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City delays administrator hiring process

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

An email glitch that sent eight potential administrator applications to a spam folder has forced the city council to delay its hiring process.

City Clerk Penny Delaney said an IT employee contacted her Tuesday, saying he discovered the errant applications while sorting through the city's spam folder. The applications had all been sent before the 5 p.m. Feb. 28 deadline, and Delaney said staff had no

knowledge the mishap had occurred because only the IT department has access to that folder.

Interim administrator Tom Slaughter said the Administrator Search Committee should meet again to discuss the additional applicants, noting additionally that when the committee approved the recommendation of five finalists for the position, only four members were present to vote.

"Not having that individual there means one member of the council was not represented in the vote, so I would

like their next meeting to include all five members," he said.

The council asked Committee Chairman John Super how much more time the group would need to review the additional applications, and Super said two weeks was plenty.

Councilman Bob Heine then suggested the council not be in such a rush to have the committee come back with its five finalists, saying there was no hurry in finding a permanent administrator. "I think we should give them more time, maybe even a month or so

to allow them to properly review any necessary documents," he said.

Slaughter agreed, saying the members should have ample time to properly review each applicant, and not feel rushed to make a decision. "It's important they are given as much time as needed to make an educated decision."

Mayor Alice Frierson said Slaughter shouldn't be a part of the discussion, because he has also applied for the position.

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Arcadia Literary Club celebrates centennial anniversary

By CAROL MAHLER

ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

"Few cities have grown as has Arcadia. She built a new residence for every day in 1914. Is there another city of 4,000 anywhere that can say as much?" boasted an article published in the May 17, 1915 issue of The Enterprise.

Construction in 1914 also included commercial buildings — such as the Arcadia Citrus Exchange with its half-acre facade — and public structures such as St. Paul's Catholic Church on the corner of Monroe Avenue and Whidden Street.

"Arcadia was using more lumber and shingles than any city in Florida and ... Orlando was a close second," reported the August 20, 1915 issue of The Enterprise.

In addition, tracks for the East and West Coast Railway were laid, and the station west of Arcadia was named Belgium for one of the first battles of World War I.

That year, Robert Frost published "North of Boston," James Joyce "Dubliners," and E. R. Burroughs "Tarzan of the Apes."

In Arcadia, Mrs. C. H. (Laura) Mitchell, Mrs. Mary Hewitt Smith, Mrs. H. E. (Nina) Carlton, Mrs. J. L. (Mourning) Jones, and Mrs.

Charles (Rose) Dirr founded the Arcadia Literary Club, one of the city's "eight ladies' clubs of musical and literary type," according to the January 5, 1915 issue of The Arcadia Daily News.

The club celebrated its Centennial Anniversary on Sunday at the Historic Owens School. Club members prepared a variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts that were served buffet-style with beverages.

Charles Dirr, son of founding member Rose Dirr, played selections on the piano throughout the afternoon. President Laura Amendola noted that he had performed many times for the organization, and "it is our honor to have you play for us today."

Two programs of his previous performances for the club — dated 1969 and 1978 — were on display along with photographs and newspaper articles to showcase the organization's history. Club Historian Bonnie Malloy also showcased several scrapbooks full of yearbooks, by-laws, and other memorabilia on display, including the meeting minutes written when Rose Dirr served as secretary. In 1942, she recorded that

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ARCADIAN PHOTO BY CAROL MAHLER

Longtime Arcadia Literary Club Member Joy Tinsley and Club Historian Bonnie Malloy look through one of the scrapbooks on exhibit at the club's 100th Anniversary celebration held Sunday at Historic Owens School.



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New type of school considered for DeSoto

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

The DeSoto County School District is evaluating whether to start a new public school that would be open to children in grades K through 8 across the district, regardless of where in the county they live. Tentatively called the Lake Suzy Leadership Academy, the school would focus on STEAM subjects: science, technology, engineering, arts and math — plus aviation.

At the first of two public meetings held Tuesday night, School Superintendent Karyn Gary told the audience, “We are doing a feasibility study to see if there is enough interest in this proposed school.” She said it would serve up to 150 students.

Assistant Superintendent Christina Britton said the school curriculum would follow Franklin Covey’s Seven Habits, outlined in a program called The Leader in Me. It would help students build character and good habits such as teamwork, integrate technology in everyday learning, and even learn new skills they could eventually parlay into future employment.

Britton introduced a flight simulator unit at the front of the room, noting it has been used at other schools to teach a variety of sciences such as geography and physics, as students learn by solving problems. Rather than have them memorize formulas from a book, problem-solving keeps their interest and motivates children to learn what they need to solve a dilemma.

The school, Britton said, would be by choice, meaning students would not be assigned to attend based on where they live. Rather, the school would serve those children who had a real interest in attending, from throughout DeSoto



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Robert Gooding tries his skills at the flight simulator with guidance from Jay LeBoff of Hotseat Chassis, a company that makes flight simulation equipment. Using this set-up, children can learn about physics, engineering, astronomy and other sciences while learning useful skills.

County. It would be held at the former Laurel Oaks/Community Green school in Lake Suzy, and would be free for DeSoto school children to attend.

“We hope to get 150 students interested,” said Gary. The district could open the school with 125 students, but if more than 150 were interested, a lottery would be held to decide who could attend.

