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County OKs demolitions along U.S. 17

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed to use redevelopment funding to demolish some dilapidated structures along the U.S. 17 South corridor.

County Coordinator Mandy Hines, speaking on behalf of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, said the money would be used as part of the standard code enforcement process, which will give owners time to make improvements and correct

the code violations. The county has identified four structures that would meet the criteria for demolition. Two are abandoned, while the others are occupied. Hines added EDAC agreed removing the structures would be the best use of the funding to make immediate improvements to the county.

"We felt the demolition of these buildings are the 'low hanging fruit' as far as having an impact on the county," she said. "We're asking to use these funds now to allow us the proper time to develop more long-term plans. The whole intent of this fund is for the

physical redevelopment of the county, and removing these structures is a part of that."

Commissioner Bob Miller said he was disappointed the committee didn't have a more creative plan for utilizing the funding. "I frankly want to see EDAC to come up with something more challenging," he said. "This doesn't help economic development, and I don't want this money spent only on brick and mortar projects. That's not what it was intended for. I guess I need a little more clarification, as I was hoping this funding would be used on

a more broader scope."

Hines assured Miller the funding would not be solely used on structure improvements, but said improving the U.S. 17 South corridor is a definite need for the county. "EDAC's discussions have focused on this corridor, and in the committee's opinion improving that area is a top priority," she said.

Commissioner Gabriel Quave also had concerns on how the funding would be spent. "I'm all for doing something grand, but \$150,000 won't

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Exhibit, festival showcase the arts

STAFF REPORT

The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council held its second Art of the River and Rio de la Paz Festival last weekend at the DeSoto campus of South Florida State College. New track lighting provided by SFSC helped feature more than 125 works of art entered in the contest.

On Friday, an invitation-only reception was held for artists and sponsors to mingle, and for people to buy art. Saturday's festival opened the show to the public, and included several artisans' booths, environmental displays from groups such as Peace River Audubon Society, food vendors, and nurseries offering some native Florida plants. The festival originated in 2013, the 500th anniversary of the Spanish arrival in Florida, celebrated in the state as Viva Florida, and the name reflects the state's heritage as well as the importance of the Peace River to the region.

Judges were Mollie Doctorow, curator of SFSC's Museum of Florida Art and Culture, who judged the two- and three-dimensional categories; and noted Florida photographer, who judged the photo category.

DAHC aims to promote the arts in DeSoto through contests, exhibits, classes and opportunities for artists and writers to share their work. For more information, visit <http://desotoartscouncil.org>.



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Gordon "Mac" Martin, left, photographer Rhett Butler, and County Commissioner Bob Miller pose in front of Butler's photo of the Peace River Bridge in DeSoto. Martin and Miller worked with the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council to donate Butler's photo to the county, and it will soon be on display in the County Administration Building. • Turn to page 12 for more photos.

ART WINNERS

Two-Dimensional:

First: Guy LaBree, "Old Timers"

Second: Katie Dobson Cundiff, "Parrish Morning"

Third: Joanna Karpey, "Osprey Flats"

Honorable Mentions:

Bruce Brayton, Victor Amemiya

Awards of Merit: Lisa Mayle,

Mary Brannon, Joanne DeBoer, Anne Tuttle and Joan Cranor

Three Dimensional:

First: Lawrence Paquin, "Standing Ibis"

Second: Jennie Novak, "Puzzled Pottery Grape Vase"

Third: Susan E. Hoffman,

"Seminole Rainbow Necklace"

Honorable Mention: Patricia

Anderson Turner

Photography:

First: Rhett Butler, "The Creek"

Second: Jerry Waters: Great Blue Heron in Flight

Third: Sally Rockefeller, "FLA Post #4143 VFW Riders"

Honorable Mention:

Susan E. Hoffman

Award of Merit: Jerry Waters



Linda Butler of Skunks as Pets gets a lot of attention with her furry, descended friend.

Seminole's Brighton Field Day features Duck Dynasty, Gator Boys stars

By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

ARCADIAN EDITOR

The Seminole Tribe of Florida continues its longstanding tradition in rodeo, celebrating the 76th Annual Brighton Field Day this weekend.

But this year, the Seminoles have added another special attraction sure to draw crowds to the multi-day rodeo festival: Uncle Si Robertson, Martin and Godwin of A&E's Duck Dynasty fame will be there on Saturday and Sunday.

And as if that weren't enough, on Friday and Saturday, Jimmy Riffle of Animal Planet's Gator Boys will be there for an alligator show.

In between these celebrity appearances, the Seminole Tribe will showcase its culture and traditions, including authentic foods, crafts, storytelling and dancing.

And there are several days of Eastern Indian Rodeo Association and Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo action, wrapping up with Xtreme Bulls on Sunday.

"The Brighton Field Day was begun 76 years ago by two teachers on the Seminole Reservation who wanted to create a 'Day of Fun' involving competitive games and recreational events," said Amos Tiger, one of the key organizers of this year's event. "Seminole communities came from all over to take part at the Brighton

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Cats and canine Valentines



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Big Boy is a 10-month-old male black lab who was found as a stray. Big Boy is good on a leash and knows a few basic commands such as sit, lie down and stay. If you are looking for a canine Valentine with brains and classic good looks, this is your boy. Visit DeSoto County Animal Services at 2048 N.W. McKay St. to see him.



Romeo — given that romantic name in honor of Valentine's Day — is a 2-year-old male classic tabby with a beautiful, striking coat. He is very friendly and gets along well with other cats. He is quite curious! Visit the DeSoto County Animal Shelter at 2048 N.W. McKay St. between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to adopt Romeo or any of the other terrific animals there.



Misty is a smoke gray and white kitten, 5 months old. She is a shorthair, but her fur is luxuriously thick. She is a little purr machine and is quiet and relaxed. She gets along with other cats but is a bit nervous around dogs. If you want to make Misty your Valentine, stop in at Animal Services at 2048 N.W. McKay St. between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.



Juliet, a Siamese/Tonkinese mix, has a luscious cream and gray coat and beautiful blue eyes. She is about 10 months old and has a very elegant appearance. She would love to be your Valentine. Call DeSoto County Animal Services at 863-993-4855.



If you're thinking about chocolate for Valentine's Day, check out Dot: a chocolate spotted daschund mix. (Mixed with what? It's not clear.) Dot is 6 months old and has a pretty chocolate coat. She will get bigger as she grows up, maybe up to 30 pounds. She needs some work on the leash but she is friendly and gets along well with other dogs, and with cats. Call 863-993-4855 if you'd like to take chocolate Dot home for Valentine's Day,



Crystal was found by the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office in the course of a drug bust. She's a 10-week-old brindle pit. She's very friendly and playful and full of energy, and she loves giving kisses. If you would like to be Crystal's Valentine and give her a forever home, call the DeSoto County Animal Shelter at 863-993-4855.

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Skipper family the focus of Historical Society meeting

By **CAROL MAHLER**
 DESOTO Co. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John R. Skipper Jr. will present "The Skipper Family: Living and Ranching in Florida for More Than 180 Years" to the DeSoto County Historical Society at its monthly meeting. Free and open to the public, the event is today at the

Family Service Center Annex (old West Elementary School cafeteria) at the corner of N. Orange Ave. and W. Effie St.

At 11:30 a.m., a luncheon of meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, rolls, fresh fruit, and dessert is available for \$6. At noon, President Bebe Bradbury will

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION FOR NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SHOWING THE NEED FOR THE LEVY OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS AND ITS ELECTION AND INTENT TO COLLECT NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS USING THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION FOR NON AD-VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES (2009), FOR FIRE PROTECTION, SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, STREET LIGHTING, WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES AND MOSQUITO CONTROL AT A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2014 AT 6:30 PM IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 201 EAST OAK STREET, ROOM 103, ARCADIA, FLORIDA. NOTICES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY 25, 2014 PUBLIC HEARING. ON JANUARY 30, FEBRUARY 6, FEBRUARY 13 AND FEBRUARY 20, 2014. AFFECTED PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED IN DESOTO COUNTY, THE CITY OF ARCADIA (FOR FIRE PROTECTION, AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ONLY), AND IN THE GOLDEN MELODY LIGHTING DISTRICT, HARLEM HEIGHTS LIGHTING DISTRICT, KINGS CROSSING LIGHTING DISTRICT, LAKE SUZY LIGHTING DISTRICT, PEACE RIVER LIGHTING DISTRICT, SPRING LAKES LIGHTING DISTRICT, AND MCCLELLAND DRIVE ROAD DISTRICT.

All interested persons are invited to attend. In the event, any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed. In that event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact DeSoto County at 863-993-4800, at least 7 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Clyde Butcher's photos on exhibit in Arcadia



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Clyde Butcher's assistants, Paul Tipton, left, and Neal Obendorf (who is also Butcher's son-in-law) described Butcher's distinctive black-and-white photography at an exhibit of his photos at the Martin Gallery Thursday.



Neal Obendorf, left, explains to Jerry Waters and Mac Martin some of the processes Clyde Butcher uses in printing his large-format photos. An exhibit of Butcher's photos is open to the public at the Martin Gallery at Florida Outdoor Properties, 207 E. Magnolia St. A percentage of the proceeds from the sales of any of Butcher's books from this exhibit will be donated by Butcher to the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council.



Howard Solomon, left, and Gene Heitman at the opening reception for Clyde Butcher's photographic display at the Martin Gallery.

The ratings are in: Kirsten Prebianca Flanik is at the top

SUBMITTED BY ADRIAN H. CLINE

One of the great rewards of the education profession is seeing the students we serve impact our society in positive ways. For some time I heard that one of our graduates, Kirsten Prebianca Flanik, was achieving great success in the advertising field. Several weeks ago, I had the opportunity to talk with her while she was in Arcadia for the funeral of her stepfather, Jim McAnly.

Talking with her was delightful, but when I asked what she was doing, Kirsten became rather quiet. I asked her about her career in advertising, but only later did I receive some information from her mother. I soon learned Kirsten is most successful by any standard.

Kirsten Prebianca Flanik is Managing Director of BBDO New York. BBDO is the world's most awarded advertising agency. With 15,000 employees in 289 offices, across 81 countries, it is the second largest global agency network,

with headquarters in New York.

In addition to her agency responsibilities, Flanik oversees the MARS business (which includes the company's major chocolate, pet and food brands), the FedEx business, and the agency's public service efforts to support Autism Speaks.



FLANIK

Since joining BBDO in 2006, Kirsten was named among the 30 Most Powerful Women in Advertising by Business Insider and 100 Most Influential Women in Advertising by Ad Age. BBDO states she helped the agency win back Snickers with the launch of the "You're Not You When You're Hungry" ad series, and is responsible for the commercial featuring Betty White that was the most popular during the 2010 Super Bowl. The campaign won multiple industry awards including Effies, which honor the top advertising

programs, as well as one of the inaugural Cannes Lions for Effectiveness.

On her watch, BBDO has added global responsibilities for several other big-name brands. Kirsten serves on the board of Somerset Hills Learning Institute, one of the premier institutions for children with autism. She also is a member of Advertising Women New York and BBDO's Women Leadership Council, dedicated to helping women succeed in the workplace.

The University of Florida College of Journalism recently selected Kirsten as a 2013/2014 Alumni of Distinction, a very prestigious group. The university

will honor Kirsten at its annual awards banquet on Monday, March 31.

Kirsten is a 1985 graduate of DeSoto County High School and a 1989 graduate of the University of Florida. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and their two children.

