continue to protect you?

While writing this column, the phone rang and upon answering I



Roger Campbell

was reminded of the negative effects of fear on our health. This caller told of his difficulty in trying to sleep because of the number of people he knows who are losing their jobs, including his son. "I sleep about two hours," he said, "then wake up and am unable to unwind."

"Worry is like sitting in a rocking chair," I said. "It keeps you busy but you don't go anywhere."

"It's a lack of faith," he replied, letting me know he was on his way to finding peace.

Faith and fear are opposites.

And when faith wins fear loses.

Most of us have known people who were serene when everything seemed to be crashing down around them. In the most trying of circumstances, they have remained calm. Those going to comfort them have come away comforted. They have been living examples of the peace of God. The secret of peace in troubled times is being willing to let God carry our burdens for us, which is precisely what He has offered to do.

Urging his worried readers to take advantage of this invitation, Paul said: "Be anxious for nothing." (Philippians 4:6). That's worry-free living. And Peter cinched the guarantee by inviting us to be care free ... because God cares for you and me (1 Peter 5:7).

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## GRITS & PIECES

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down. Kind of like ignoring someone in a conversation until they get mad and give you the cold shoulder. I don't mean that it automatically goes to a stand-by mode — I'm talking about it being able to literally know when your eyeballs are not on it. I remember that scary computer from that 1968 movie "2001: A Space Odyssey," so I think I know where this is headed.

I know, I'm way behind in electronic

communication, and you folks to whom modern cell phones are second nature must think it's so easy a cave-man could do it. That's all right with me, though. Keep your smarty-britch-phones and I'll keep my stupid one. And when the capabilities of yours exceed your last level of understanding and is a living thing, telling you what to do and controlling your life, don't call me.

I will have already driven a stake through the heart of mine and will be communicating old-school by then: talking, writing letters, or sending smoke signals!



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Desoto County plumber Johnny Shannon poses with one of his recent awards, as well as his instrument of choice, the harmonica.

## Local plumber making music and headlines

BY LUKE WILSON

There's something to be said for a young man who literally ran off to join the circus and years later, found himself auditioning for "America's Got Talent." Such is the story of Desoto County's Johnny Shannon.

Shannon's harmonica-playing talent is no secret to many locals, as he not only performs anywhere he can, but he keeps a harmonica in his pocket at all times and is ready to whip it out and play a tune for everyone. His love for music has earned him favor and respect locally, as well as some money and prestige as of late.

He was born in Sarasota, raised in Fruitville, and finished his schooling in Sarasota. As a young man, he left home in 1983 to join the circus that had passed through Sarasota County, and traveled with them, setting up rides. That ended in Watertown, New York after a couple of weeks, and he hitchhiked to Pennsylvania, where he was hired by a carnival as a "ride jockey," operating the Flying Bobs. He finished the summer with the circus and flew back home to Sarasota.

After digging ditches and working as a plumber's helper there, he began to pursue that vocation, but decided that Sarasota was too busy for him. Fruitville "disappeared," he will tell you, when they did the road widening and took down the signs. He came to Desoto County 18 years ago and started Desoto Plumbing, and became a Master Plumber in 1990.

"Once you get past the stink, it all smells like money," he jokes.

Shannon's love for harmonica music came 20 years ago at a Bluegrass festival. He loved the impromptu music made by small groups of musicians there and wanted to join in, but had no instrument and no skill. In his mother's junk drawer he found an old harmonica that belonged to an uncle, and began working with

that. He played "hole by hole" at first, choosing "Dixie" as his first musical conquest. His goal was to buy a new harmonica once he'd learned the song, which he did.

All these years later, he carries around a couple of cases filled with harmonicas of various keys. He attended a performance by Charlie McCoy two years ago, a studio musician who has recorded with many major country stars over the decades, and McCoy autographed one of his harmonica cases.

Shannon, 52, can be seen on Youtube as Johnny Harp 99, and has developed a following there, with many "hits" by viewers who enjoy his performances, including a fun rendition of the "Star Wars" theme.

On Oct. 19, he was one of eight contestants in the Sarasota's Got Talent competition in the adult category, and took first place and \$200 in cash for his medley of Hank Williams songs. The very next day he won at the 8th Annual 2013 Florida Harmonica Championship in New Smyrna Beach, beating out 40 other entries with the Hank Williams tune "Jambalaya" and Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire," winning in the style category. After this victory, he went to Miami on Oct. 26 to be seen and filmed by NBC's "America's Got Talent" with a couple thousand others entries, performing "Jambalaya," and is awaiting the outcome, which will be revealed in February.

He won first prize and \$100 in last year's adult talent contest at the Desoto County Fair, and will be competing there at 7 p.m. Thursday in the same competition.

The harmonica-playing plumber and father of five gets great joy from his profession and his music, and often plays for his customers after he's repaired their plumbing before driving away, leaving them with a song and a smile.

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everyone to work together."

Board members recognized some cost efficiencies and other benefits to keeping the same mascot and colors. They will consider the suggestion at a future meeting.

School Superintendent Karyn Gary also noted some of the field areas had

been spruced up with prison labor, such as benches that were given a fresh coat of paint.

In other school business, Gary noted that Katie Horne had been hired to head the Environmental Learning Lab. She is a University of Florida graduate and comes from Plant City. "We're excited about it," Gary said. "It's a special place and we are looking forward to holding classes, special tours, and making it accessible to the community."

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Warren was awarded his black belt in front of family and friends just prior to the Christmas holidays. During the ceremony he was presented with belt, certificate, special uniform, belt display, and a real samurai sword. He was not alone in his celebration. December saw promotions for

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Warren Marino III, center, was promoted to Black Belt by Dr. L.A. Fusco, left, and Mark Fusco.

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# Plumber-turned-artist turns heads with his crazy critters

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

In Bruce Trewn's mind, a round platter becomes a sea turtle and a curvy vase is a mermaid.

The Arcadian plumber-turned-artist combines his technical skills with a wild imagination to create some fabulous art, and whether you judge success by pieces sold or awards won, he's doing well.

Trewn has parlayed his former profession as a plumber into an art form. Now making the rounds at regional art shows and sales, he finds his lovable, wacky creatures are in high demand.

"I didn't know I could do this," he said, "until I got laid off from my job." He had a few scrap pieces around, and he took some copper pipe, split it in half, pounded it flat and cut pieces from it. "That was hard."

Starting with simple shapes such as copper frogs, or bent-wire outlined fish, he came up with a few interesting pieces that people seemed to enjoy. Pretty soon, he was scouring flea markets, thrift stores and yard sales for interesting and unusual metal items to assemble his wild menageries.

Although people enjoyed his fun and crazy critters, some questioned whether it was "Art." But rather than label it, Trewn just considers what effect his pieces have on people. "They laugh; they love 'em," he says. "And to my surprise, they started buying them."

He started out showing some of his work at the Martin Art Gallery of Florida Outdoor Properties and at Art Creations of Arcadia, and credits both Mac Martin and Steve Rackmill with giving him a start in the art business. Trewn also began showing his work during DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council's monthly ArtWalks, often demonstrating his skills in the Tree of Knowledge Park.

He began to look for other venues and came across the Margaret Albritton Gallery at Placida; she also liked his creations and urged him to exhibit at the outdoor art markets in Placida. He



Bruce Trewn is proud of the second-place ribbon he won last weekend at the Cape Coral Art Festival, and the \$350 prize money made it even better.



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No one has more fun at work than Bruce Trewn. Here he discovers how an unusual pot can team up with a large brass tray to become a turtle.

did, and as they say in show business, the crowds went wild.

He decided to dedicate himself to making and selling his art full time, and now spends much of his weekend time going to various shows and exhibits. He has pieces in several high-end seacoast galleries, and during season makes the rounds to many shows. Last weekend he entered the Cape Coral Festival of the Arts and won second place in the mixed media category — out of more than 300 other artists.

He has repurposed the skills he learned as a plumber, just as he repurposes the bowls, plates and knickknacks he finds into animals. His creative vision allows him to pick up a vase, a bowl or a serving tray and see a fish, a manatee or a mermaid.

To see more of Trewn's work, visit his website at [www.coppercreations.com](http://www.coppercreations.com).



Every corner of Trewn's workshop has shelves crammed with pots, bowls, plates, candlesticks and other metal pieces he collects from all over. The artistry happens when he puts pieces together to come up with one of his fanciful creatures.



A shapely mermaid emerges from a vase and a couple of brass bowls. With Bruce Trewn's imagination as the catalyst, disparate items are assembled into imaginative art.



In Trewn's imagination, a fish-shaped copper pot embossed with fish can only be turned into another fish, with a lacey-edged brass bowl for a tail.

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## SANCHEZ TO REGIONALS

Weightlifter Elena Sanchez advanced to the state regionals after an impressive performance during a Jan. 8 qualifying event.



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# Lady Bulldogs lose big to Palmetto

By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County varsity girls' basketball team needs to get some things figured out in a hurry or they will be "one and done" when district action begins Jan. 27. Their 61-40 loss at home

to Palmetto showed time is running out on the team's 2013-14 season.

The Bulldogs led the Tigers 10-8 with less than a minute left in the opening period. The Tigers went on a 12-point run to take a 20-10 lead before DeSoto

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The Bulldogs' Sandranna Washington gathers in a rebound and wants to put it back up but meets opposition from the Palmetto defenders.



Tishonna Riley, senior for DeSoto County, looks for an opening to shoot through in the Bulldogs' 61-40 loss in a non-district game with Palmetto. Riley led the team with 19 points.

# Lady Bulldogs celebrate senior night with win

By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County girls' basketball team said goodbye to their two seniors with a 53-28 win over Hardee Jan. 10. Ladeja Dennis and Tishonna Riley represented eight years of varsity basketball experience and will be hard to replace next season.

After struggling through the first half and never taking the lead until the second period, the Lady Bulldogs used a 35-point second half to pull away from the Wildcats. In their first meeting Dec. 6, the Bulldogs needed a 46-point second half to win 69-37.

Riley led the team with 19 points followed by Dennis at 12. Riley's younger sister, Victavia Blandin, finished with 11 points.

Tishonna Riley, Coach Joe Davis and Ladeja Dennis get together for the final home game of the season. Davis looks sad, perhaps thinking about the eight years of varsity experience Riley and Dennis will be taking with them.



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Tishonna Riley was escorted by her sister Victavia Blandin, mother Taneisha and father Victor Blandin.



DeSoto County seniors Tishonna Riley and Ladeja Dennis have both been on the varsity basketball team all four of their high school years. Riley will attend The College of Central Florida on a volleyball scholarship. Dennis will attend Florida A&M University to study pharmacy.



Ladeja Dennis is escorted by her parents Shawn and Lauanda Campbell, along with grandmother Brenda Smith and brothers Tavarus and Rashad Dennis and Shawn Campbell Jr. Sisters Jasmine Bryant and Kayla Campbell also are pictured.

# Varsity Bulldogs split soccer matches

By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

A shutout win is always good for any team in any sport. The DeSoto County varsity boys' soccer team found that out as they were on both ends of the whitewashing last week.

They were dumped 1-0 by Lemon Bay on a very cold and windy night where the Bulldogs actually outplayed the Mantas yet still lost the game. The Mantas had just one shot on goal and it found the back of the net. The Bulldogs had seven shots that were all turned away. Most of the game was played on the Mantas' half of the pitch, yet the Bulldogs were

unable to tie the game. Lemon Bay Coach Zen Luzniak said, "I definitely think we were outplayed."

Bulldog coach Tracy Hay asked her team, "Where was the fire tonight? We were walking to the ball. Even when we were down by that one goal there wasn't anybody that said, 'lets go'. All we did yesterday was work on finishing and we didn't do it tonight."

When the players started grumbling and complaining about penalties that should have been called and using other excuses for their lackluster performance, Hay countered, "Why are you talking about that?"

We shouldn't need penalties to win. We should have won that game easily," she said. "I'm kind of glad we had this game. They are no better than Sarasota Military (likely first-round opponent in the district tournament) and this could be us in two weeks, out of the districts because we didn't score. Bottom line is we need to score goals."

Two of the big guns in the Bulldog attack have been injured and have missed several games. Last year's All Area player Jairo Tamayo has missed the previous two weeks with a knee injury and said he might be done for the season depending on what his

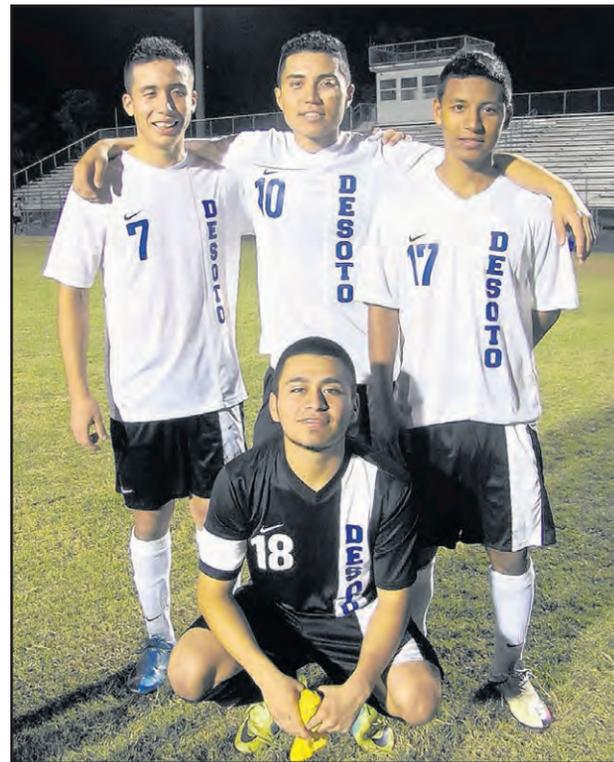
next MRI shows. Carlos "Nacho" Ramirez has missed the last three weeks with stretched ligaments, but expects to be over his injury by the time district action begins. "It is really hard to watch us lose when I think I can score at least one goal and help us win," he said. "Instead I have to sit here and watch us lose. It's tough."

## Game two turnaround

Two days later and around 30 degrees warmer, the Bulldogs hosted the Hardee Wildcats. A 3-0 win helped erase the embarrassment from the Lemon Bay loss earlier in the week.

A first-half goal by Manolo Mejia, his third of the season, gave the Bulldogs all the points they would need. Mejia talked about his score. "It was a free kick outside the box and it hit on the upper right side of the goal and bounced in."

The second goal came off of the foot of Osiel "Cheko" Nuevo. "It hit off one of their players and bounced in. He slid and it hit his leg and bounced



Manolo Mejia, Alejandro Vargas and Osiel Nuevo each scored a goal for the Bulldogs in their 3-0 win over Hardee. Keeper Edgar Olvera (kneeling) recorded the shutout for DeSoto County.



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After the Lemon Bay loss, Coach Tracy Hay talks to the players as they hang their heads and hide inside of their hoodies to avoid the cold and the embarrassing 1-0 loss.

in." It was the fourth goal for Nuevo this season.

Alejandro "Chino" Vargas wrapped up the scoring for the Bulldogs late in the game.

A much happier Hay told her team, "You guys have a lot more skill than the other teams. They like to play kickball because they don't have the skill to play soccer," she said. "We have the skill but at times we get into playing kickball with the other teams and we

aren't good at that. Don't drop to that level."

Hay made the comparison of her team to driving a Ford Focus or driving a Mustang. "You are like driving a Mustang so why would anybody want to drive a Ford Focus?" Jamie Andrade answered the rhetorical question and said, "You get better gas mileage!" The team broke out in laughter. Things are a lot funnier when you win.

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# Sanchez advances to regionals

By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

DeSoto County senior Elena Sanchez has accomplished something no other Lady Bulldog weightlifter has done in recent memory. Sanchez has advanced to the regional portion of the state tournament by taking third place in the sub-regional meet at Port Charlotte Jan. 8.

While competing against state powerhouses Port Charlotte and Charlotte High School, along with a good Lemon Bay team, it didn't seem like Sanchez had any chance of advancing past the sub-regional level.

"I didn't believe her (Coach Julie Chidsey) when she told me I made it," Sanchez said. "She hugged me and I kept saying 'No, no I didn't make it.' I didn't believe it and then I started



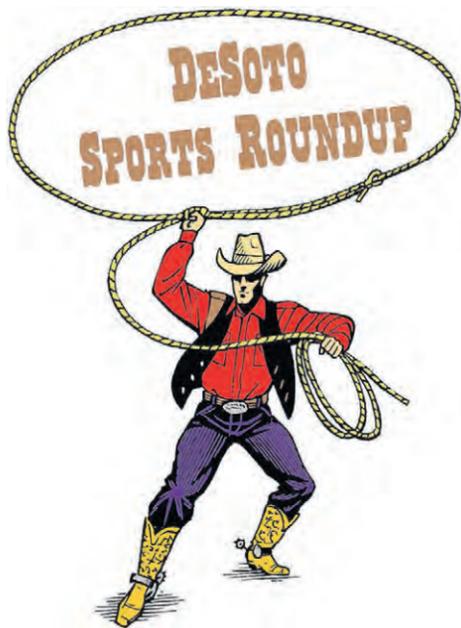
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Elena Sanchez advanced to the regionals for DeSoto County by finishing third at the meet in Port Charlotte Jan. 8. Second-year Coach Julie Chidsey has added several lifters to the team as more athletes take advantage of the benefits of weight training.

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DeSoto County senior Jackie Reeves finishes the clean-and-jerk portion of the meet. The second-year lifter finished fourth and narrowly missed advancing to regionals.



By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

It was a good week to be a DeSoto Bulldog and a bad week for the Hardee Wildcats. The two schools met nine times this past week and the Bulldogs took a bite out of the Wildcats seven times! For the week our teams went an impressive 10-5-1.

### DeSoto County High School

- The boys' varsity soccer team lost to Lemon Bay 1-0 but shut out Hardee 3-0.
- The boys' junior varsity soccer team tied 1-1 with Lemon Bay and lost 1-0 to Hardee.