What the industry says

In an interview with ADWEEK last year, Flanik said, "I strongly believe we have to really love what we do because if we don't, those around us won't either."

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Biz Expo to include Job Fair

SUBMITTED BY ASHLEY COONE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXEC. DIR.

The annual Chamber of Commerce Business Expo will have a new feature when doors open on Feb. 18: a community job fair.

Held at the Turner Agri-Civic Center, 2250 N.E. Roan Street, the business Expo runs from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It gives residents a chance to find out more about local businesses and

support local commerce.

The expo will include wine and cheese tasting, free parking and admission, door prizes and live music. Vendors are invited to promote open positions in their organizations. Job-seekers are urged to dress for success and bring current copies of their resumés.

Door prizes include a barbecue grill and raffle tickets will be sold at the event.

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OUR VIEW

Time to embrace the new

Our view: County's decision to move forward with demolition along U.S. 17 the right call

The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners had the difficult task Tuesday to decide whether demolition by itself encourages development in a community. Specifically, will the removal of dilapidated homes and structures along the U.S. 17 corridor encourage new growth, or is the county setting a dangerous precedent by displacing low-income families who call those buildings home?

As far as timing goes, the county couldn't have asked for a better scenario. With the Florida Department of Transportation's U.S. 17 widening project progressing toward Nocatee's doorstep, demolishing structures while FDOT does the same across the street makes sense. Code Enforcement Director George Hernandez hasn't had the budget to tackle the issue until now, and the county is overdue to clean up an area that has significant code issues that haven't been addressed in years.

Not everyone on the board is sold on the idea. Commissioner Bob Miller, for example, said he doesn't believe redevelopment funding should be used for brick and mortar or demolition purposes. Instead, he believes it should be spent to lure businesses and jobs into the county. Miller makes a good point, but as County Coordinator Mandy Hines noted, at this point the county needs to focus on cleaning up areas to place the county in a positive light to outside visitors. Is an empty lot more attractive than a boarded-up, abandoned house? In this case the answer is a resounding yes. A perfect example of this is the Hi-Way Motel, which was recently demolished as part of FDOT's right-of-way acquisitions. While it was a piece of nostalgia to many locals, most visitors to the area viewed it as an eyesore. Now that it's gone and an empty lot sits in its place, which would you rather have?

Miller also questioned the logic behind displacing families who may have nowhere else to go if they are vacated from a property. It's a legitimate concern and the county would be setting a new precedent by forcibly removing residents due to building demolition. If the county is aware a building is uninhabitable but allows a family to reside there anyway, however, what kind of message does that send? A resident's safety should be the county's top priority, and by allowing these structures to continue to degrade without taking action is an irresponsible move.

We applaud the county's decision to approve the demolition request. This is an important step in moving the county toward future growth and development, and clearing land with the hope of future development is a prudent move. The U.S. 17 expansion is a prime opportunity for the county to position itself for long-term growth, and while it's important to preserve the past it's also crucial to embrace change and the new beginnings that come with it.



GRITS & PIECES

Pitching woos and catching cooties

By tomorrow, the sweet smell of roses should be wafting everywhere, and the taste of yummy chocolate should be tantalizing everyone's tongue. Yep, Valentine's Day is back ... ready or not.

Sometimes I try to think back to when this began for all of us. As best I recall, it was grade school, and we were obligated to exchange valentines with our fellow classmates, both guys and gals. After a few short years of that, the novelty began wearing off when each sex found out that the opposite sex had "cooties."

We knew of no symptoms or results from exposure, but to be on the safe side, we inoculated ourselves daily with "cootie shots." We didn't even care if the shot had side effects. Boys believed that only girls had cooties, and of course, the girls believed the same about the boys, so this adolescent terror served to keep the genders apart for at least a few years.

Then came the taunting, and from both sides. If you wanted to get someone's dander up, you'd pair them up with someone of the opposite sex (species, in some young minds) in an old schoolyard chant. Choose two popular names from back in the day — say, Johnny and Susie. The chant would go, "Johnny and Susie, sitting in a tree, k-i-s-s-i-n-g. First comes love, then comes marriage; then comes Johnny with a baby carriage!" This would often result in laughter and taunting, and possibly a knuckle sandwich from Johnny and a mortified shriek from Susie. Those two never did appreciate the humor for some reason.

As we all know, everybody outgrows



Grits & Pieces

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the chance of catching cooties, and pretty soon, opposing genders aren't quite as ugly and scary as they had been perpetuated by our peers. Who'd have thought they could go from having cooties to being cuties in just a few short years?

Next thing you know, you're passing notes to each other in class. This is all well and good until it gets intercepted by someone en route who not only will open and read it, but will blackmail you for your lunch money. Worse yet was when a teacher would notice the note being passed and confiscate it, and then apply the deterrent of all deterrents by reading it aloud to the entire class. A fate far worse than the paddlings of yore, I would say.

Probably the most unfair early stage in the dating/mating game is the onset of acne. You remember those days, right? Overnight your face would turn into what felt like a diorama of a range of volcanoes that erupted each time a zit was popped. Various creams were used to combat them and makeup was applied to mask them, but the best way to deal with them was to simply ignore each other's as best as possible.

And then just when you think you're

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Events should be coordinated

Editor:

The other night I had the pleasure of attending an event at Martin Realty, a showing of black and white photo art by Clyde Butcher, a nationally recognized artist. It was very interesting and educational, but that is not the main point of this letter.

For several years now I have wondered why so many interesting and important events conflict with each other, datewise. In this community, when it relates to organizations creating their own events for public attendance, the left hand doesn't seem to know what the right hand is doing.

An example is the 8th of February. A beautiful art show was conducted at the college, in competition with an equally interesting ranch rodeo.

Why can't all groups — political, religious, historical, any public event group — get together with the Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of all and promote an event calendar which all could refer to?

George Pratt
Arcadia

Thankful for prayers

Editor:

Thank you for your prayers. It is important for you all to know that your prayers work beautifully with and through Our Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit according to the will, according to the way of Our Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, for all. Again, thank you. Please continue so praying.

Mary White
Arcadia

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Arcadia's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOTE: All area codes are 863 unless otherwise indicated.

■ TODAY

- JG Bigstar Productions presents California Toe Jam and Lotela Gold at the Charlotte Cultural Center. Blended voices sing tunes of the '50s, '60s and '70s. Tickets \$15-\$25. For details call 941-625-4175 x221 for more information.
- Free distribution of USDA Commodities, Feb. 13 at the Arcadia Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2865 S.E. Ami Drive (off State Road 31 near Walmart), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. By the All Faiths Food bank. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Call 494-3262 for more information.
- TEAM Arcadia meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Margaret Way Building, 23 N Polk Avenue. The purpose of TEAM Arcadia is to unite community organizations and coordinate community improvement efforts.
- DeSoto County Historical Society meets at noon every second Thursday monthly at the Family Service Center annex, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia. Lunch is available for \$6 at 11:30 a.m.
- Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity meets at 6 p.m. second Thursdays monthly at the Habitat ReStore, 111 N. Polk Ave. Call 494-4118 or desotohabitat@embarqmail.com for more information.
- Gastric bypass support group meets at 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays monthly at Mardis Citrus on U.S. 17 S. For more information, call 990-0082 or 494-5700.
- Relaxation Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m.-5:15 p.m., registration and yoga tea; 5:15-6:15 p.m., yoga class. Held in the Health Dept. conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125

N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.

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

■ FRIDAY

- The DeSoto County Economic Development Advisory Committee will meet at 8 a.m. Feb. 14 at the DeSoto County Extension Office, 2150 N.E. Roan St.
- Arcadia Clean-Up Days Feb. 14 and 15. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Tree of Knowledge Park. Free T-shirt, Seeking sponsors and volunteers. Take pride in your community — you can make a difference. For details and sponsorship information, call Arcadia Main Street, 494-2020 or email arcadiamainstreet@yahoo.com.
- The Photography Group of DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council meets the second Friday of each month 3:30 – 5 p.m. at the DeSoto Public Library. Free and open to the public. For more information contact Karen at ksmoke@embarqmail.com.
- Peace River Civil War Round Table meets at 1:30 p.m. second Fridays monthly at the Emerald Pointe clubhouse, 25188 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. Lunch available. For more information, call 941-575-4269 or 941-639-0782.
- 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.
- 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 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Oneg Shabbat follows.

■ SATURDAY

- Judy Jones and the Bread of Life Mission will be at the Arcadia Plaza on U.S. Highway 17, on Saturday starting at noon, to give away food, meals, blankets and furniture to help those in need. Anyone with a truck or trailer who could help bring things from Punta Gorda to Arcadia is asked to call Judy at 941-286-8586. Donations of food, clothing and money can be brought to the plaza, or money donations can be sent to: P.O. Box 511352, Punta Gorda FL 33950.
- St. Paul's Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Mexican Dinner-Dance Fundraiser from 4:30 p.m.-11 p.m. on Feb.

15 at St. Paul's Parish Hall. This fundraiser will benefit the Knights' various charitable causes and is open to the public. Adults \$8; children 6-12 years old, \$4; 5 and under, free. For details, call Richard Jordon at 444-0082.

- Arcadia Clean-Up Day Feb. 15. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Tree of Knowledge Park. Free T-shirt. For details and sponsorship information, call Arcadia Main Street, 494-2020 or email arcadiamainstreet@yahoo.com.
- 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. All-you-can-eat pancakes, OJ, sausage and coffee for only \$6. Also 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. Email FriendsOfArcadiaAirport@gmail.com for more information.
- The Women of Worship Ministry at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries will host a Community Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 15, at the church, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. The community is invited to join us as a Christian family in prayer. It is time to reclaim everything that has been taken from us in the name of Jesus.
- MainStreet Farmer's Market is held the first and third Saturday every month in downtown Arcadia from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh produce, pickled products, jams, jellies, homemade granola bars, baked goods, fresh and dried herbs, arts, crafts, woodworking, quilts, sewing, plants and other goodies. For vendor info call the Arcadia Main Street office at 494-2020.
- Classic car show in downtown Arcadia, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. the third Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Team Arcadia. Trophies, door prizes, and 50/50 jackpot. For more information call 494-2020.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Palace Promenaders meet for square and round dance from 7-9 p.m. every Saturday at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle. Art Miller, caller, and Jennie Martin, cueing. Call Jennie at 494-2749 or Mary at 941-380-5336 for information.

■ SUNDAY

- The Brighton Field Day continues with appearances from some Duck Dynasty stars, hoop dancers, Seminole

culture and ending with Seminole Xtreme Bulls. Visit www.rezrodeo.com for details.

■ MONDAY

- There will be no garbage collection in DeSoto County on Monday, Feb. 17 in observance of Presidents Day. Monday customers' next service date will be Thursday, Feb. 20.
- The DeSoto County Republican Executive Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's.

■ TUESDAY

- The Annual Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase and Job Fair will take place from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Turner Agri-Civic Center. Free parking, live music, door prizes, and job hunters can bring their resumes and meet the area's top employers. Held at the Turner Agri-Civic Center, 2250 N.E. Roan St.
- The next Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group meeting is at the DeSoto County EOC, 200 NE Roan Street, at 10 a.m. Feb. 18. The Local Mitigation Strategy Plan Review is up for renewal in 2015. The LMS Working Group will decide as to how the process of the update will proceed. The LMS meetings are open to any the public.
- The Greater Charlotte Harbor Sierra Club meets at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1532 Forest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte. Guest speaker is Stephanie Green, Senior Land Management Specialist, SWFWMD (Swiftmud).
- Arcadia City Council meets at 6 p.m. at the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia.
- The DeSoto County Special Olympics committee meets at 3 p.m. on the third Tuesday every month at The Last Chapter Coffee Shop on W. Oak St. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in coaching or working with adults or youth in sports. For more information, call Joyce at 873-8219 or 494-3440.
- DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. third Tuesdays monthly. For information, contact PIO officer Marge Ricker, call name KG4BWF.
- 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.