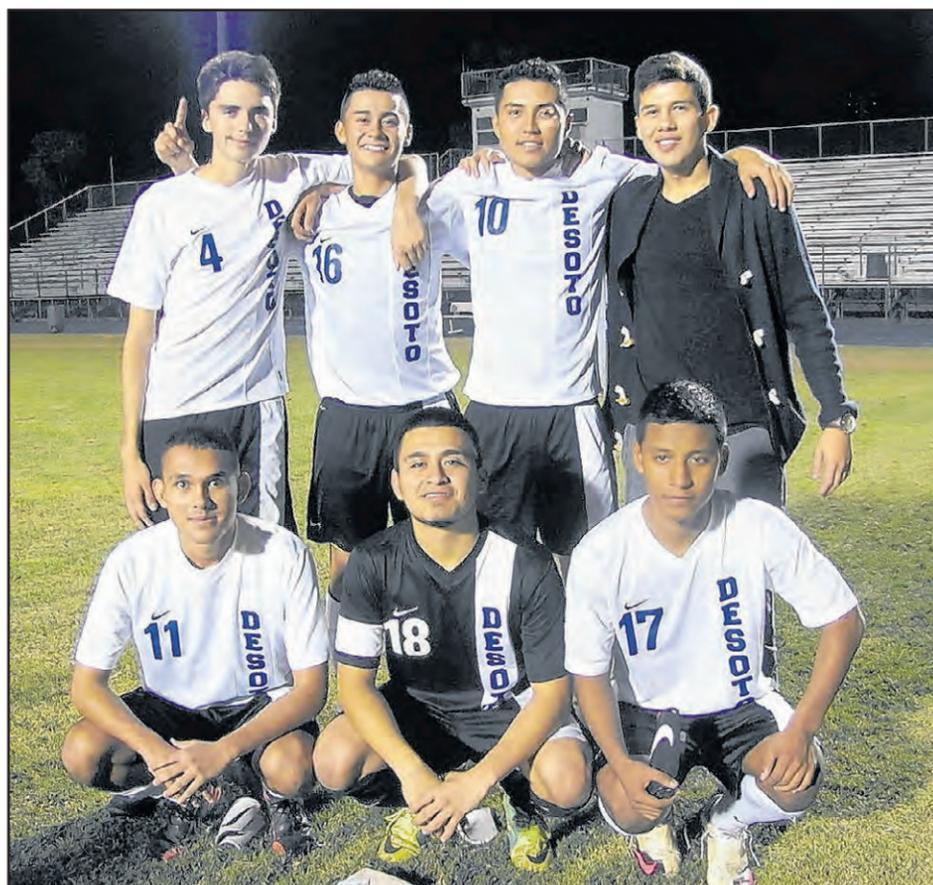
- The girls' JV soccer team lost to Hardee 1-0 and at Lemon Bay 3-0.
- The varsity girls' soccer team won both games, downing Lemon Bay 2-1 and stopping Hardee 3-1.
- The boys' JV basketball team slapped Hardee by beating them by more than 50 points, and the varsity team edged the Wildcats 61-57.
- Girls' JV basketball team only played once this week, as Palmetto and Hardee wouldn't send a team over to Arcadia. In their lone game they beat Avon Park.
- The girls' varsity team lost the first game of the week to Palmetto, but ended their five-game losing streak by beating up on Avon Park 43-28 and smashing the Hardee Wildcats 53-28.

### DeSoto County Middle School

- The boys' and girls' basketball teams only played once but they both came out on top over Hardee. The boys won 40-23 while the girls won a defensive battle 14-7.

### Upcoming games

- The boys' JV and varsity basketball teams host Lemon Bay tonight at 6 p.m., which will feature a celebration of the senior team members. The girls' JV & varsity basketball team will go to Lemon Bay, which will be the Mantas' senior night. Starting Jan. 27, the girls will be in district action at Lemon Bay, with their probable first-round opponent being Sebring.
- The boys' and girls' DeSoto Middle



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These seniors on the boys' soccer team will be playing their final games for the DeSoto County Bulldogs as they enter district action next week. Standing: Jamie Andrade (4), Etic Gutierrez (16), Alejandro (Chino) Vargas (10), Carlos Ramirez. Front row: Luis Perez (11), keeper Edgar Olvera and Osiel "Cheko" Nuevo (17).

School basketball teams will travel to Hill-Gustat for games tonight. Next Thursday they will be at home against Avon Park. They finish the road portion

of the season with a trip to Hardee on Jan. 27, and play their final game at home Jan. 30 against Lake Placid. Games begin at 5:30 p.m.

## JV boys tie Lemon Bay, fall to Hardee

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County and Lemon Bay boys soccer teams battled to a 1-1 stalemate in a frigid windy night in Arcadia Jan. 7. At the end of the game the temperature was 42 degrees and the wind chill made it seem much colder.

Jonathan Castro scored the Bulldog goal at the 13-minute mark on a slow roller that just got past the Mantas' keeper. Mantas' Coach Bruce Fourman thought there should have been an offsides call. His discussion with the referee got him nowhere and the call stood.

"He was clearly offsides," Fourman said. "I argued with the ref and he told me he wasn't in view to see it."

Castro countered by saying, "I wasn't offsides. When I had it (ball) I took a quick look and I was OK."

The Mantas rebounded from Castro's



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Alex Tamayo keeps the ball from going out of bounds for the Bulldogs in their Jan. 7 1-1 tie with Lemon Bay.

goal with one of their own from junior Jordan Rindner midway in the second half. Both teams had a chance to win

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The Bulldogs' Hugo Lugo intercepts a ball heading to a Lemon Bay player in their 1-1 game Jan. 7.

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# Start a garden journal

**D**o you plan your garden — or do you just plant what strikes your fancy when you're shopping for plants or seed? Did you grow way too much of something and not enough of other things? Improve your gardening skills by starting a garden journal.

It doesn't have to be anything fancy. To start, all you need is a spiral 100-sheet notebook. Go through and number every other page with the dates for one week: week #1—Jan. 1-7, week #2—Jan. 8-14, etc. Give yourself a vacation, skip two weeks in July; you won't be doing much in the garden then.

Write 2014 in the margin and then draw a line across the page. Now, jot down notes every time you work in your garden: "Jan 3 — watered 1-inch, Jan 5 — picked 2 qt. broccoli, 2 heads bok choy, 1 napa, fertilized late broccoli." Next year, add your notes for the same week, and you'll be able to compare your gardening experiences from year to year. Depending on how thorough you are, one notebook should last five or six years or more.

Thomas Jefferson was a prolific garden journal writer. His Garden Book and Farm Book were journals in which he made regular entries whenever he was at home in Virginia from 1766 through 1824. He recorded the varieties he planted, dates of sowing, emergence and harvest. He kept a yearly "Kalendar" noting date of first bloom, weather phenomena, bird migration and other observations on the natural world.

Include as much as you want — record daily temperatures and rainfall. Note dates when you plant, fertilize



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and harvest crops. Keep track of your expenses if you wish. If something doesn't do well, or has insect pests, note any steps you took to remedy the problem. These notes will help you be pro-active next year. Some people may find keeping a journal on the computer is handy.

The second part of your garden journal is a garden plan. Get some graph paper and sketch out the dimensions of your garden. Mark off your beds or rows. If you use containers, sketch them also. Now, make several copies of your garden plan. Label one winter 2014 and write in what crops you planted in each location. Crops should not be planted in the same spots season after season. Your garden plan will help you plan your crop rotations.

You might want to make up a monthly list of chores to be done. Keep a copy of the IFAS publication SP-103 Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide with your



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**A garden journal will help you become a better gardener. To start, all you need are a spiral 100-sheet notebook, and graph paper to draw a garden plan.**

garden journal. Learn to use this tool to time your plantings, and you'll be one step closer to gardening success.

Add a pocket to the back of your notebook to hold your garden plans, lists of seed varieties purchased, etc. Once you see how useful your garden notes become, you may want to expand to a loose-leaf binder in which you can keep all your seed catalogs and other gardening information. Seed catalogs are chock full of information and helpful cultivation tips. Visit a seed company website and sign up, or order from one company

and you'll get them all. Some of our favorite catalogs are Vermont Bean for beans and heirloom tomatoes, Stokes and Johnny's for oriental greens and Shumways for inexpensive flower seed and cover crop seed. For a novice, the number of plant varieties is both tempting and intimidating. Our advice is to stick with varieties recommended by IFAS until you've cultivated your green thumb. Then go ahead and experiment with some new or novelty varieties.

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## BULLDOGS

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senior Ladeja Dennis hit a pair of free throws to kill the Tiger run.

With two minutes left in the third period, Bulldogs leading scorer Tishonna Riley scored a bucket and was fouled as she shot. She sunk her free throw to bring the Bulldogs to within six at 36-30, which was as close as they would get in the game.

Palmetto stole a pass and scored to get back to an eight-point lead. They stretched it to 41-30 heading into the final period.

The fourth quarter opened with the Tigers stealing two straight bad passes and scoring quick, easy and uncontested baskets, eventually winning by 21.

### Uneven play

The Bulldogs were slow in their transition game, which left uncovered Palmetto players all alone under their basket for easy points several times in the game. DeSoto's ball-handling skills still need a lot of work and their "no look" passes end up in the opponents' hands as much as they do in a teammate's hands.

"I don't know why they aren't playing the game the way we teach them. They

don't believe in each other and play as individuals and we can't do that and expect to do anything in districts," Bulldog coach Joe Davis said. "We're too far along in the season for them to be inexperienced and not to know where they're supposed to be on the court. The good thing is we only have three games in two and a half weeks so we'll have plenty of time to practice."