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Engagement



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Michael and Betty Longenecker of Arcadia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Ann Longenecker, to Joshua Pitts, son of Suzanne and Michael Demers and Benjamin Pitts of Jacksonville, Florida. The future bride earned her master of arts degree in Educational Leadership from Saint Leo University. She is employed as a teacher in DeSoto County. Her fiancé is a veteran of the United States Air Force and works as a deputy for the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office. A March 2014 wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Arcadia.

Happy anniversary



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LeRoy and Joan Davis are celebrating their 64th anniversary on Feb. 14, 2014. They were married on Feb. 14, 1950 in Pontiac, Mich. They now winter at Craig's RV Park in Arcadia.

Happy birthday



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We are so glad you were born, because you brighten our life and filled it with joy ... God bless you, Alexander Magaña. Happy birthday from Mom, Dad and Lil Sister

Happy birthday



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Happy birthday to our grandson, Dylan Dicea, 11 years old on Feb. 17, 2014. Have a great day!

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Happy birthday



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Love, Faye

Happy anniversary



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Brad and Anne Marie Coleman are celebrating their 10-year wedding anniversary on Feb. 14, 2014. The couple is especially blessed with three beautiful children: Douglas, Mackenzie and Cassidy. Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts together.

Happy birthday

Happy 82nd birthday to LeRoy Davis on Feb. 18, 2014!



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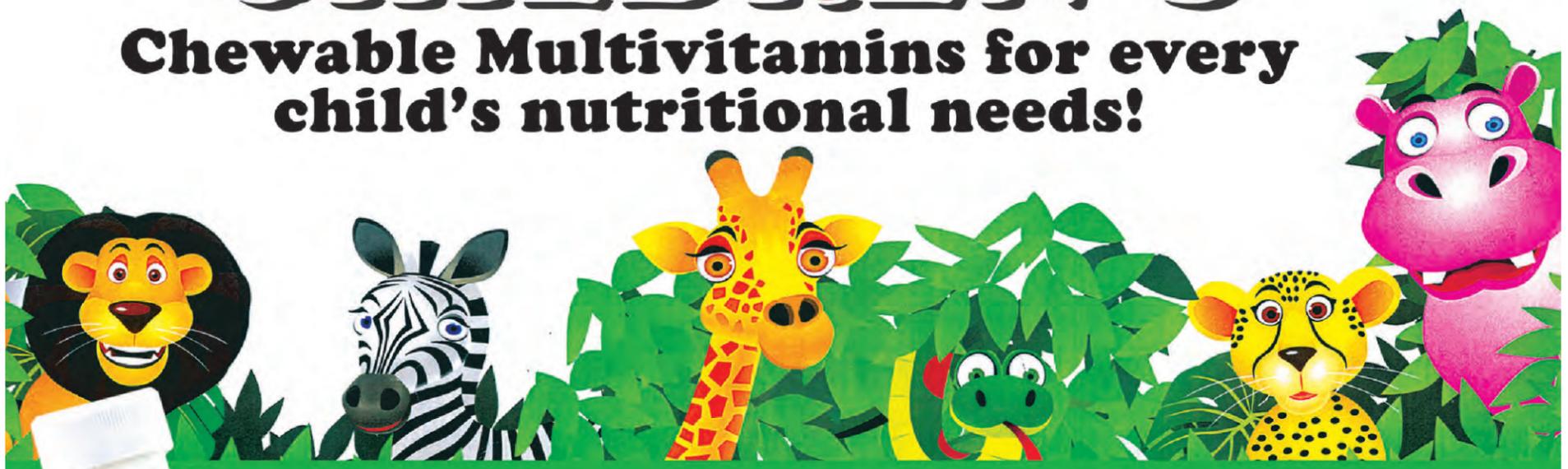
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Three arrested in meth bust

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on Friday leading to the confiscation of weapons, ammunition and \$4,000 worth of methamphetamine, and the arrest of three people.

According to DCSO's arrest report, on Friday evening the Narcotics Unit served a search warrant at a residence in the 3000 block of S.E. Hillsborough Avenue in Arcadia, where Florencio Vasquez Chavez, 30, lived. Upon entering DCSO found Kevin Dean Linn, 33, with no address, sitting in the living room, while Chavez was hiding in a bedroom closet and his girlfriend, Jennifer Louise Marquette, 29, 3300 block of S.W. Fruitville Estates, was found hiding in another bedroom.

According to the report, DCSO seized several weapons and ammunition, smoking pipes, aluminum "boats" commonly used to smoke methamphetamines, and more than 50 grams of meth. In addition, the report states they found pills identified as Xanax and Hydrocodone, along with various drug-related paraphernalia used to consume, measure, package and sell drugs.

The report states after his Miranda rights were explained to him, Chavez agreed to speak to detectives. He said he had no job and admitted selling drugs "a few times" to support himself and his family.

Chavez was arrested on charges of trafficking amphetamine or methamphetamine (14 grams or more), selling methamphetamine, possession or use of drug equipment, possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon, and commission of a first degree felony with a weapon. He was jailed on no bond.

Marquette was charged with possession or use of drug equipment. Bond was set at \$120; she bonded out that same day.



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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.

Linn was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and two counts of possession or use of drug equipment. He was released Tuesday on \$1,240 bond.

Kugler sentenced in federal court

Raymond Kugler, 59, formerly the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office jail captain, was sentenced Monday in federal court to three years of probation, and to serve 150 hours of community service.

Kugler, who resigned his post by retiring last year, was implicated in the alleged jailhouse beating of Jody Holland. Holland, in jail after being arrested on charges of violating a domestic protection order, has said he was beaten by DeSoto deputies, while other jail personnel, including Kugler, said or did nothing or lied about the incident later in a cover-up.

Kugler had pleaded guilty in October to a charge that he lied when questioned by FBI agents. He initially had denied the beating took place and said he was not aware of a request to take Holland to the hospital.

Holland's then-girlfriend, the subject of the protective order, was at the time working as a nurse in the jail. She has since resigned. Domestic battery charges against Holland have since been dropped, and he pleaded no contest to charges that he violated the protective order by placing phone calls to his then-girlfriend.

Four deputies allegedly involved in the incident were terminated; two of them — Steven Rizza and Jonathan Mause — were indicted on charges connected with the alleged beating, including violating Holland's civil rights, perjury and falsifying records. Another former deputy, Vincent Carlucci, pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and has indicated he will testify in the case.

Wreck on State Route 31 injures two

Two people were injured — one seriously — in a wreck Friday afternoon on State Route 31.

The Florida Highway Patrol reported Lauren Jennings, 18, of The Villages, was southbound in a Mazda 3 on State Route 31 about a mile south of County Road 760A. At the same time, Anthony W. Junior, 54, of Lake Worth, was northbound in a semi tractor the same area.

For unknown reasons, Jennings crossed the center line into the northbound lane, into Junior's path. Junior

tried to avoid a collision by swerving west. The right front of the tractor collided with Jennings' car.

Junior, who was wearing a seat belt, had only minor injuries. Jennings, who also was using a seatbelt, suffered serious injuries and was taken to Lee Memorial Hospital. She was cited for failing to drive in a single lane.

Arcadia man dies in Manatee wreck

An Arcadian man was killed in a one-car collision early Sunday morning in Manatee County.

According to the Florida State Highway Patrol, Abel Castillo, 38, of the 2600 block of S.W. Hereford St., Arcadia, was driving a Lexus southbound in the 7100 block of State Road 43 in Manatee County. For unknown reasons, the car struck the raised curb, and the car crashed into a concrete driveway access, turning over several times before coming to rest in the ditch. Castillo was pronounced dead at the scene.

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

- Melissa Dawn Arthur, 38, Port Charlotte. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Cary Ray Brasher Jr., 28, Port Charlotte. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Camelia Rose Corson, 23, no address, Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,120.
- Justin Scott Dennis, 23, 200 block of S. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charge: domestic battery by strangulation. Bond: \$10,000.
- Akeem Kaleeq Kendrick Frazier, 24, 700 block of N. 17th St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Judy Coryn Holland, 24, Port Charlotte. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$2,500.
- Frank Jackson, 59, Gainesville. Charges: two counts of failure to appear. Bond: \$2,000.
- Heriberto Perez, 55, no address, Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.
- Sergio Leon Reyes, 27, Bowling Green, Fla. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
- Justin Kyle Spiller, 23, 1600 block of S.E. Hargrave St., Arcadia. Charge: lewd and lascivious behavior with victim age 12-16. Bond: \$25,000.
- James Phillip Valdez, 52, Immokalee. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$500.
- Reginald Arnold Walker, 48, 13600 block of S.E. State Route 70 (FCCC), Arcadia. Charge: violation of parole. Bond: none.
- Joshua Lee Willis, 28, 1200 block

of N.W. Pinewood Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,000.

• Abad Castro, 26, no address, Arcadia. Charges: driving without a valid license and out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$1,250.

• Xiance Roncell Dixon, 26, 500 block of S. Spring St., Arcadia. Charges: illegal use of credit cards more than twice in six months with charges \$100 or more, and petty theft, second offense. Bond: \$1,500.

• Keishawnie Zhakeithia Harris, 20, 1600 block of S.E. Hargrave St., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$2,000.

• Miguel Mendez Intzin, 26, 300 block of N. Monroe Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

• Oscar Enrique Lopez, 28, 1100 block of 1st Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

• Willie Earl March, 54, 2200 block of Louis Ave., Arcadia. Charge: DUI with alcohol or drugs. Bond: \$1,500.

• Lateapha Zaire McBurney, 22, 1100 block of S.W. Golden Ave., Arcadia. Charge: aggravated battery. Bond: \$10,000.

• Celso Sanchez Moran, 30, 1600 block of Nobles Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

• Paul Norman Muterspaugh, 56, domestic battery by strangulation and felony battery. Bond: \$5,000.

• Mary Elizabeth Perri, 20, Port Charlotte. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$2,000.

• Joshua Paulmichael Hartney, 26, 1300 block of S.E. Ohio Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.

• Kyle Carl Kissel, 22, Port Charlotte. Charge: grand theft between \$5,000-\$10,000. Bond: none.

• Nelson Perez, 20, 300 block of Fortuna Road, Arcadia. Charges: possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon, resisting an officer without violence and two counts of failure to appear. Bond: none.

• Taylor Lane Mares, 19, 1000 block of S.E. Mills Ave., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.

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

- Becky Jean Douglas, 42, 12400 block of S.W. Lexington Place, Arcadia. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$2,500.
- Verita Nevaeh Hottois, 24, 2700 block of S.E. Joshua Estates Blvd., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$2,500.

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HISTORICAL

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conduct a short business meeting before she introduces Skipper.

In 1826, John Levi Skipper's family moved from Georgia to Florida. They settled at Fort Socrum, north of Lakeland, and in 1849, John married Elizabeth Jane Hollingsworth. He fought in the Third Seminole War and served in the Confederate "Cow Cavalry" during the U.S. Civil War.

John and Elizabeth had ten children, and one of them — Jonathan — homesteaded land that is now part of Highlands Hammock State Park. The family's original orange groves remain in the park and are often erroneously referred to as "wild" trees.

Jonathan and his family were the

last of the Skipper family to live on the land that later became a state park. It was part of DeSoto County before 1921. After 25 years living on that homestead, they moved to Zolfo Springs, where Jonathan died in 1905. His widow, Letitia, lived in that city until her death in 1943. The Zolfo Springs newspaper eulogized Jonathan as an owner of large herds of cattle and tracts of land.

After his death, his son Lee assumed leadership of the family's enterprises. At that time, the Skippers also owned banks, newspapers, auto dealerships, a hardware store, drug store, real estate company, an electric-generating company and other businesses. After Lee's death in the flu epidemic of 1918, his son Chesly worked with his mother and siblings to run the family's ventures. All but the cattle ranching were lost during the Great Depression.

Retired after 38 years of teaching

special education at Lake Placid High School, John Skipper continues the family's ranching tradition. He and his wife, Lessa, a registered nurse, have two sons. Known as a storyteller and local historian, John serves on the Historic Preservation Commission of Highlands County. He shares his family history at special events at Highlands Hammock State Park, such as the annual CCC Festival in November.

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

OBITUARIES

Thomas H. Bastin

Thomas H. Bastin, 79, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, in Arcadia.

He was a born Sept. 9, 1932, in Aroma Park, Ill.

Thomas moved to Arcadia 20 years ago from Grovertown, Ind. He retired as a forklift operator for the Ford Motor Company. Thomas enjoyed fishing and bowling. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the United Methodist Church in Grovertown.

Thomas is survived by his beloved wife, Norma Bastin of Arcadia; three sons, Mike Bastin, Arcadia, Ernest "Ernie" Bastin of Grovertown, Thomas "Tom" (Debbie) Bastin, Jr., of Stevenson, Va.; daughter, Cheryl (Ken) Nigg of Arcadia; sister, Dorothy Ahrens of Kankakee, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Essie Bowman Bastin; and daughter, Kristy Bastin.

Visitation was held Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, at the Clancy-Germon Funeral Home, Kankakee, IL. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at the Clancy-Germon Funeral Home in Kankakee. Burial followed at the Aroma Park Cemetery in Aroma Park. There are no services locally. Online condolences may be made at pongerkaysgrady.com.

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

Marian E. Stainbrook

Marian E. Stainbrook, 92, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, in Port Charlotte, Fla.

She was born Jan. 7, 1920, in Meadville, Pa., to Elsie Mae (nee Hopkins) and William Walter Sybrandt.

Marian, a retired cashier, was the loving wife of Robert George Stainbrook, and mother of Gil E. Stainbrook, Linda Stainbrook and Joann Hall. Marian left her native Pennsylvania for Bradenton, Fla., before moving to Arcadia in 1966. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Arcadia.

She is survived by her beloved children, including her son, Gil E. (Susie) Stainbrook; and daughter, Joann (Mike) Hall, both of Arcadia; as well as five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Marian was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 38 years, Robert, in 1983; her parents, Elsie and William; and daughter, Linda, in 1993.

No funeral services are planned. Friends may visit online at www.robersonfh.com to sign the memory book and extend condolences to the family.

Arrangements are by Roberson Funeral Homes & Crematory, Punta Gorda, Fla., Chapel.

Owen Hanchey

Owen "Gene" Hanchey, 82, of Port Charlotte, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014.

He was born July 21, 1931, in Akron, Ohio, the son of Cronley and Mable Hanchey.

Gene was a retired U.S. Army Ranger, and served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

He received several recognitions, including two purple hearts and an Air Medal. Gene was a retired Captain with DeSoto Correctional Institution in Arcadia, Fla. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Port Charlotte, the First Cavalry Division Association, World Wide Army Rangers, the American Legion over 50 years, the VFW, the Vietnam Brotherhood and AMVETS. Gene enjoyed going fishing, boating, gambling, traveling and taking cruises. Honey, Rangers Lead the Way.

Gene will be missed by his wife, Diane; children, Michaela, Robert and Sheri; cousin, Marie; stepchildren, Tracy and Katie; several grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and his four-legged companions, Margarita and Taco. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother; and one sister.

Inurnment will be at Veterans Cemetery in Florida. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.Ltaylorfuneral.com and sign the online guest book.

Arrangements are by Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services.

Mary Stone Migliore

Mary Cecilia Stone Migliore, 105, died on January 26, 2014 in Orlando, Florida.

Mary was born on March 11, 1908 in Crafton, Pennsylvania. In 1975, she was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, Dr. Anthony D. Migliore, who was once Chief Surgeon at G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital in Arcadia. Mary and Anthony were active



in the First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia.

Mary is survived by a large and loving family including her children, Dr. Anthony and Lyn Migliore of Fort Myers, Dr. George and Nancy Migliore Boring of Brooksville, and Richard and Janet Migliore of Orlando; 12 grandchildren, Deborah Boring Crawford, Ann Marie Migliore Lee, Kathy Migliore Salvia, George Boring III, Michelle Migliore Brown, Beth Boring Carlton, Mary Ann Boring Dellegatto, Stephanie Migliore Bloch, Aimee Migliore Holbrook, Amanda Migliore Doepker, Anthony Migliore II, Christina Migliore Lavender, and 28 great-grandchildren.

Most recently, Mary was a member of the St. Andrews United Methodist Church of Winter Park, but throughout her life she was active in the Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder, Sunday school teacher and leader of women in the church. She was active in the community as a Daughter of the American Revolution.

Friends and family were often delighted with her gifts as an accomplished seamstress. She was blessed throughout her long life with many friends and a loving family who will miss her greatly.

A memorial service will be held at St. Andrews United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on February 22, 2014.

In lieu of flowers, charitable gifts can be made to the church of your choice in Mary's name.

Arrangements are handles by National Crematory and Burial Society. Condolences can be expressed at www.orlandosentinel.com/obituaries.

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DESOTO County is applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a grant under the Housing Rehabilitation category in the amount of \$750,000 under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. For each activity that is proposed, 70% of the funds must benefit low to moderate income (LMI) persons. The activities, dollar amount and estimated percentage benefit to low and moderate income persons for which the County is applying are:

ACTIVITY	BUDGET	LMI%
Housing Rehabilitation	\$632,700	100%
Temporary Relocation	\$ 4,800	100%
Administration	\$112,500	N/A
TOTAL BUDGET	\$750,000	

A Public Hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held on February 25, 2014, during a County Commission meeting, which will begin at 3:00 pm, at 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. A draft copy of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the DeSoto County Administration Office 201 East Oak Street, Suite 201, Arcadia, Florida 34266 on Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, no more than five days after February 25, 2014. The application will be submitted to DEO on or before March 10, 2014. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the Public Hearing contact Peggy Waters, at (863) 993-4858.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Peggy Waters at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should also contact Peggy Waters at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Peggy Waters at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, the following disclosures will be submitted to DEO with the application. The disclosures will be made available by DESOTO County and DEO for public inspection upon request. These disclosures will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum period of five years.

- Other Government (federal, state, and local) assistance to the project in the form of a gift, grant, loan, guarantee, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, credit, tax benefit, or any other form of direct or indirect benefit by source and amount;
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Public welcome at flute and organ concert

SUMMITTED BY GENIE MARTIN

First Presbyterian Church will host a flute and organ concert of sacred and classical music presented by Ellen B. Sutphin and Charles Durr. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian, 209 W. Hickory, at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 23. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Ellen Sutphin attended Baldwin-Wallace University in Ohio where she received her degree in education and furthered her music education with flute lessons at the university's music conservatory. Upon coming to Arcadia, Sutphin taught at Nocatee Elementary School for 37 years. She performed in a production of "Oklahoma" in Wauchula

and in Christmas programs at Trinity United Methodist Church in Arcadia. She continues to practice, teach and play at the First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, where she is also a member of the choir.

Charles Durr, a native Arcadian, attended Mars Hill College, DePauw University, University of Michigan and Indiana University. He has taught music at Tift College, Wells College, South Florida State College and Edison State College. Charles has served as organist for Burnt Store Presbyterian in Punta Gorda, Trinity United Methodist Church in Arcadia and Calvary Baptist in Arcadia. Currently, he is in his second year as organist at First Presbyterian Church.



Ellen Sutphin and Charles Durr will give a free flute and organ concert of sacred and classical music at the First Presbyterian Church on Feb. 23.

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Arrange batter on parchment-lined cookie sheet, in an approximate 8"x13" oblong shape. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and turn upside down onto towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Carefully remove parchment paper. Roll up, the long way, in the powder-sugared towel.



From a Senior Viewpoint

Lois Hendricks

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Cool. Unroll after about half an hour and spread with red jelly or jam (either strawberry or raspberry). Re-roll, slice ... and enjoy.

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Remembering the past through the eyes of Vernon Peeples

SUBMITTED BY JANE T. ADAMS

Members of the L & E Club of Arcadia assembled in the lovely Fort Ogden home of Ann Ryals on Jan. 21. Guests were served delicious Hummingbird Cake, accented with strawberries and nuts along with hot coffee.

President Mary Ann Treadwell introduced two guests: Mae McDonald and Sandy Newman. Ryals introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Vernon Peeples, and his delightful wife, Edna Jane, to whom his latest book is dedicated.

Peeples, a well-known historian and former DeSoto County legislator (serving in the Florida House of Representatives for 14 years) is recognized throughout the state for his passionate interest



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Ann Ryals, Vernon Peeples and Edith Wildt discuss "Punta Gorda: In The Beginning, 1865-1900" which will be donated by the L & E Club to the DeSoto County Library.

in Florida's history. His program was a review of his latest publication, "Punta Gorda: In The Beginning 1865-1900," a sequel to his first book, "Punta Gorda and the Charlotte

Harbor Area: A Pictorial History."

Peeples' family has lived in Florida since 1825, and he has lived in Charlotte County since 1933. He was widely known as

a commentator for WGCU-FM public radio with a weekly program on Florida history. The library of the Charlotte County campus of Edison State College was recently named "The Vernon Peeples Learning Resources Center" in his honor.

Peeples said he wrote his book as a reference for people to learn more about the early history of southwest Florida. His personal voluminous home library contains Florida history books, more than 200 maps of Florida from 1683-1945, plus thousands of Florida newspapers and photographs collected over 70 years.

At the age of 11, Peeples worked as a page for the Florida House of Representatives, and again at age 13. There he expanded his knowledge through the state

library. His great-great-grandfather served in the House of Representatives in the 1840s, followed by his great-grandfather who served in the 1880s, with his father serving in the 1920s. Peeples' own tenure ran from 1982 until 1996, during which he was chairman of the House Higher Education Committee, the House Transportation Committee and the Select Committee on Educational Facilities.

Peeples is also known for his community service, on the Foundation Board of Florida Gulf Coast University for over seven years, the Charlotte Regional Hospital for over 20 years, lecturing at Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida A & M University, Florida State University, and the University

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Sikes family holds benefit car wash

SUBMITTED BY EILEEN CULLEN

The Arcadia community is banding together to help one of their own. Jeff Sikes, who grew up in Arcadia, is a husband and father of three (wife Stevi; son Cory, 10; daughter Kiley, 6; son Conner, 4). Jeff has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing radiation, to

be followed by an intense course of chemotherapy, making it almost impossible for him to support his family.