Their season-long problem of getting other players to score rather than just the seniors Riley and Dennis is killing the team. In the first half of the game, Riley had seven of her team-high 19 points while Dennis had six of her eight points. Mariah Noble scored four to account for 17 of the DeSoto County 18 first-half points.

Freshman Jayla Cowell played her first game on the varsity against Palmetto. The Tigers don't allow their junior varsity team to travel so there was no JV game for the night. Davis thought it would be good experience for Cowell to get some time on the court with the varsity team. She will be one of the players expected to fill the holes left by Dennis and Riley on next season's team. Cowell won't be able to do it alone and needs several teammates to step up in a hurry.

DeSoto County travels to Lemon Bay tomorrow night for their final game of the regular season. JV starts at 6 p.m.



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# Angler earns bling and bragging rights

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Bass anglers in Florida have more reasons than ever to practice catch-and-release. To help encourage the angling public to document and release largemouth bass 8 pounds or larger, a program called TrophyCatch rewards participating anglers for their environmental stewardship with a range of fishing-related prizes, including the first ever championship ring.

TrophyCatch is the conservation/angler rewards component to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Black Bass Management Program.

The biggest bass legally caught, properly documented and released in Florida waters in 2013 earned one lucky Florida tourist an award fit for a true champion – a ring with some bling! The American Outdoors Fund TrophyCatch Florida Champion's Ring is made by the same company that makes rings for Super Bowl, World Series and Bass Master Classic champions. It also has the winning angler's name as well as the weight and date of the winning catch engraved on it, so there is no mistake about who has bragging rights to the biggest bass of the season.

At a presentation made at Bass Pro Shops in Orlando, the American Outdoors Fund TrophyCatch Florida Champion's Ring was awarded to Bob Williams from Alloway, N.J. While on a Florida fishing vacation in Feb. 2013, Williams booked a trip on Rodman Reservoir with bass

fishing guide Sean Rush from Trophy Bass Expeditions. It was a bitter cold morning in Florida with temperatures in the low 20s, and neither Williams nor Rush could have fathomed how the day would unfold. After casting a live shiner around a cluster of lily pads, the New Jersey angler hooked and landed the fish of a lifetime, a 13-pound, 14-ounce largemouth bass.

Rush, a seasoned Florida fishing guide, immediately put the giant fish in an aerated live well and called the TrophyCatch hotline: 855-FL-TROPHY (358-7674). The FWC immediately dispatched TrophyCatch coordinator KP Clements as well as biologists Allen Martin and Dan Dorosheff to document and celebrate the catch and release of Williams' fish.

The first year of the TrophyCatch program required FWC staff or volunteers to verify a Hall of Fame-caliber catch that was 13 pounds or heavier. The new requirements for the second year of competition are for a photo of the entire bass on a scale where the weight can be read. Williams received approximately \$1,000 in prizes for releasing his Hall of Fame catch, and he has watched the TrophyCatch website intently since February to see if the fish would hold up as the biggest of the season. Bigger fish were reported, but none were verified, meaning Bob Williams would earn his place in Florida's Bass Fishing Hall of Fame as the first ever TrophyCatch Champion.

Williams recently returned to Florida to receive his award and

go on another bass fishing trip with his favorite guide, Rush. After being awarded the American Outdoors Fund TrophyCatch Florida Champion's ring, Williams praised the program as a great way to promote environmental stewardship and ensure great bass fishing in Florida for generations to come.

Launched in Oct. 2012, TrophyCatch was created as a way to document the number of trophy-class largemouth bass caught in Florida while providing valuable data to fisheries biologists to help them determine which management practices are working best and to promote the safe handling and release of trophy-class bass. It is important to release these trophy fish so they may continue to breed and pass their DNA on to future generations. Over time, the act of releasing these trophy-class fish, along with good management practices, should result in an improvement in the overall quality of Florida's freshwater fisheries.

It's no secret that fishermen like to brag about their catches, and even though TrophyCatch is considered a conservation program first, those with a competitive spirit treat it like a year-long tournament for the ultimate bragging rights to the biggest bass caught, documented and released in Florida every year.

In the inaugural TrophyCatch season, thousands of resident and visiting anglers registered for TrophyCatch and many of them caught big bass, documented them

for the FWC and released them to thrive in the same bodies of water where they were caught. Every qualifying bass submitted earns registered anglers TrophyCatch rewards.

Visit TrophyCatchFlorida.com to register and become eligible for a random drawing for a Phoenix bass boat powered by Mercury, and to submit your trophy Florida bass for rewards, including competing for this year's TrophyCatch ring. Don't forget to like TrophyCatch on Facebook and check out the YouTube channel – TrophyCatch Florida [http://youtu.be/fm\\_6RNh-2g4](http://youtu.be/fm_6RNh-2g4) – where you can see a video of the awards presentation.

The American Outdoors Fund is committed to conservation as well as creating, enhancing and supporting programs that provide, improve or enhance opportunities for veterans, first responders, children and families to experience the fun, healthy, educational and therapeutic value outdoor recreation provides.

Through documentary, educational, instructional and experiential programs and events, the American Outdoors Fund helps guide and facilitate outdoor recreational opportunities across America and promotes and supports initiatives that inspire others to do the same.

— Keith Allen provided the material for this release. He is founder of the American Outdoors Fund, which has been a partner to TrophyCatch since before the program began in 2012. Contact him at [kapro@mac.com](mailto:kapro@mac.com).

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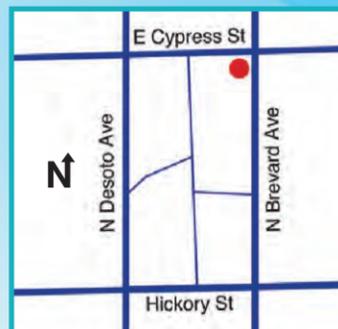


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# USDA again decreases citrus crop estimate

By **ANDREW MEADOWS**  
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture now forecasts the 2013-2014 Florida orange crop at 115 million boxes, down 5 percent from its December estimate. The USDA estimated early-mid orange varieties at 54 million, down 2 million and Valencia at 61 million, down 4 million from December. Florida Citrus Mutual blamed the decrease on fruit drop caused by citrus greening disease.

“Once again citrus greening rears its ugly head,” said Michael W. Sparks, executive VP/CEO of Florida Citrus Mutual referencing a bacterial disease spreading throughout Florida’s citrus regions. “We are in an unprecedented situation dealing with this disease and today’s crop estimate only emphasizes how important it is for research to uncover a solution.”

The USDA’s estimate of the 2013-2014 Florida grapefruit crop is now 16.5 million boxes down 200,000 boxes from

December. Specialty fruit is now at 4.4 million boxes, also down 200,000. The yield for frozen concentrate orange juice (FCOJ) remained the same at 1.61 gallons per 90-pound box.

The USDA makes its initial estimate in October of each year and revises it monthly as the crop takes shape until the end of the season in July. However, the federal government shutdown delayed the initial estimate until Friday Nov. 8.

During the 2012-2013 season, Florida produced 133.6 million boxes

of oranges. Visit [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Florida/Publications/Citrus/cfp.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Florida/Publications/Citrus/cfp.htm) for the complete USDA estimate.

The Florida citrus industry creates a \$9 billion annual economic impact, employing nearly 76,000 people, and covering about 550,000 acres. Founded in 1948, Florida Citrus Mutual is the state’s largest citrus grower organization. For more information, visit [www.flcitrusmutual.com](http://www.flcitrusmutual.com). To receive winter weather updates follow FCM on Twitter.

## Freezing Temperatures hit Florida

REPORTED FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 12

### Weather Summary

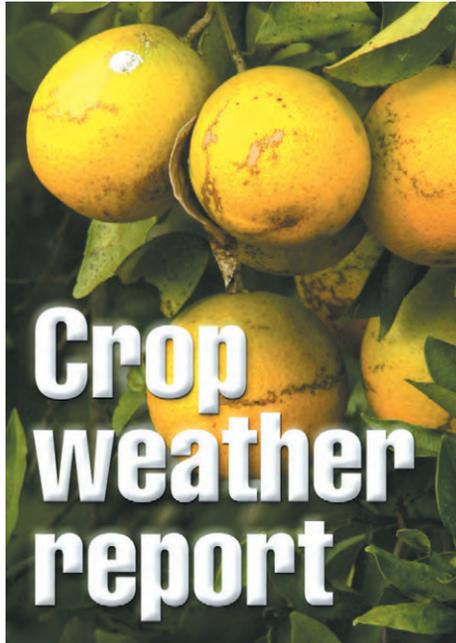
Most of the state reported below one inch of rain this week, with the exception of Indian River (Indian River County) with 3.64 inches and three FAWN locations reporting between 2.00 and 2.89 inches, according to Florida’s Automated Weather Network. Maximum temperatures ranged from the 50s to the 80s, with the highest temperature in Sebring (Highlands County) at 85 degrees. Hard freezes were felt into central Florida. The lowest temperatures in the state were 14 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) and Defuniak Springs (Walton County).

### Field Crops

Farmers in the northern part of the state were completing the harvest of soybeans. Planting of oats, wheat, rye, and winter grazing was ongoing. Jackson County reported a small amount of damage to winter oats due to frost. Rain was beneficial to earlier plantings. Sugarcane harvest proceeded as scheduled in Hendry, Palm Beach, and Glades counties.

### Fruits & Vegetables

Cabbage and potatoes were being planted in Flagler County. Farmers



in Manatee County began planting tomatoes. Cold winds associated with the cold-front-battered vegetables crops in Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Lee Counties required some replanting of okra, sweet potatoes, green beans, and strawberries. Vegetables and fruits marketed in the state included avocados, beets, cucumbers, cabbage, escarole, mustard, tomatoes, peppers, herbs, eggplant, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, snap beans, radishes, lettuce, kale and a variety of specialty items.

### Livestock and Pastures

The cattle condition across the state was primarily fair as was the pasture condition. Cattlemen were feeding hay and supplements across the state. Cold weather in the northern part of the state contributed to pasture decline. Drought was the main contributing factor for the decline in pasture condition in the southern part of the state.

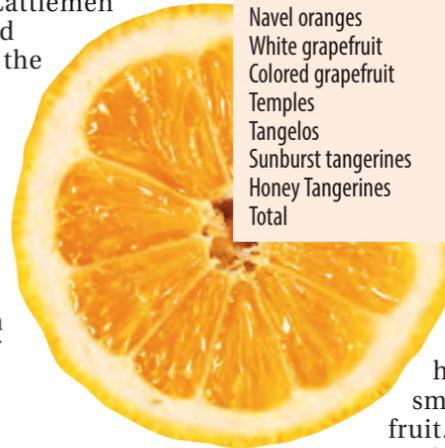
### Citrus

Rain was light in most of the citrus area this week. All stations recorded at least a trace of precipitation. Five stations recorded an inch or more of rain. Indian River (Indian River County) recorded the most precipitation with 3.64 inches. Immokalee (Collier County) recorded the least with 0.05 inches measured. High temperatures were in the upper 70s to lower 80s through most of the citrus growing area. Temperatures during the recent cold snap did not reach damaging levels in the citrus producing region. Growers and caretakers continued to irrigate due to dry conditions. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated Jan. 7, abnormally dry conditions covered most of the Indian River and southern growing areas and portions of the northern and central areas. The western growing area remained drought free.

Field workers reported small sizes on all varieties. Grove activity included harvesting, hedging and topping after harvest, resetting of new trees, pushing of dead grove and replanting new citrus, mowing, fertilizing and psyllid control.

### CITRUS ESTIMATED BOXES HARVESTED (in thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes)

	Dec. 29	Jan. 5	Jan. 12
Early/mid oranges	3,344	4,779	4,794
Valencia	0	14	11
Ambersweet	4	0	3
Navel oranges	20	20	29
White grapefruit	64	69	71
Colored grapefruit	227	333	430
Temples	0	0	3
Tangelos	11	39	57
Sunburst tangerines	39	65	45
Honey Tangerines	1	9	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>5,328</b>	<b>5,469</b>



Thirty-nine of 43 packinghouses had opened and had begun shipping small quantities of fruit. Sixteen of 19 processing plants were open so far this season.

*Crop Weather Reports are provided by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. For more information visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).*

### LIVESTOCK

Reported by the Arcadia Stockyard for the week of Jan. 8

Weight	Price per cwt.
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175-275	\$265-355 (avg. \$290.51)
275-350	\$235-260 (avg. \$244.46)
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500-575	\$165-200 (avg. \$179.74)
575-700	\$135-170 (avg. \$143.54)
<b>Steers – Light and Medium Frame</b>	
175-275	\$210-275 (avg. \$247.39)
275-350	\$205-240 (avg. \$228.17)
350-425	\$170-220 (avg. \$201.54)
425-500	\$157.50-195 (avg. \$178.30)
500-575	\$135-172.50 (avg. \$152.68)
575-700	\$110-140 (avg. \$129.75)
<b>Heifers – Medium and Large Frame</b>	
175-275	\$215-290 (avg. \$236)
275-350	\$180-300 (avg. \$193.94)
350-425	\$172.50-185 (avg. \$181.20)
425-500	\$162.50-185 (avg. \$172.53)
500-575	\$157.50-172.50 (avg. \$13.83)
575-700	\$135-192.50 (avg. \$154.75)
<b>Heifers – Light and Medium Frame</b>	
175-275	\$175-220 (avg. \$195.90)
275-350	\$165-185 (avg. \$174.46)
350-425	\$150-177.50 (avg. \$164.48)
425-500	\$140-167.50 (avg. \$155.04)
500-575	\$135-160 (avg. \$151.02)
575-700	\$110-137.50 (avg. \$120.40)

### Slaughter Classes

<b>Cows:</b>	
Boners 1100-1900	\$87-99 (avg. \$91.62)
Lean 850-1200	\$75-91 (avg. \$82.39)
Low Dressing: 800-1100	\$68-85 (avg. \$77.79)
Shells: 650-800	\$34-65 (avg. \$54.93)
<b>Bulls:</b>	
High Dressing: 1300-2000	\$98-113 (avg. \$105.20)
1000-1299	\$82-98 (avg. \$92.56)
Low Dressing: under 1100	\$60-90 (avg. \$79.25)

**Totals:** – 1,842; calves – 1,451; cows – 350; bulls – 41  
Slaughter cows and bulls were steady to \$2 higher. Feeder steers were \$8 to \$14 higher. Feeder heifers under 275 pounds were \$10 to \$14 higher; over 275 pounds were \$4 to \$8 higher.

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The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida will hold a public hearing to solicit public input and consider the approval of a Facilities Planning Document on January 28th, at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room 103, Administration Building, 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida.

#### FACILITIES PLANNING DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION

THE FACILITIES PLANNING DOCUMENT RELATES TO THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER LINES ON THE PROPOSED US-17 (SR-35) PHASE III ROAD WIDENING PROJECT IN COORDINATION WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE. THE PROPOSED PROJECT PROVIDES FOR THE EXTENSION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER LINES APPROXIMATELY 4.4 MILES ALONG US 17 FOR COUNTY ROAD-760A, NORTH TO HEARD STREET. THE COUNTY WILL PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT, EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES, PROJECTS COSTS AND IMPACTS ON USER CHARGES.

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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 Dissolution of Marriage**  
TO: Santos Degollado, Jr. Last known address: Bonita Springs  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action 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 148 N Hernando Ave, Arcadia FL 34266 on or before February 10, 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

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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 1/9/14, 1/16/14, 1/23/14 & 1/30/14 131159 2986038

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case Number: 2012 CA 698  
KEVIN A. NEHRBOSS AND JESSICA NEHRBOSS, Plaintiffs,  
v.  
ANN PELHAM, A SINGLE WOMAN, PETER J. BOUGHTON, DECEASED LEONARD BOUGHTON, JOHN BOUGHTON, JUNE HERNANDEZ, JANICE DOZIER CHARLES BOUGHTON, PETER JAMES BOUGHTON, WARREN BOUGHTON JOHN BOUGHTON, DECEASED AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: PETER JAMES BOUGHTON aka PETE BOUGHTON, aka PETER BOUGHTON aka PETER PATRICK BOUGHTON 112 Pearl Street Radcliff, KY 40106 LEONARD BOUGHTON 425 Oak Street Radcliff, KY 40106 JOHN BOUGHTON 425 Oak Street Radcliff, KY 40106 CHARLES BOUGHTON 444 Hebron Church Road Henryville, IN 47126 JOHN K. BOUGHTON 8 St Moritz Circle, Willington, CT 06279 and all parties claiming interests by, through, under or against the heirs of PETER J. BOUGHTON, Deceased, JOHN BOUGHTON, believed Deceased, or PETER JAMES BOUGHTON aka PETE BOUGHTON, aka PETER BOUGHTON aka PETER PATRICK BOUGHTON, or LEONARD BOUGHTON, or CHARLES BOUGHTON, or JOHN K. BOUGHTON and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described. YOU ARE HEREBY

NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in DeSoto County, Florida: Lot 33, PINE CREEK ACRES, an unrecorded plat also being described as: The West 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 37 South, Range 24 East, Desoto County, Florida. Subject to a 30 foot easement along North side and 33 foot easement along West side for road, drainage and utilities. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses if any to it on David C. Agee, attorney for Plaintiffs, whose address is Reid & Agee, PLLC, 3633 26th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34205 and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before, 30 days from the first date of publication of this notice, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in the complaint or petition. 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 COURT HOUSE, 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 said court at DeSoto, Florida, on this 16th day of December, 2013. Clerk Name: /s/ B. Wynn As Deputy Clerk, Circuit Court DeSoto County, Florida

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
3120**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
File Number 2013-CP000103AXMA  
Division  
IN RE: ESTATE OF Wayne M. Thompson Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of WAYNE M. THOMPSON, Deceased, whose date of death was March 9, 2013, File Number 2013-CP 000103 AXMA is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Room 104 (Probate Division), Arcadia, FL 34266. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE

MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 16, 2014.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Jonathan C. Gordon Florida Bar No. 0114972 Attorney at Law Building C, Suite 208 2831 Ringling Boulevard Sarasota, FL 34237 Telephone: (941) 953-5911 Email: [GordonLaw@att.net](mailto:GordonLaw@att.net) Personal Representative: Laura Barrett 2132 McIntosh Road Sarasota, FL 34232 Published 1/16/14 & 1/23/14 367093 2989731