When Cory learned his dad had cancer, he wanted to do something to help his family and came up with the idea of a car wash. The car wash was held on Feb. 8, and from the time they

started there was always a line of cars waiting. Some stopped by to make a donation.

Kiley and Connor also pitched in; Kiley held a sign to direct drivers to the car wash and helped with the washing, while Connor also helped wash and inspect cars. He made sure even the tires were cleaned. Stevi also

helped wash cars all day. Additional fundraisers to help the family are planned:

- Winn-Dixie in Arcadia has a box set out to receive donations of nonperishable food and toiletry items for the family.

- On Feb. 23, Magnolia Street Seafood and Grill, 9 W. Magnolia St., will

donate 10 percent of the day's proceeds to the Sikes family.

- On March 8, another car wash will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bank of America Parking lot, 1409 E. Oak St.

- Cash donations to the Sikes Family Fundraiser account can be made at the Mid Florida Credit Union, 128 S. Brevard Ave.



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Cory, Kiley, Stevi and Connor washed cars all day on Feb. 8 as a fundraiser.

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Visitors to the Art of the River exhibit examine the Purplegator quilt created by Patricia Anderson Turner, who won an honorable mention prize in the three-dimensional category.

Art show and festival draw crowds to college



The artists who won at the Art of the River exhibit gather for a photo during the artists' and sponsors' reception Friday night at South Florida State College.



Mikaela Rodriguez, 7, gives her pet bearded dragon a ride on her shoulder as Janelis Diaz, 6, watches.



DeSoto County Historical Society members share a laugh at their display during the Rio de la Paz Festival on Saturday.



County Commissioner Jim Selph poses next to the painting "Old Timers" by Guy LaBree, which was awarded first place for two-dimensional art. "Of course, I especially like the gator," Selph said.



Forest and John Reynolds staff their display of plants for sale at the Rio de la Paz Festival.



Steve Stapp rode his blind piant horse, Takoda, to the Rio de la Paz Festival to talk to visitors about the tragedy of animal abuse. With Stapp's reassuring voice, the horse adjusted quickly to the new noises and activity.



Ellen Long of Englewood displays some of her hand-made purses during the Rio de la Paz Festival at the South Florida State College DeSoto campus. A variety of artisans, musicians and others had much to offer visitors to the event.

Roping event lassos a crowd

A roping competition was held Saturday at the Arcadia rodeo arena in honor of the late Quitmon Brown, who passed away August 27, 2011 at the age of 85.

Brown was a well known figure in local government and was widely known as a skilled horseman. He was a member of the Arcadia Saddle Club where he served as treasurer, and was in the Quadrille for more than 35 years.

A huge crowd of competitors came to the arena Saturday vying for prizes, including two new saddles. A scholarship in Brown's name is also being awarded.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY HAYLEY MERCER

A roping team races into the arena, chasing after a steer while their colleagues wait their turns. The roping event was held Saturday at the Arcadia rodeo arena in honor of the late Quitmon Brown.



A pair of new saddles waits for the winner's in Saturday's roping competition held to honor the memory of legendary local horseman Quitmon Brown.



A team consisting of the header and heeler tries to rope a steer in the Arcadia rodeo arena.

DeSoto Senior FFA chapter wins District X

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTI PRYOR AND TAYLOR HEZLITT

The DeSoto Senior FFA Chapter is an organization that, although agriculture-based, gives students the opportunity to participate in an ample variety of career development events. Students study their preferred CDEs that range from ag-related studies to interviewing and public speaking.

The top students are chosen to compete in the subdistrict competition. This year the DeSoto Senior FFA chapter placed first in both Parliamentary Procedure and Creed Speaking, advancing to the District X competition.

This competition was held on Jan. 31 and included students from DeSoto, Hardee, Charlotte, Sarasota and Manatee counties. DeSoto placed first in each of its events.

The DeSoto team will compete next at the 86th Florida FFA State Convention in June, the only team in the district to reach the state level.

The students who will participate in the state competition are Ayla Reynard (Creed Speaking), and Latrevious Jennings, Aimee Kortzendorf, Jared Barnwell, Cody Martell, Zachary Wells, Sullivan Crawford, and Bailey Lyons (all in Parliamentary Procedure). When asked, the students

said, "We are extremely excited and are very hopeful for a state championship. If we place within the top four places at state, we will be recognized on stage during a session and presented with a plaque." State winners will receive champion jackets and advance to the National Convention in October, 2014.

Since Christi Pryor joined the DeSoto County school system in 2011, she has more than tripled the Senior FFA membership, helped establish the current State FFA Secretary, coached three state qualifying Parliamentary Procedure teams, and now has her first state-qualifying Creed speaker.



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The DeSoto Senior FFA Chapter is on its way to state competition in June, after winning at the District X competition in January.

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The DeSoto Middle School boys' basketball team capped off a successful season with a win against Lake Placid.

Bulldogs fall in regional semifinals

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County boys' soccer team learned a couple of things in their 2-1 loss to Bishop Verot in the 2A-8 semifinal game. First they learned they are a pretty good team whenever they play 80 minutes of enthusiastic, all-out soccer. They also learned the best team doesn't always win the game.

The Bulldogs were one of only three public schools left in the tournament. The Vikings had a perfect 18-0 season, which many of their loud fans reminded everyone during and after the game. The Bulldogs finished the season with a nice 12-6-2 mark, which included their second straight regional semifinal appearance. The teams had two common opponents during the season, North Port and Cardinal Mooney. The Vikings beat Cardinal Mooney 2-0 while the Bulldogs beat them 3-0 in their latest game after shutting them out 2-0 earlier in the season. Bishop Verot downed North Port 3-0 and the Bulldogs defeated them 3-2.

Physical play

At halftime trailing 1-0, assistant coach Bumper Hay told the team to get



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

The 2013-2014 DeSoto County High School soccer team finished with a 12-6-2 record and their second straight trip to the regional semifinal game. They lost their 2A-8 regional game 2-1 to an unbeaten Bishop Verot team.

more physical with the Vikings. "They like to be physical with other teams but don't handle it well when someone gets physical back at them," he said. When the Bulldogs cut the lead to 2-1 and after several up close and personal player

introductions, the Vikings panicked and didn't handle the situation very well. The Vikings drew two yellow cards late in the game as the momentum shifted

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Varsity Bulldogs lose back-to-back games

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS EDITOR

After winning their season opener at Port Charlotte 12-6 Feb. 4, the DeSoto County varsity softball team came home for back-to-back games against Charlotte and Palmetto. Maybe they should have stayed on the road.

The Lady Bulldogs dropped both games, losing a well played contest to the Tarpons 2-1 before being walked over by Palmetto 13-2. There wasn't much similarity in the games other than both being Bulldog losses.

Against the Tarpons Thursday night it was a pitching duel between right-handers Courtney Sunnarborg and the Bulldogs' Amber Reid. Reid gave up five hits, the Bulldogs notched six hits and each team had an error. It was the Bulldogs' throwing error in the third that put the winning run on base.

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JV Bulldogs suffer first loss against Charlotte

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County junior varsity softball team knew they had a tough game on their hands when the Charlotte Tarpons visited Arcadia Feb. 6. The Tarpons might not have thought it would be a challenge, but left the game with a different opinion.

"It was the first time our team had been tested this year. They (DeSoto) have a good team," said Charlotte Coach Tony Brannon.

After outscoring their opponents 31-2 in their first two games including a 19-1 win over Mariner the night before, the Tarpons fell behind for the first time this season and had to mount a comeback to beat the Bulldogs 9-4.

The Tarpons' first inning ended with a pop up to short



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DeSoto County JV coach Wade Huckaby holds Cassidy Furr at third base on her triple in the second inning. The hit gave Furr her second RBI in the game in the 9-4 loss Feb. 6.

center field that shortstop Taylor Day drifted back on. The ball squirted out of her glove but was snatched out of the air by an alert Allyson Krause, who was backing up the play.

The Bulldogs took a 2-0 lead

after an inning on a two-out single by pitcher Jayla Cowell and a run-scoring double off the center field fence by Cassidy Furr. A single by second baseman Ayla Reynard then scored Furr.

Cowell recorded all three

outs in the Tarpon second on a pop up and two ground balls back to the mound. In between those outs the Tarpons scored twice to tie the game.

The Bulldogs scored twice in the second to regain the lead as Day scored on a single by Cowell, who then crossed home plate on Furr's triple. That would end the scoring for the game as Tarpon pitcher Mary Boyd took command.



DeSoto County pitcher Jayla Cowell held the hard-hitting Charlotte Tarpons to just eight hits and fanned four in the Bulldogs' loss. Cowell also scored twice and knocked in a run.

Two outs later Reynard had her second base hit of the game but that was all they could

Bulldogs' bats go silent

The Dawgs sent eight batters to the plate in the first inning followed by six in the second. They only had 11 more batters in the game as they went three up and three down the next two innings. In the fifth trailing 9-4, the Bulldogs had a scoring opportunity as Cowell was safe on an error to start the inning.

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The Tarpons are filled with young, talented players with only Sunnarborg graduating this year. It was two freshmen who did all of the damage for Charlotte. Both runs were scored by freshman Marissa Stack, and she was driven in by another freshman, Kayla Chavarria, in the first inning. The same combination provided what proved to be the winning run after Stack was safe on a throwing error in the third. Reid kept the Tarpons off the bases all night, as she gave up just two other hits and only allowed one walk.

Cycle for Brown

Senior shortstop "Downtown" Debbie Brown provided all of the Bulldog offense



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Bulldog third sacker Shelby Cross guns the ball across the infield to Miranda Corbin to retire a Palmetto batter. Cross was the only Bulldog to reach base all three times she batted in the Friday night loss.

as she hit for the cycle. It was her fifth-inning homer well over the left field fence that cut the Tarpon lead in half. As soon as it was hit, the Charlotte coaches in the dugout shouted, "That's gone!"

"The first of many I hope," Brown said after the game.

Earlier, Brown was thrown out at the plate on a head-first slide which appeared as if her hands may have gotten to the plate between the catcher's legs before the tag was put on.

The Bulldogs put up a threat in the seventh inning with a two-out single by McKayla Greene. Brown stepped into the box with three extra base hits already in the book. She drilled a single that the Tarpons got back into the infield quickly, with Greene reaching third. After Brown stole second, the tying and winning runs were in scoring position for Bulldog freshman Chelsea Whitmore.

Whitmore hit the ball well, but it had too much air under it and the center fielder made a nice running catch to end the game. "I was nervous a little, then for a second I thought I had a hit and now I'm just angry," Whitmore said.

New game, different team

The next night looked like a different team was on the field. Brown led off with a screamer to left for her fifth straight hit and Whitmore followed with a single. Brown then scored on a head-first slide at home on a wild pitch. Another Bulldog freshman, Lauren Rotering, hit a long sacrifice fly to score Whitmore with the final run for the Bulldogs. Three walks loaded the bases but a strikeout ended the inning.

Palmetto broke the game open in the second inning with seven walks, back-to-back triples (one with the bases loaded) and a double. Aiding in Palmetto's scoring were several Bulldog errors and mental mistakes.

"They didn't really hit the ball until after we walked them and then every hit drove in a run," said Bulldogs Coach Billy Hines.

The Bulldogs second and fourth innings went down in order. They had singles by Rotering and Shelby Cross in the third, but a strikeout ended that threat.

Whitmore led off the fifth and final inning with her second base hit. After the

next two Bulldogs were retired, Destiny Payne singled and Cross collected her second hit to load the bases. A strikeout, however, ended the game.