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In the Circuit Court for Desoto County, Florida PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 13-0098-CP  
IN RE: Estate of John Ellsworth Wilcoxen, Jr. a/k/a John E. Wilcoxen, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the Estate of JOHN ELLSWORTH WILCOXEN, JR. a/k/a JOHN E. WILCOXEN, deceased, whose date of death was November 22, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Desoto County, Florida, Probate Division; the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court within the later of THREE MONTHS after the time of the first publication of this notice or thirty (30) days after the date of service of a copy of this notice on them. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court within THREE MONTHS after the date of the first publication of this notice. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS 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 YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is January 16, 2014. Attorney for Personal Representative: John Charles Heekin, Esq. 21202-C2 Olean Boulevard Port Charlotte, FL 33952 941-627-0333 Fla Bar No 274267 Personal Representative: Deborah D. Sapp 4275 Rota Circle Fort Worth, TX 76133 Published 1/16/14 & 1/23/14 130862 2989193

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 142011CA000318 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL L. TIERNEY A/K/A MICHAEL TIERNEY A/K/A MICHEAL TIERNEY; MARIA L. TIERNEY A/K/A MARIA TIERNEY A/K/A MARIA DE LOURDES TIERNEY A/K/A MARIA LOURDES TIERNEY; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; FIRST STATE BANK OF ARCADIA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL L. TIERNEY A/K/A MICHAEL TIERNEY A/K/A MICHEAL TIERNEY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 27th day of December, 2013, and entered in Case No. 142011CA000318, of the Circuit Court of the 12TH Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL L. TIERNEY A/K/A MICHAEL TIERNEY A/K/A MICHEAL TIERNEY, MARIA L. TIERNEY A/K/A MARIA TIERNEY A/K/A MARIA DE LOURDES TIERNEY A/K/A MARIA LOURDES TIERNEY, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, FIRST STATE BANK OF ARCADIA and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) REFUSED TO PROVIDE NAME IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, SOUTH DOOR OF THE DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, 11:00 AM on the 28th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 4, BLOCK "M", AMBLER'S REPLAT OF VILLA RICA PARK, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OR MAP THEREOF DESCRIBED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE(S) 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.** Dated this 3rd day of January, 2014.

By: Carri L. Pereyra Bar No. 17441 Submitted by: Choice Legal Group, P.A. 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309 Telephone: (954) 453-0365 Facsimile: (954) 771-6052 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438 DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516 eservice@clelegalgroup.com Published 1/9/14 & 1/16/14 107507 2985976

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

CASE NO.: 14-2012-CA-000098 DIVISION: 1 JAMES B NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, ROY G. THOMAS, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 16, 2013 and entered in Case No. 14-2012-CA-000098 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida wherein JAMES B NUTTER & COMPANY is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, ROY G. THOMAS, DECEASED;

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122**

ROBERT R. JONES AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ROY G. THOMAS, DECEASED; NEDRA JONES AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ROY G. THOMAS, DECEASED; SAMUEL LORENZO TAYLOR AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ROY G. THOMAS, DECEASED; ULYSSES JEROME HARPER A/K/A ULYSSES J. HARPER AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ROY G. THOMAS, DECEASED; DEBORAH HARPER KELLY A/K/A DEBORAH ELAINE KELLY AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ROY G. THOMAS, DECEASED; JOYCE PATRICIA HARPER A/K/A JOYCE P. HARPER AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ROY G. THOMAS, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 at 11:00AM, on the 23rd day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**COMMENCE AT IRON STAKE IN ROAD AT CENTER OF NORTH LINE OF BLOCK 11, RAILROAD SURVEY OF NOCATEE, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 385 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WESTERLY 165 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY 65 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY 165 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY 65 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING IN AND A PART OF SAID BLOCK 11. A/K/A 2676 SW TERRELL STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266-0111 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 7, 2014.**

Mitzie McGavic Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ B. Wynn Deputy Clerk \* \* See Americans with Disabilities Act If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Ms. Ann Olson P. O. Box 48927 Sarasota, FL 34230 Phone: 941-861-4813 Fax: 941-861-7810 Published 1/9/14 & 1/16/14 234766 2986812

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 2012CA000523 SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. GRACIELA CENDEJAS A/K/A GARACIELA CENDEJAS; JORGE L CENDEJAS; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 17th day of December, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012CA000523, of the Circuit Court of the 12TH Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is the Plaintiff and GRACIELA CENDEJAS A/K/A GARACIELA CENDEJAS, JORGE L CENDEJAS and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, SOUTH DOOR OF THE DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, 11:00 AM on the 28th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **ALL OF LOT 14 AND SOUTH**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122**

**38 FEET OF LOT 12 BLOCK Q MILLS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ARCADIA ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 8 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2014. By: /s/ Carri L. Pereyra Bar # 17441 Submitted by: Choice Legal Group, P.A. 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309 Telephone: (954) 453-0365 Facsimile: (954) 771-6052 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438 DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516 eservice@clelegalgroup.com Published 1/9/14 & 1/16/14 107507 2986005

**NOTICE OF SALE 3130**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 14-2012-CA-000355 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, v.

KEVIN R. WOOD A/K/A KEVIN WOOD; KELLEY O. RIPA; CHARITY WOOD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KELLEY O. RIPA; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; DESOTO COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 11, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of De Soto County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in De Soto County, Florida, described as:

LOT 27 OF MOCKINGBIRD MANOR, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 41, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 2005 WAYCROSS HOMES MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND AN APPURTENANCE THERETO. VIN NUMBER WHCO14295GAA, TITLE NUMBER 97697387 AND VIN NUMBER WHCO14295GAB, TITLE NUMBER 97697418, BOTH TITLES OF WHICH HAVE BEEN RETIRED. a/k/a 1529 SW BRANNAN DRIVE, ARCADIA, FL 34266-3866 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the South door of the Desoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, on January 23, 2014 beginning at 11:00 AM. 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. Dated this 19th day of December, 2014. Mitzie W. McGavic Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ B. Wynn Deputy Clerk DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A. 12425 28TH STREET NORTH, SUITE 200 ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716 EFILEING@DCZAHM.COM Fax No. (727) 539-1094 IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMODATION 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,

**NOTICE OF SALE 3130**

FLORIDA 34266, (863) 993-4876, AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711. Published 1/9/14 & 1/16/14 146641 2986139

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION VFC PARTNERS 3 LLC, Plaintiff, v. Case No. 13-CA-231 FEDCO INVESTMENT CORPORATION, UNKNOWN TENANT 1, a fictitious name intending to name as a party Defendant any person(s) or entity(ies) who may claim a right, title or interest in the subject property by virtue of occupancy thereof, or other rights claimed as a tenant, et al., Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment entered September 25, 2013, in Case Number 13 CA 231 and the Order on Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated December 18, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, the clerk shall offer for sale the property, situate in Desoto County, Florida, described as: Begin at the N 1/4 Corner of Section 1, Township 38 South, Range 24 East, Desoto County, Florida; thence S 89°55'22" E along the North line of said Section 1, 232.06 feet; thence S 0°55'22" E; 25.00 feet to South right-of way of Hargrave Street; thence S 89°55'22" E along South right-of way of Hargrave Street, 252.00 feet for Point of Beginning; thence continue same line 345.93 feet along said right-of-way; thence S 21°08'38" W, 171.46 feet; thence N 89°55'22" W, 291.63 feet; thence N 02°42'03" E, 160.17 feet to Point of Beginning. Together with all right, title and interest in and to all erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, and appurtenances; all water, watercourses and ditch rights (including stock in utilities with ditch and irrigation rights); and all other rights, royalties, and profits relating to the real property, including without limitation all minerals, oil, gas, geothermal and similar matters. 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 11th day of February, 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: January 7, 2014. SHUMAKER, LOOP & KENDRICK, LLP 240 South Pineapple Avenue Post Office Box 49948 Sarasota, Florida 34230-6948 (941) 366-6660 (941) 366-3999 facsimile Primary E-mail: mserrano@slk-law.com Secondary E-mail: lowe@slk-law.com Attorneys for Plaintiff, VFC PARTNERS 3 LLC By: /s/ Meghan O. Serrano Florida Bar No: 53124 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 1/9/14 & 1/16/14 274145 2986149

**TAX DEEDS 3132**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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**Names in which assessed:** RONALD E & RITA Y CARTER 117 S MANATEE AVE ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on FEBRUARY 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013. MITZIE W. McGAVIC CLERK OF COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: 1/2/14, 1/9/14, 1/16/14 & 1/23/14 112132 2983845

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**Names in which assessed:** HECTOR TELLO 1168 SE SEVENTH AVE ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on FEBRUARY 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013. MITZIE W. McGAVIC CLERK OF COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: 12/26/13, 1/2/14, 1/9/14 & 1/16/14 112132 2980975

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**Names in which assessed:** MHM 39 INC. PO BOX 52033 SARASOTA, FL 34232

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on FEBRUARY 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013. MITZIE W. McGAVIC CLERK OF COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: 12/26/13, 1/2/14, 1/9/14 & 1/16/14 112132 2980975

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**Names in which assessed:** MHM 39 INC. PO BOX 52033 SARASOTA, FL 34232 All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on FEBRUARY 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.