"A game like this shows us what we need to work on and everything we need to work on can get fixed. It just takes time," Rotering said.

Cross was the only batter to reach base safely in every at bat with a pair of singles and a walk. Whitmore was the only other Bulldog with two hits.

The junior varsity Bulldogs will host the Bayshore Bruins tonight at 5 p.m., with the varsity game following.

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DMS boys win season finale

By **DAVE BREMER**
SPORTS WRITER

Although the DeSoto Middle School boys' basketball was already enjoying a successful season with a 6-3 record, coach Eric Shea desperately wanted a final season victory against Lake Placid. Not so much for him, however, but for the 14 eighth graders who were playing in their final middle school game. "They (Lake Placid) are a tall team, so we have to be aggressive inside, yet not get into foul trouble" he said. The Panthers did play aggressive both inside and out, fulfilling Shea's wish with a

decisive 40-33 victory over the Dragons.

Lake Placid surprised the Panthers with a full court press to start the game, and DMS missed some easy scoring opportunities. Only two minutes into the game Coach Shea called timeout to settle his team down. Elijah Arthur scored a couple of layups in transition for the Panthers and Lake Placid scored two buckets in the paint, with the scored tied at four at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter saw Shea's quick second platoon enter the game. Unfortunately the taller Lake Placid team was able to take

advantage and quickly scored three points, forcing Shea to put his taller team back in the game. Both teams started to heat up in the second quarter, with Tyler Vest drilling a long two-point shot, and Shawn Campbell adding a three-point play to put the Panthers up 20-13 at halftime.

Holding their lead

The third quarter saw both teams exchanging baskets, with Lake Placid unable to close the gap any more than five points while pressing the whole quarter. A layup steal by Campbell gave the Panthers



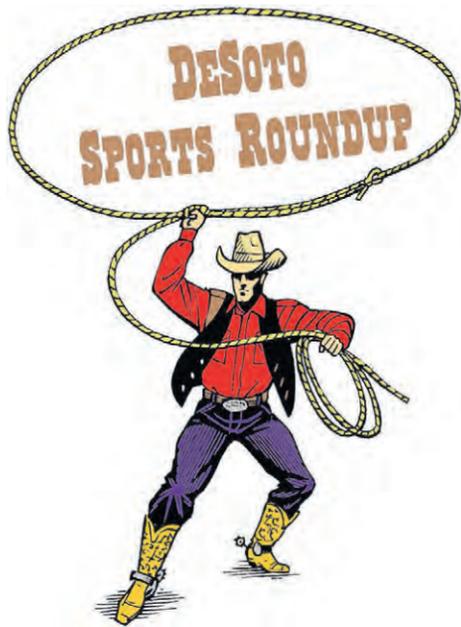
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And the rebound goes to ... hopefully the Panthers, as they jostle for position against the taller Lake Placid players. The Panthers won their final game of the season 40-33.

their biggest lead of the night at 31-22. Another layup on the break press by Arthur put the

Panthers up by 14 with four

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By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

DeSoto County High School

- The boys' varsity soccer team ended their run at the regional title with a loss in the semifinal game to Bishop Verot 2-1.
- The boys' varsity basketball team was defeated in their district game by Lemon Bay 61-52 to put an end to their season.
- The girls' softball season got under way with three games last week. Both the junior varsity and varsity won at Port Charlotte. The JV won 10-1 and the varsity

made it a sweep with a 12-6 win. The Lady Bulldogs had trouble at home, losing to Charlotte 9-4 and the varsity was edged 2-1. Palmetto came to Arcadia on Friday and took a pair from the Dawgs with a 7-2 win over the JV team and a 13-2 win in the varsity game.

Upcoming games

- The boys' JV baseball team will open their season Feb. 18 with a home contest against Port Charlotte. They will then travel to meet the Pirates in Port Charlotte. Both games begin at 6 p.m.
- The varsity baseball team opens their season next Feb.



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Before the regional semifinal game against Bishop Verot, senior Alejandro "Chino" Vargas warms up against coach Tracy Hay.

- 20 with a 7 p.m. home game against Port Charlotte.
- The boys' and girls' tennis teams will host Port Charlotte at 4 p.m. Feb. 20.
- The Bulldogs track and

field team will be at Hardee today, with just the field events portion of the meet starting at 4 p.m. They will travel to Sebring Feb. 20 for a 4 p.m. meet.

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Lady Panthers fall to Lake Placid

By **DAVE BREMER**
SPORTS WRITER

DeSoto Middle School Coach Roberts knew this season was going to be a challenge for his girls' basketball team, as only two of his 15 players had any previous playing experience. Entering the final game of the season against a Lake Placid Team they lost 30-6 to earlier in the season, the Panthers showed tremendous progress. The Lady Panthers led until the final two minutes of the game, eventually losing to the Dragons 20-16.

The Panthers started the game scoring on their first two possessions, while the Dragons struggled to penetrate the Panthers' tight

zone defense. With the score tied, Malysa Jeter scored a three-point basket at the end of the first quarter to give the Panthers a 7-4 lead. The Panthers struck early again in the second quarter and built a 9-4 lead, forcing Lake Placid to call a timeout. The Dragons scored on an out-of-bounds play immediately after the timeout and added a free throw at the end of the quarter, leaving the Panthers with a slim 9-7 halftime lead.

Slow start, exciting end

The third quarter started slow for both teams. The Panthers did a good job of holding the Dragons to only



Shea Lipe grabs a loose ball during the Panthers game against Lake Placid. DMS lost 20-16.

PHOTOS BY DAVE BREMER

one shot on each possession. A basket by Jeter and a rebound put-back by Latrasia Mosley gave the Panthers a 13-7 lead with only a minute

left in the quarter. The momentum swung quickly, however, as Lake Placid scored a basket and a three-point play at the horn to close the gap to



Danashia Wilson makes a free throw for the Panthers against Lake Placid. DMS lost the game 20-16.

13-12. Mosely scored another inside shot for the Panthers early in the fourth quarter, which seemed to wake up the Dragons. The Dragons applied full court pressure, causing

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Oh deer! Some strategies for protecting your landscape

If you live in an area populated by deer, you've probably dealt with their dining habits, more than likely without long term success. Besides dining on your landscape, bucks will rub young trees, stripping the bark and killing them. If you're trying to establish trees in an area heavily populated by deer, plastic trunk protectors may be called for.

Fencing is usually the only option for the vegetable garden. Corn (tender new growth), cow pea, sweet pea, sweet potato and tomato are their favorites. Regular fencing won't deter deer. Deer can leap eight feet. Some methods are to place a single horizontal wire 3 feet above ground



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about 2½ feet from the fence. Extending the fence with metal posts and stretching nylon string spaced 8 inches apart to a

height of 7 feet or more will deter them.

The use of folk or chemical repellents has limited success. Scarecrows with movement, such as pie plates hung on short strings or pinwheels, will work until deer become accustomed to them. A sprinkler with a motion sensor on it that sprays a 3-second blast of water at intruders works. But again — it won't take them long to figure out how to avoid it. There are a number of ultrasonic devices on the market for repelling pests, but most work only until the deer become accustomed to them. An outside dog is a good deterrent, but deer will feed in the presence of a chained or penned barking dog. Human

hair sprinkled in the garden or hung in mesh bags may repel them. Urine or scat from predators such as lions and bears is said to deter them. Commercial repellent sprays may work for a while, but need to be reapplied after rain.

A more lasting solution is to landscape with plants that deer do not like to eat. The only problem, there is limited information on just what deer will eat, and their tastes seem to vary by location and season too. The IFAS publication UW13700, "Ornamental plant susceptibility to damage by deer in Florida,"

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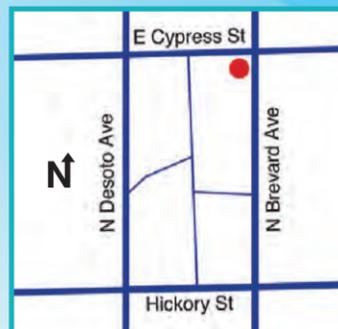


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2011-CA-000859
DIVISION: GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff,

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HENRY L. FILEMAN, JR., DECEASED; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION D/B/A DITECH.COM; SCOTT PATRICK FILEMAN; VILLAS OF KINGS CROSSING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: RICHARD D. FILEMAN
Last Known Address: 105 Louise Lane Oroville, California 95965
Current Address: Unknown

Previous Address: Unknown
TO: ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in De Soto County, Florida, has been filed against you: **UNIT F-1, VILLAS OF KINGS CROSSING, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 313, PAGE 603, AND ALL EXHIBITS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

This property is located at the street address of: 12623 SW Kingsway Circle, Lazy Suzy Florida 34269. YOU ARE REQUIRED to serve a copy of your written defenses on or before February 14, 2014 a date which is within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A., Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 350 Jim Moran Blvd., Suite 100, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's Attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on February 5, 2014.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ N. Daughtrey
Deputy Clerk
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Rashida Overby, Esq.
Arlisa Certain, Esq.
Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A.
350 Jim Moran Blvd., Suite 100
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
Case No. 2013CA783
FENARD PROPERTIES, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff.

vs.
ALFRED N. DOVICH and PATRICIA J. DOVICH, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following property in DeSoto County, Florida: Lot 43 Horse Creek 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 9, Page 45.

Property Address: 7221 Southwest Horse Creek Rd. DeSoto County, Florida. Property ID: 11-38-23-0197-0430-000. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Guy A. Flowers, the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12653 SW County Road 769 Suite A, Lake Suzy, FL 34269, on or before 30 days from the date of the first publication of this notice and file original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated on January 29, 2014. Mitzie McGavic, Clerk of Court
By: /s/ M. Harris
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 14-2013-CA-000633
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.
KEITH A. GRUBBS A/K/A KEITH GRUBBS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: **KEITH A. GRUBBS A/K/A KEITH GRUBBS**
Last Known Address: 2403 SE POINTER AVENUE, ARCADIA, FL 34266 Also Attempted At: 9980 SE JEANS RD, ARCADIA, FL 34266
Current Residence Unknown
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEITH A. GRUBBS A/K/A KEITH GRUBBS
Last Known Address: 2403 SE POINTER AVENUE, ARCADIA, FL 34266 Also Attempted At: 9980 SE JEANS RD, ARCADIA, FL 34266
Current Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: **LOT 8, QUAIL HOLLOW ESTATES, AN UNRECORDED PLAT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NW CORNER OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S 0°24' W**

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MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
As Deputy Clerk
Published 2/6/14 & 2/13/14 107507 2999209

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 14DR021
DIVISION:
Agustin Bustamante, Petitioner and Kristin Daugherty., Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR Dissolution of Marriage

TO: Kristin A. Daugherty
Last known address: Unknown
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 Agustin Bustamante whose address is 9951 Levisky Dr. Arcadia, FL 34269 on or before February 23, 2014, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 115 East Oak St. Arcadia, FL 34266 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address**

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Dated January 10, 2014. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2012-CA-000179
DIVISION: II
Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P.
Plaintiff,
-vs.-
Deke Allen Livingston a/k/a Deke A. Livingston; Vanessa S. Livingston a/k/a Vanessa Kay Sykes; Sunshine Savings Bank f/k/a Sunshine State Credit Union; Castle Credit Corporation Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated January 24, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000179 of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P., Plaintiff and Deke Allen Livingston a/k/a Deke A. Livingston are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Mitzie W. McGavic, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AT 11:00 A.M. on March 18, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 150, OF PEACE RIVER ACRES, FIRST ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 80, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. **ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. 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 ADA Coordinator; 2002 Ringling Boulevard, 8th Floor, Sarasota, Florida 34237 (941) 861-7811 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**

Mitzie W. McGavic
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
DeSoto County, Florida
By: /s/ N. Daughtrey
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
Submitted By:
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHÉ, LLP
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate Number: 1499
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011
Tax Deed File #: 14-02-TD
Description of Property: LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK "D", OAK CREST 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 6, PAGE 17. TOGETHER WITH ANY INTEREST IN THAT CERTAIN STREET KNOWN AS SUNRISE AVENUE LYING DIRECTLY TO THE SOUTH LOT 1, BLOCK "D" BY VIRTUE OF THAT CERTAIN RESOLUTION OF STREET VACATION AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 196, PAGE 1062, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Names in which assessed:

SHIRLEY A GRIFFIN L/E
C/O 15 W OAK STREET
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
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 MARCH 12, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 2/6/14, 2/13/14, 2/20/14 & 2/27/14
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Certificate Number: 1670
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011
Tax Deed File #: 14-04-TD
Description of Property: LOT 4, BLOCK "U", EL DORADO PARK, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 71. TOGETHER WITH A 1988 LIBE SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME. IDENTIFICATION #10L20265. TITLE#65872869. RP#R0553466. NOTE: THE MOBILE HOME TITLE IS IN THE NAME OF "RAMIRO GONZALEZ VILLA".

Names in which assessed:

JORGE JANARO RAGOYTA VARGAS
1241 SE MAPLE DR
ARCADIA, FL 34266
All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida.

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da. 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 MARCH 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 28TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2014.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate Number: 1428
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011
Tax Deed File #: 14-05-TD
Description of Property: LOTS 27 AND 28, BLOCK 3, TIER 6, A.W. GILCHRIST'S EAST 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 1, PAGE 27 AND IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 48.

Names in which assessed:

1ST INTEGRITY INVESTMENTS LLC
1083 N COLLIER BLVD
STE 334
MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145
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 MARCH 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 28TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2014.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
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Certificate Number: 6
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011
Tax Deed File #: 14-06-TD
Description of Property: LOTS 13-19, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK "E", KELLISON-BERRY FIRST ADDITION TO PINE LEVEL, 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 49.

Names in which assessed:

CHARITY DESEAR-CARBO
532 37TH STREET CT W
PALMETTO, FL 34221
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TAX DEEDS
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Certificate Number: 1429
Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011
Tax Deed File #: 14-07-TD
Description of Property: LOTS 29 AND 30, BLOCK 3, TIER 6, A.W. GILCHRIST'S EAST 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 1, PAGE 27 AND IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 48.

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OTHER NOTICES
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
JUVENILE DIVISION
Case No. 14013DP000019
J.H., 11/11/2002
M.H., 04/13/2005
Child(ren).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Jose Manuel Hernandez, father and/or any UNKNOWN PARENT father/mother **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights on **J.H. & M.H.**, has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Brian L. Gillis, Esq. of the Department of Children and Family Service, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 805 North Mills Avenue, Arcadia, Florida 34266, on or before **March 25, 2014 at 9:00AM** and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's Attorney or immediately thereafter. **Failure to appear at this hearing constitutes consent to the termination of parental rights of this child (or these children). Pursuant to Sections 39.802(4)(d) and 63.082(6)(g), Florida Statutes, you are hereby informed of the availability of private placement with an adoption entity, as defined in Section 63.032(3), Florida Statutes**
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of this Court on this 31st day of January, 2014.
Mitzie W. McGavic
As Clerk of the Court
By: Jo Rowan
Deputy Clerk
Published 2/6/14, 2/13/14, 2/20/14 & 2/27/14 322378 2999181

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GRITS & PIECES

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getting a handle on this growing up thing, you find yourself in the throes of puberty, that come with all sorts of scares and surprises. Enough said about all that, as that old saying about letting sleeping dogs lie is a good one.

Somehow we manage to survive the courting rituals, the dating, and the pitching of woos, graduating from holding sweaty hands and that first scary kiss that may or may not involve your fellow smoocher wearing braces. And then before you know it, your names or initials are carved on trees, etched in wet cement, or scrawled on the walls of bathroom stalls. The relationship has officially been established at that point.

You know how the story ends, so I don't have to tell you. Johnny and Susie wind up marrying after all, and pushing that proverbial baby carriage, raising children who look and act just like them, and live happily ever after, cootie-free.

The valentines they shared as children evolve into bouquets of roses, boxes of chocolate, and cards that range from mushy to maniacal, and before they know it, their children are filling out valentines at the kitchen table to take to school for their classmates, and earnestly asking what a cootie is.

Happy Valentine's Day, y'all. Ain't love grand?

Whatever it is...

Find it in the Classifieds!

SUN NEWSPAPERS

CALENDAR

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Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

- The Arcadia Writers Group meets from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Arcadia Village Clubhouse. For more information, call Sarah Hollenhorst at 244-1663.

- "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: Environmental Learning Lab, 8:30 a.m. Feb. 20. Free.

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

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

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

COMING EVENTS

- Vietnam Brotherhood Echo Co. is holding a fundraiser on Feb. 22 for Debra "Dejay" Wilson who needs kidney surgery. It starts with a Poker Run at 9 a.m., also a Bike Run, Karaoke, food and raffle, to be held at Amvets Post #60. For details or to donate, call Jackie Tucker at 993-0083.

- The Chamber of Commerce Leadership DeSoto Class V will hold its annual McSwain Park fundraiser, Stilettoes and Spurs, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 22 at Oaks of Devonaire, 1423 S.E. County Road 760A. Cost is \$35/person or \$60/couple. Live band - silent auction food raffles. For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 494-4033.

- Sunnybreeze Christian Fellowship, 7049 S.W. Liverpool Road, holds a concert with the The Taylors, a family quartet from North Carolina, sharing their passion for the Gospel through music, at 7 p.m. Feb. 22. Love offerings are appreciated. For information call 494 3273.

- The DeSoto County Literacy Council will hold a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 22. Items for donation can be dropped off at 1365 S.E. Airport Road. Call 993-9049 for more information.

COUNTY

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get you very far," he said. "Can you assure me this funding won't go toward mowing areas and things like that? I want to make sure this money is being spent solely on demolition."

Hines responded that the funds were solely for demolition purposes, and would only be used through the code enforcement process.

Concerns over resident displacement

Code Enforcement Director George Hernandez said since the demolitions are going to be a part of the standard code enforcement protocol, a lien would also be placed on the property when demolition was completed, which when paid would go back into the redevelopment fund. "Owners will have 30 days to bring the building up to code, and if after that time there is no sign that progress has been made on the problem, they are then given notice to vacate the property," he said.

Resident Ed Johnson said he was opposed to the move, noting that demolishing occupied structures

Live Oak RV Resort honors its veterans

BY AL ALVORD

On Jan. 25, the military veterans of the Live Oak RV Resort were honored for their past service to our country. This event was planned by Dennis LaPoint, himself a U.S. Army veteran. He was assisted by High Simmonds, and Master of Ceremonies was Al Alvord, both also Army veterans.

The ceremony included a presentation of Canadian and United States colors by the DeSoto County High School JROTC, under the command of Major Craig Burch and First Sergeant Tim Edsall. After the Canadian national anthem was played, the U.S. veterans saluted as the Star Spangled Banner was played. A video of The Ragged Old Flag by the late Johnny Cash followed.

A tribute to the POW and MIA veterans began with a candle-lighting ceremony by JROTC Cadet Commander Sergeant Major Matthew Blevins. Alvord explained the meaning of the items laid upon the table.

Veterans stood in a moment of silence in memory of the POWs and MIAs as well as for those no longer with us. A special tribute was offered for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. After a 21-second silence, the mournful sound



PHOTOS PROVIDED

The Live Oak RV Resort veterans pose for a group photo.

of Taps echoed through the hall. Live Oak's U.S. Marine Lt. Col. (ret.) Lew Tingley offered a prayer for all veterans. A medley of service anthems played as veterans stood for their respective songs. Tribute was also given for the Canadian veterans.

More than 180 veterans and their spouses were then served a chicken and pork dinner prepared by Live Oak volunteers, followed by an evening of musical entertainment and dancing by Live Oak's band, The Pacemakers.

The Live Oak cooks extend a special thanks to



The DeSoto County High School JROTC Honor Guard presents the United States and Canadian colors.

K & J Homegrown Produce and Farmers Market for their generous donation to the event. Thanks are also extended to First Sgt. Tim Edsall and the JROTC cadets

who gave up their Saturday evening for this event. These young men and women were very inspiring and DeSoto County can be very proud of them.

FLANIK

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Negativity is incredibly contagious and will destroy confidence.

"I have carried the belief for some time that freedom and confidence are the essential elements needed to inspire success. Freedom and confidence can relieve us of the stress and tension we face when we set balance as our goal and can achieve for us the kind of respect we deserve as leaders

within our respective industries and communities.

"Enhanced freedom certainly helps with balance between personal and professional time. We absolutely no longer need to be chained to our desks to get our jobs done."

Todd Lachman, President of MARS Chocolate, North America, in a 2010 interview cited Flanik's "passionate and strategic leadership on MARS brands, as well as a tremendous drive to uncover the combination of the most consumer-relevant and creative executions.

Advertising Age said Flanik "can easily be considered among the most important female executives — and part of the secret sauce — at one of the biggest agencies in the world, BBDO."

The Arcadia native says her two mentors are her mother, Stephanie McAnly, a retired DeSoto County teacher, and BBDO Chief Creative Officer, David Lubars. "From day one he believed in me and pushed me to be my best," said Flanik. "He instilled confidence in me, showing me the power of small wins and how small wins motivate you to achieve bigger wins."

would do nothing more than create more homeless in the area. "These are people who can barely afford to live in those buildings now; where are they supposed to go when the county takes their homes away?" he asked. Miller also said he did not want to remove individuals or families from their residences.

Hines acknowledged their concerns, saying the displacement of individuals is an issue the county will have to address. "There is absolutely a very human side when it comes to this, we understand that and it is a topic that deserves further discussion," she said.

Utility funding applications approved

The board also unanimously approved the submittal of a loan application of \$5.1 million for water and wastewater utility extensions along the U.S. 17 corridor from Arcadia to Nocatee. Hines made the request so the applications were submitted in time for an upcoming funding hearing in Tallahassee.

The board unanimously approved an agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Corp. to lease a new Wheel Loader for the county landfill. It also unanimously approved



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY STEVE BAUER

County Commissioner Buddy Mansfield, left, congratulates Marty Dow after presenting him with the Distinguished Citizen Award for the first quarter of 2014. Dow was recognized for his numerous charitable and volunteering efforts throughout the community.

a piggyback contract with Charlotte County for the use of its Biosolids Management sludge disposal.

The board also set a public hearing

on the closing and abandonment of portions of county rights of way. The hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 25.

SEMINOLE

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Seminole Indian Reservation.” Over the years it has evolved to include much more than just competitive games. On Saturday, a parade opens the day’s events, led by Osceola and Renegade, the famed mascots of the Florida State University Seminoles. There are traditional rodeo events, including bronc and bull riding. Seminole alligator wrestling and snake handling lend a different form of excitement and danger to entertain spectators, while traditional hoop dancing illustrates tribal culture. Dallas Arcand, three-time world

champion hoop dancer, will perform Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Well known artist Robert Butler, one of the original Highwaymen, will take part in the event. The Highwaymen, a group of itinerant self-taught black artists, began selling their work in the 1960s, but it was not until later that their paintings rose in value and became collectible. Butler lived in Okeechobee and the lake appears in many of his works.