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**Names in which assessed:**

HORN VI, LLC 18305 BISCAYNE BLVD STE 400 AVENTURA, FL 33160 All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on FEBRUARY 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013. MITZIE W. McGAVIC CLERK OF COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: 1/2/14, 1/9/14, 1/16/14 & 1/23/14 112132 2983843

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**Names in which assessed:** TARPON IV, LLC C/O GULF GROUP HOLDINGS INC AVENTURA, FL 33160 All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on FEBRUARY 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013. MITZIE W. McGAVIC CLERK OF COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: 1/2/14, 1/9/14, 1/16/14 & 1/23/14 112132 2983840

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**Names in which assessed:** MHM 39 INC. PO BOX 52033 SARASOTA, FL 34232 All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on FEBRUARY 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.

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**Names in which assessed:** MHM 39 INC. PO BOX 52033 SARASOTA, FL 34232

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Certificate Number: 99  
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011  
Tax Deed File #: 13-57-TD  
Description of Property:  
LOT 30, PEACE RIVER ACRES, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 68.

**Names in which assessed:**  
THERESA ANN EVANS  
3811 N AIRPORT RD STE 203  
NAPLES, FL 34105

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on FEBRUARY 19, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2014.  
MITZIE W. McGAVIC  
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DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
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Deputy Clerk  
Publication Dates: 1/16/14,  
1/23/14, 1/30/14 & 2/6/14  
112132 2989229

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR TAX DEED**

Notice is hereby given that **US BANK CUSTODIAN FOR TRCSPE, LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate Number: 387  
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011  
Tax Deed File #: 13-58-TD  
Description of Property:  
THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 15, EMMA C. JOHNSON'S WEST END ADDITION TO ARCADIA, FLORIDA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 4 AND PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 3.

**Names in which assessed:**  
ADAV H CRAWFORD  
509 W EFFIE ST  
ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on FEBRUARY 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 27TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR TAX DEED**

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Certificate Number: 252  
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011  
Tax Deed File #: 13-59-TD  
Description of Property:  
THAT PART OF LOT 11, OGDEN ACRES, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 28'55" W ALONG EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 410 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 135.00 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 29'30" W AND PARALLEL TO NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 200.00 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 28'55" E AND PARALLEL TO EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 135.00 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 29'30" E AND PARALLEL TO NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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DA; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 28'55" W ALONG EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 545 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 130.00 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 29'30" W AND PARALLEL TO NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 200.00 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 28'55" E AND PARALLEL TO EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 130.00 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 29'30" E AND PARALLEL TO NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH MOBILE HOME.

**Names in which assessed:**  
AMADO S CRUZ  
26 FRANCISCO DR  
MAGGIE VLLY, NC 28751

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on FEBRUARY 19, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2014.  
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DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
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Deputy Clerk  
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1/23/14, 1/30/14 & 2/6/14  
112132 2989220

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FOR TAX DEED**

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Certificate Number: 1092  
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011  
Tax Deed File #: 13-60-TD  
Description of Property:  
LOTS 4 AND 17, BLOCK 30, FLO-RACADIA 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 2.

**Names in which assessed:**  
MANUEL DELGADO & MARIA ANTONIA BECERRA  
PO BOX 409  
ARCADIA, FL 34265

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on FEBRUARY 19, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2014.  
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DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
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Certificate Number: 251  
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011  
Tax Deed File #: 13-61-TD  
Description of Property:  
THAT PART OF LOT 11, OGDEN ACRES, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 28'55" W ALONG EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 410 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 135.00 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 29'30" W AND PARALLEL TO NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 200.00 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 28'55" E AND PARALLEL TO EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 135.00 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 29'30" E AND PARALLEL TO NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

**Names in which assessed:**  
AMADO S CRUZ

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MAGGIE VLLY, NC 28751  
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**COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS**

**Participants needed for Pioneer Day**

Do you know someone who can cane a chair, weave a palm frond hat, or make a whip? The DeSoto County Historical Society seeks people who can demonstrate traditional skills or old-fashioned crafts for the 10th Annual Pioneer Day and BBQ Rib Cook-off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 15, at DeSoto Veterans Park on State Road 70, just west of Arcadia. The society also invites businesses, churches, families, organizations, schools, and others to showcase their history. Space is free for those who provide information

only. Call Bebe Bradbury at 863-494-6607 or email bebebradbury@gmail.com for more information.

**Free workshop for parents**

The Drug Free Desoto Coalition and MADD present Power of Parents, a free workshop for any adult who has youth or young adults in their life. Everyone who participates will receive a free Power of Parents handbook. The workshop is for any parent, teacher, community leader or interested individual who wants to protect our youth from the dangers of teen drinking. Power of Parents is a research-based program

proven to reduce teen drinking by empowering adults to lead meaningful conversations with youth about the dangers of alcohol and drunk driving. The event takes from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. place Jan. 30 at the Family Services Center Annex, 310 West Whidden St. A "Teen Panel" will talk about alcohol in a DeSoto teen's world, peer pressure and parents' roles in preventing teen drinking.

Did you know teens in rural areas are more likely to binge drink? Did you know 40 percent of DeSoto County Middle School students have tried alcohol?

For more information email Monica.Johnson@madd.org.

**ANSWERS**

**FROM PAGE 1**

change it to 2015-16. The move would then push back the deadline to begin construction to 2017-18. He also requested the fire station be removed from the jail facility financing. "We can get a loan on our own for this and we want to look at the idea of a rebuild," he said.

Purchasing Director Cindy Talamantez said she talked to an architect who had previously worked with the county on the costs of providing the board with an architectural plan for Fire Station 1. The plan, which will cost \$4,900, would tell the board whether the station can be rehabbed, and if the cost would be cheaper than building a new facility.

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield felt the plan was necessary. "The only way to find out what it will cost is to get this study done," he said.

Commissioner Bob Miller questioned where the money for the plan would come from. "I'm assuming this would be from Public Safety?" he asked. Administrative Services Director Linda Nipper said, "If you decide to spend this money, it would need to come from reserves. The Public Safety budget is skin and bones."

After further discussion, Miller then conceded the money needed to be spent. "We just spent \$5,000 to strip the building so we could see if can be rehabbed, so if we need to spend this money to get a definite answer, then that's what we need to do."

The board then voted unanimously to approve the expenditure.

**Herbicide program results**

Engineer Mike Giardullo presented the results of a herbicide application pilot program to help with maintenance of the county's ditches. He said the program included five ditches, and the cost to maintain them with only herbicide and mowing treatment was \$12,500, allowing approximately \$4,000 to be used on other Road and Bridge Department projects.

Giardullo said a yearly cost estimate of using herbicide for 25 miles of county ditches would cost \$287,000 for the initial treatment, and then \$155,000 yearly thereafter. As a result, he said approximately \$75,000 would be available for use on other projects.

"We have got to do something; we've got to quit digging these ditches to China," Mansfield said. He then asked

Giardullo to look into the progress the county has made to obtain a ditch cleaning bucket.

Quave wondered if the department could break out the costs over a three-to five-year period, which would allow for a more cost-effective approach. "If you break down that \$287,000 into several years, it becomes much more palatable," he said.

Both Selph and Commissioner Elton Langford said they supported using herbicides, and would like to see Giardullo come back with a detailed plan in the near future. "A lot of the problems we're having with the ditches in this county could be solved by using herbicides," Selph said. "It's time to enter the 21st century."

**No word from city on agreement**

County Attorney Donald Conn said, despite phone calls to both Arcadia City Attorney T.J. Wohl and Interim City Administrator Tom Slaughter, the city has made no efforts to set up a meeting to discuss an interconnect agreement. The city council had previously asked its staff to meet with county officials to set specific borders for possible city expansion, but Conn said to date no progress has been made.

"It's frustrating because this will benefit both the county and city, and the point of this is to help all of our customers," he said. The board then asked Miller to visit each council member and staff to encourage the city to approve the agreement.

"If they don't want to be a part of it, we will move on without them, but it really is a win-win situation for both," Langford said.

The board also unanimously approved a request from Public Safety Chief Larry Taylor to write off \$560,000 in uncollectable ambulance accounts from Medicare/Medicaid. It also voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of Chameleon software for the Animal Services Department, along with a license agreement from HLP Inc. The software will help streamline the department's tracking of complaints, animal intakes, and other administrative tasks which will help ease the workload of the department's staff. The board also set a Jan. 28 date for a public forum on the county's efforts to revise its current land development regulations. Conn stressed the importance of having the public's input during the revision process, and anyone with an interest in the matter is encouraged to attend the forum.

# Opera House Artist: Lois Porter

BY BECKY VAN PELT

Lois Porter is the featured Opera House Artist this month. Porter has been painting since the early 1950s, and loom weaving since 1989. Her formal training began in high school with a marvelous art teacher (who went on to teach at the University of California.) From there Porter earned a BFA from Washington State University, a



PORTER

Masters of Education in Fine Art from Seattle Pacific University, and attended Seattle Art Institute (Burnley School of Art) for two years. Studies followed with Sergei Bongart of Russia and California, and with William Cummings and Mark Tobey, two of a well known Pacific Northwest group of artists. Porter inherited her mother's loom

in 1989 and discovered a new art form to add to her many talents. She has won many awards since the 1960s, in the US and the Caribbean, including Best of Show. You can see several of Porter's works at the Opera House Gallery in Arcadia. She is also showing her paintings, woven works in both fiber and paper, and enameling on metal at both Sea Grape Gallery and at Florida Craftsman Guild Gallery in St. Petersburg.