The multi-day event takes place at Fred Smith Rodeo Arena on the Brighton Seminole Reservation, 500 Harney Pond Road, Okeechobee. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$25.

For more information, visit www.rezrodeo.com.



PHOTOS BY KELLEY BAKER, skfshowcattle@aol.com

Osceola and his mount Renegade, famous mascots of Florida State University’s Seminoles, will lead the rodeo parade Saturday morning at the Seminole reservation rodeo.



Traditional Indian Hoop Dancing will be demonstrated several times throughout the event. This year, three-time world hoop dancing champion, Dallas Arcand, will demonstrate the skills and significance of the dance.



Seminole Xtreme Bulls will be featured Sunday night, while bronc riding and other events will take place during the Brighton Field Day. The multi-day event celebrates and showcases Seminole traditions

BRIGHTON FIELD DAY HIGHLIGHTS

Friday:

- 10 a.m. Grand entry; ProRodeo Fan Zone
- 11:15 a.m. Venomous snake show
- 11:30 a.m. Alligator wrestling
- Noon Hoop dance with Dallas Arcand
- 1 p.m. Alligator and snake show with Jimmy Riffle of the TV show Gator Boys
- 3 p.m. George Molton and 90 Proof Band
- 4 p.m. Alligator and snake show with Jimmy Riffle of the TV show Gator Boys
- 4:30 p.m. Hoop dance with Dallas Arcand
- 6:30 p.m. Exhibition PowWow dance
- 8 p.m. PRCA Rodeo — bulls and broncs

Saturday:

- 10 a.m. Field Day Parade
- 11 a.m. Grand entry
- 11:45 a.m. Alligator and snake show with Jimmy Riffle of the TV show Gator Boys
- Noon Horse race and Indian relay
- 12:30 p.m. Hoop dance with Dallas Arcand
- 1 p.m. ProRodeo Fan Zone
- 2 p.m. Martin and Godwin meet and greet from A&E’s Duck Dynasty
- 2:30 p.m. Exhibition PowWow dance
- 4:30 p.m. Hoop dance with Dallas Arcand

Sunday:

- 10:30 a.m. Q&A with Uncle Si Robertson, Martin and Godwin of A&E’s Duck Dynasty
- Noon Grand entry
- 1 p.m. Hoop dance with Dallas Arcand
- 1 p.m. ProRodeo Fan Zone
- 2 p.m. Venomous snake show
- 2 p.m. Uncle Si, Martin and Godwin meet and greet from A&E’s Duck Dynasty
- 3 p.m. Exhibition PowWow dance
- 3 p.m. Seminole Classic Xtreme Bulls

For details, ticket prices and directions, visit www.rezrodeo.com.

REMEMBERING

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of South Florida. In addition, his work has regularly been published in the Florida Historical Quarterly.

His book covers topics such as

Spanish fisheries, cattle drives, sailing ships, steamships, railroad, commercial fishing, tarpon fishing, homesteaders, phosphate mining, smuggling, feuds, orange growing, murders, churches, politics, tourism, hurricanes, freezes, resort hotels as well as the rich and famous.

The book has more than 100 pages in color with 35 maps. The cover painting

is by Elinor Thompson of Fort Ogden. The book is available at www.amazon.com and local book stores including Copperfish Books & Gifts in Punta Gorda.

Peebles autographed a copy of his book which will be given to the DeSoto County Library in memory of Mrs. Peggy Roe, L. & E Member Emeritus.

In addition to their guests, those

in attendance included: Jane Adams, Nancy Ambler, Geraldine Barnwell, Betty Brown, Adrienne Daly, Muriel Hall, Susan Head, Susan Lanier, Martha Jo Markey, Genie Martin, Sue Overcash, Ann Ryals, Sue Ellen Smith, Kathryn Standard, Mary Ann Treadwell, Nancy Jo Vaughn, Angela Waters, Edith Wildt, and Marlou Zolkos.

PANTHERS

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numerous turnovers for the Panthers. One of the taller Dragon players began driving to the basket and scored six points in the final quarter. With the score tied and 90 seconds left, the Dragons added a final basket and two free throws at the end to win the game 20-16.

Asking the two girls with experience how they felt after the game, Shea Lipe stated she was mad they lost, but did

feel good about the progress they had made. Leading scorer Jeter thought the season went well considering they only had two players with experience, and added she was looking forward to playing basketball and softball at the high school level next year.

Coach Roberts was also pleased with the progress his team had made. “With only two players having any basketball experience, and considering we lost 30-6 the first time we played them, I am very pleased with the progress the team has made,” he said. The Panthers ended the season with a 3-7 record.



PHOTO BY DAVE BREMER

Stephanie Whitmore (11) and Malysa Jeter close in on a Lake Placid player. The Lady Panthers lost the game 20-16.

WIN

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minutes left in the game. Things almost unraveled for the Panthers, however, as Shea substituted freely but at the 2:15 mark the Panthers were only up 38-33 and he was forced to put his first platoon back in. The Panthers continued to struggle, fouling and taking quick

shots on the offensive end. Fortunately for DMS, the Dragons missed six straight free throws and couldn't connect on any three point shots to give the Panthers a 40-33 victory.

"We missed opportunities early in the game, and didn't play too smart at the end, but we played pretty good in the middle to get the win," Shea said. "But it is middle school and it's pretty hard not to take that open shot at the end of your last game. I was glad to see Elijah

Arthur score enough points to go over the 100-point mark (107). That's pretty impressive for a 10-game season."

A laid back Arthur said it felt good to get past 100 points and enjoyed the season working with Shea. Shawn Campbell added, "Coach Shea has kept us under control. We have enjoyed the past two years."

Sounds like Coach Shea wasn't the only one enjoying the season for the Panthers.



PHOTO BY DAVE BREMER

Center Larry Taylor looks to prevent the inbounds pass as a packed house looks on during the Panthers game against Lake Placid.

BULLDOGS

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towards the Bulldogs.

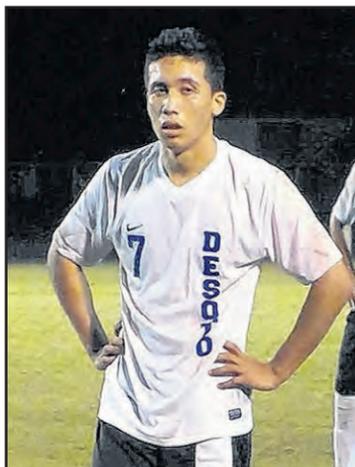
The Bulldogs put it all together and played arguably their best game of the season. They were sharp with their share of 50/50 balls and many nice passes and some fancy dribbling by several Bulldogs including Alejandro "Chino" Vargas and Rosario Zavala. They had some well kicked balls at the net, but the Vikings keeper had a career game with several great stops on hard-hit shots that he had to leave his feet to get to.

Vargas had a free kick that was stopped and both he and Zavala sent screamers just outside of the uprights. The most frustrated of them all had to be Manolo Mejia. Mejia had four well-kicked balls stopped outside of the net. He did manage to notch the only goal in the game with a header with 11 minutes left. It was the softest hit ball by the junior all night and it was the one that

scored!

Mejia talked about his shots that were turned away. "When the ball doesn't go in, it makes me want to try that much harder to get it in," he said. "On the one that went in, I saw it in the air and then one of my teammates hit it and I followed it and headed it in. I don't care if I score as long as we win. It doesn't mean anything to score when we lose. This is really disappointing. Most of my teammates won't be back next year and next year is my senior year and I want to make the most of it."

Bulldog Coach Tracy Hay was shaken after the game. It isn't easy saying goodbye to any team you've spent so much time and effort with, especially the seniors. In her final postgame talk with her team, there were several long moments of silence as Hay chose her words carefully and gathered her thoughts. "I'm really proud of you all. Thank you for giving it your all. You make me proud to be your coach. It doesn't surprise me to be where you are. You've



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

At the end of the 2-1 loss to Bishop Verot, a tired and disappointed Manolo Mejia reflects on the game. Mejia scored the only DeSoto County goal late in the second half.

left some big shoes to fill," she said.

Long after the last fan had left the stadium and the parking lot was nearly empty, the entire team sat on the bench in silence. They didn't want the season to end, not this way with a loss to a team



DeSoto County goal keeper Edgar Olvera burns up some pregame energy to the delight of teammates Rosario Zavala (3) and Alejandro "Chino" Vargas.

they could have beaten. "This is the most talented, hardest working DeSoto team I've ever coached," Hay said. "I don't want it to end. I'd like

to call for a practice tomorrow and I know they'd all be there." I'm sure they would be there too, as they have some unfinished business to take care of.

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DEER

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lists landscape plants and how severely they are damaged by deer and each plant's resistance to damage. Plants listed as not resistant are those that may succumb to frequent dining. Resistant plants will tolerate nibbling and put out sufficient growth to maintain form and vigor.

Some of the notations do not match what we've observed. For instance, crape myrtle is listed as having only rare or minor damage and resistant to damage, but here in DeSoto County myrtles are frequently severely stunted by deers' nibbling. Only the taller old-fashioned varieties are able to outgrow deer. Turk's cap mallow is listed as being frequently damaged, but able to resist. We once embraced this plant now considered an



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY AL SMOKE

If you live in an area populated by deer, you've probably dealt with their dining habits, more than likely without long term success. Fencing is usually the only option for the vegetable garden. If deer are nibbling your landscape plants, selecting plants deer do not like to eat is one method of outwitting deer.

invasive pest and planted it around our property. Once we learned it was not a Florida-friendly plant, we stopped

propagating it and cut back some of our plantings. That's when we noticed the deer would nibble the new growth.

By cutting the plants back several times during the year to promote new growth, we used the deer to help eliminate this plant from our landscape.

Hibiscus is listed as a favorite plant. We had several hibiscus plants in pots that we would move into our small plastic covered shade house for the winter. The plants suffered each spring when we moved them out. In resignation, we began keeping the hibiscus plants in the shade house year-round. That worked until we looked out to see three deer inside the 6 by 9 foot enclosure.

Some ornamental trees and shrubs listed as having rare or only minor damage are: croton, eucalyptus, gardenia, ixora, juniper, ligustrum, loquat, magnolia, oleander, orchid tree and plumbago. Some plants that deer reportedly seldom bother include ageratum, allamanda, aloe, angels trumpet, asparagus fern, black-eyed Susan, Boston

fern, century plant, cone flower, coreopsis, dusty miller, English ivy, ginger lily, heliconia, lily of the Nile, lupine, marigolds, peace lily, periwinkle, petunia, sage, verbena, and yucca.

Some of their favorites are celosia, dahlias, day lily, impatiens, phlox, portulaca and shrimp plant. Deer will also eat aster, begonia, iris and zinnia. Avoid planting these if deer regularly visit your yard.

Native plants that have evolved with deer are usually less susceptible to damage by deer. A good native plant landscape includes a mix of several species — which also helps ensure there will be something the deer won't devour. Deer are browsers — they prefer a nibble here and there, and generally eat higher above ground than other grazing animals. Part of the joy of gardening is becoming a part of the natural cycle of life; so many gardeners choose to tolerate some critter damage.

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