"Woven Memories" cleverly interweaves two images together to create a new picture.



"Winter Barn" by Lois Porter captures a quiet moment by a snow-covered cabin.



"Serene Woods" evokes a forest scene in muted tones.

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

## First Lady Ann Scott visits Arcadia on literacy tour



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY THOMAS SIMMONS

Ann Scott, wife of Florida's Governor Rick Scott, poses (in back row, center) along with School Superintendent Karyn Gary, back row, right, and students of a DeSoto Middle School class. Scott is visiting eight schools this week to promote an interest in reading, and the campaign kicks off a statewide reading marathon to improve literacy.

Ann Scott, the wife of Governor Rick Scott, reads to DeSoto Middle School students on Tuesday as part of a statewide tour to promote Florida Literacy Week. DeSoto Middle School was one of eight schools in the state visited by Scott.



Ann Scott, left, wife of Florida's governor Rick Scott, poses with DeSoto School Superintendent Karyn Gary while Scott visited DeSoto Middle School as part of a statewide tour to promote literacy.

## ARRESTS

FROM PAGE 8

- Stephen Anthony Carter, 32, 5600 block of N.E. River Road, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$200.
- Carlotta Denise Harrison, 42, Plant City. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.
- David Allen Hodges, 22, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- James Allen Jenkins, 20, 2400 block of S.E. County Road 760A, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.

- Sherry Ann Johnson, 43, 1600 block of 4th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Tiquin Jeremy Kelly, 23, 1000 block of S.W. Golden Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession or use of drug equipment, second offense of driving while license is suspended, failing to obey officer's order to stop and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$6,490.
- Garrett Steven Langowski, 36, Venice, Fla. Charge: Violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Richard Dwayne Merritt, 44, 200 block of N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,500.
- Paul Alejo, 38, 4500 block of Rye Ave., Arcadia.

- Charge: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. Bond: \$2,500.
- Rogerio Maldonado Jr., 39, 2700 block of N.W. Rimes Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$1,500.
- Felipe Manriquez, 20, 300 block of Fortuna Ave., Arcadia. Charges: burglary with assault or battery and unnatural and lascivious sexual act. Bond: \$6,000.
- Luis Pastor Roman, 36, 6200 block of S.W. Pablo Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended, third or subsequent offense. Bond: \$1,500.
- Tyrone Andre Sessions, 29, 2900 block of S.W. Sunflower St., Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$240.

- Christian Ross Wood, 26, Fruitville Estates, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.
  - Sharonn Jahvar Albury, 28, Orlando. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
  - Michael Robert McMillan, 39, 1900 block of S.E. West Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:**
- Lateapha Zaire McBurney, 22, 1100 block of S.W. Golden Drive, Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$500.
  - William Donald Ford, 45, 1400 block of S.W. Martin L. King St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

# JV

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late in the game. Alex Tamayo had a shot that looked like it was going to reach the back of the net with less than five minutes left, but the Lemon Bay keeper made a diving stop on the ball. The Mantas nearly scored with under a minute left but the shot just

missed its mark and was wide right. Bulldogs' Coach John Bois, in his second year teaching biology at DeSoto County High School after 18 years in Maryland, is impressed with the players on his team. "I've got so much talent on this team. When it's clicking it is really quite good," he said. "I think we could have won tonight. The cold weather affected everybody, they had to play in it, too, so it wasn't just one sided."

One of his talented players is Dwayne Daley. "He's got good footwork, he's excellent. He's quick and when you try to tackle him, you can't catch him," Bois said. After the game, Daley went into the gym to watch his sister Shaderra play basketball against Palmetto. Daley talked about the cold game conditions. "It cut down on my skills a little. The wind made my eyes water and I missed the ball by just a little bit. It was only

one game though, at least I hope we don't play in weather like that again."

## Dawgs lose tough one to Hardee

The Bulldogs hosted the Hardee Wildcats on Jan. 9 and lost 1-0 on a fluke goal that took a bad hop and got past the keeper. The week's action left the Bulldogs with a 3-2-2 record for the season.

# REGIONALS

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freaking out. My teammates congratulated me, I still don't believe it." This was her first year lifting, as she didn't get her physical turned in on time last year so she didn't lift until this season. "I did a lot better in my clean and jerk," she said. "That's my strongest point right now."

Chidsey was surprised too. "When I heard she made it I tried not to get excited, but then I saw the number three next to her name and I knew it was real."

Chidsey is in just her second year of coaching the lady lifters. Under her leadership the team has grown from just 4-5 lifters to over 20 now. "We only had two returning lifters from last year. Our girls from where they started to where they finished today, they did a fabulous job," she said. "They're getting more competitive than they ever were before."

## Lifting benefits athletes

Weight training is so valuable for everybody. It helps in all sports as strength and endurance are essential for athletic success. Several volleyball players have joined the team after their successful postseason run.

Cassie Rodgers and Jillian Deriso said they have gone up in their lifts by

20-25 pounds. Deriso, along with her sister and volleyball teammate Josie, are both getting stronger as members of the weightlifting team. Deriso said, "I've gone up 25 total pounds since the last meet."

Jackie Reeves is another athlete that has been bitten by the weightlifting bug. She is in her second year as a lifter.

"I started working out after last season. I've been in martial arts and we work out there and I like working out," she said. "Weightlifting connected with me more than any other sport did. It's an individual sport and I like that part of it. I feel so powerful after lifting and it gives me a lot of confidence."

Reeves works out with her boyfriend

(Austin Allen, 2013 DHS graduate) at 5 a.m. with Coach Bumper Hay at the high school. Her workouts have increased her total weight by around 90 pounds. Hay said, "She's dedicated. She's right in here with the guys working to get better." Reeves narrowly missed advancing by finishing fourth at the Port Charlotte meet.



The DeSoto County High School girls' weightlifting team competed at Port Charlotte Jan. 8 in the regional sub-qualifier event. They are coached by Julie Chidsey along with assistants Miguel Rangel, Mike McEwen, Machale Harville and Austin Tompkins.

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Standing, from left: Jaime O'Neal, Cricket Parker, Richard Penn, Hannah Galliher, Arrianna Brown, Jasmin O'Neal. Kneeling: Lance Sipe, Lee Jones, Phillip McBurney. Sitting: Bella Nault, Camila Trejo, Breann Keene.

Standing, from left: JW Lynch, Faith Anderson, Chuy Caja, Chuy Esparza, Seth Collins, Max Magielinicki, Devon Raborn, and Jacob Lambert. Kneeling: Gavin Lynch, Dorion Ward, Anthony Alejo, Drew Downs, Dylan Raborn. Sitting: Daniel Maldonado, MacKenzie Downs, Talen Rector.

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# NEW

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many others as well.

### Promotions:

- Black Belt – Warren Marino, III
- Black Belt Candidates – Brandon Taylor, Glen Mayfield, Jr., Rabin Saucedo, Alexis Jones Jr. Black Belt Candidates

- Noah Maldonado, Sebastian Martinez, Brittany Valdiviez
- Green Belt, 4 Stripes – JW Lynch, Michaela Zolkos, Tyler Woods, Jacob Lambert, Lisa Lambert
- Green Belt, 3 Stripes – Drew Downs, Wyatt Giddens, Sam Chancey, Curtis Corwin, Jacob Diaz
- Green Belt, 2 Stripes – Gavin Lynch, Talen Rector, Anthony Alejo, Alex

- Morales, Macey Philips
- Orange Belt, 3 Stripes – Maria Tavera, Alex Tavera, Braden Flaherty, Jayden Rogers
- Orange Belt, 2 Stripes – Alejandro Zamora, Jordan Sams, Brian Ochoa, Chayce Bass, Madix Bolstein, Giovanni Barajas
- Orange belt, 1 Stripe – Jose Contreras, Nick Murphy, Braylon Akins

- Yellow Belt, 2 Stripes – Draven Lindsey, Darien Lindsey, Abigail Zolkos, Austin Eggers, Brandon Garcia, Malachi Cromwell, Immanuel McKnight, Virginia McKnight, Natureriss McKnight, Savannah Rachel, MacKenzie Downs, Dylan Raborn, Dorion Ward, Devon Raborn
- Yellow Belt – Isabelle

- Zolkos, Cricket Parker, Jaime O'Neil, Jasmin O'Neil, Hannah Galliher
- White Belt, 4 Stripes – Breann Keene
- White Belt, 3 Stripes – Circlin Marlin
- White Belt, 2 Stripes – Erin Jones, Caidyn Gill, Alexa Ramos, Axel Ramos, Daniel Maldonado, Ejayious White, Eric Hernandez, Jaden Grant
- White Belt, 1 Stripe – Angel

# DeSoto Arts Council holds annual art show in January

The artists whose work is on display at the annual members' art show gather for a group photo at the Martin Art Gallery. The artwork will be on exhibit through the month of January during regular business hours; call 863-990-2322 to arrange to see the exhibit.



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The first- and second-place winners, Guy LaBree, left, and Larry Creel, discuss their work: LaBree's oil painting of a panther in moonlight and Creel's metal sculpture of a red dragon.



Genie Martin brings another plate of her popular homemade cookies during the reception for the annual DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council members' art show.

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