Britton emphasized that, as a district school, there would be no additional cost for a child to attend, and that services such as breakfast and lunch as well as transportation would be provided here just as at other DeSoto schools.

Gary emphasized that if parents have

an interest in this type of school, they must let the district know so the feasibility of the proposed academy can be determined. Parents present at the Tuesday meeting were asked to fill out information cards.

“We really encourage interested parents come out to our next meeting on Thursday,” Gary said. “The Lake Suzy school property has been cleaned up and it looks beautiful; it’s a nice, peaceful setting, and some of the classrooms have been set up to give parents an idea what it would be like.”

IF YOU GO ...

Parents and children who want to learn more about the proposed Lake Suzy Leadership Academy are urged to attend a meeting tonight at the former Laurel Oaks Academy, at 12100 S.W. Academy Drive, in Lake Suzy. The meeting is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bring your children as there will be activities for them. Interested parents can ask questions, try out the flight simulator, tour the campus and fill out cards indicating their interest. To get to the school, take County Road 769 (Kings Highway) south into Lake Suzy. Turn right at the Marathon gas station and follow the signs to the school.

The flight simulator at Tuesday’s meeting was set up with the Arcadia Airport as the background. Jay LeBoff of Hotseat Chassis, which provided the flight simulator, said there is predicted to be a great need for more pilots and other aviation jobs soon, as current pilots retire.

“We already have a lot of technology in our district,” Gary said. “We are in the top 20 percent of rural Florida districts. We want to continue and expand that.”

Robert Gooding, a parent of two teenagers, said he wish something like this had been available when his children were younger. “This is exactly what we need here,” he said. The demand for technology will grow, and it is important for our schools to stay current. As he tried out the simulator (attempting to replicate the “Miracle on the Hudson” by landing a plane on the river), he could see how something like that would help students learn how to be critical thinkers and problem-solvers.

Country music showcase coming to Arcadia



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

Al Svihlik holds up two posters he’s going to be bringing to several area RV parks to let residents know about an exciting country music concert coming to DeSoto County on March 22. The event features popular country artists such as Moe Bandy, TG Sheppard, Janie Fricke and more, and will be held at the Arcadia rodeo arena. Special pricing is available for groups of 20 or more — only \$22 per ticket rather than the regular price of \$35 each. For tickets, talk to Al when you see him, or come to the Arcadian office at 108 S. Polk Ave. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketriver.com/event/10019, for a handling charge, or call 863-990-8099.

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meetings would not be held “for the duration” of World War II, and then three years later, minutes show they resumed after the end of the war.

She also recognized longtime members Mary Carr and Joy Tinsley who were present as well as Ginny Fusco; plus members of the Twentieth Century Literary Club and the L. and E. Club (which celebrated its centennial in 2010) who were in attendance.

Mary Ann Treadwell, president of the L. and E. Club, presented a plaque to be hung in the DeSoto County Library to commemorate the Arcadia Literary Club’s centennial. Then Amendola opened a gift — a gavel — from the Twentieth Century Literary Club and announced, “I’m so emotional. I don’t have to use a spoon any more.” She rapped the gavel softly and said, “Carry on.”

Heidi deJong read the collect, or short prayer, written by charter member Myrtle Treadwell, that opens each club meeting. She listed some of the changes since 1914 — shorter skirts and higher heels among them. She noted the Arcadia Literary Club helps the community through its



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY CAROL MAHLER

Club President Laura Amendola accepts the gift of a gavel from the 20th Century Literary Club given by Rith Reynolds Dunn.

scholarship for a graduating high school senior, donations of books for the library as well as funds for the hungry. She hoped that the club would endure another 100 years.

The organization began planning the centennial event last summer under the leadership of Ann Pepper, Theresa Wheeler, and Diane Baxley. Committee members include Marcia D. Brown, Heidi deJong, Heather

FFA spruces up rodeo mural



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FFA members from DeSoto Middle School and their advisors plant flowers in the pots in front of the rodeo mural on South Polk Avenue. From left, Analiz Ibarra, 12, advisor Jennifer Trainor, Beth Fussell, 13, advisor Bert Cornett, and Diana Lopez, 11, place some flowers in a pot so the mural will look its best for the rodeo this weekend.

Kamberg, Lorraine Mohammadbhoy, Bonnie Malloy, and Cherie Hollingsworth.

Amendola congratulated “current members and all of those before us with a job well done.”



Photographs, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia present the 100-year history of the Arcadia Literary Club.



On behalf of the L and E Club, Mary Ann Treadwell presents a plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Arcadia Literary Club to president Laura Amendola.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Finding rural solutions to climate change

By LU NELSEN

CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

Rural and small town Americans work hard to make a living and adapt to changing times. It's an important tradition, maintaining a rural way of life while finding new ways to improve it. Farmers, ranchers and rural small business depend upon flexibility, entrepreneurship and innovative adoption of new practices to confront new challenges.

Rural America's newest challenges will come in the form of a changing climate and the subsequent rise of pests, fires, flooding, and droughts. All will threaten the livelihoods of farmers, ranchers, and others in rural communities, making it necessary to seek methods to mitigate damage and adapt to the changes.

In the summer of 2013, the USDA announced they would undertake the creation of regional Climate Hubs that will focus on aiding farmers and ranchers in adapting to impacts of climate change.

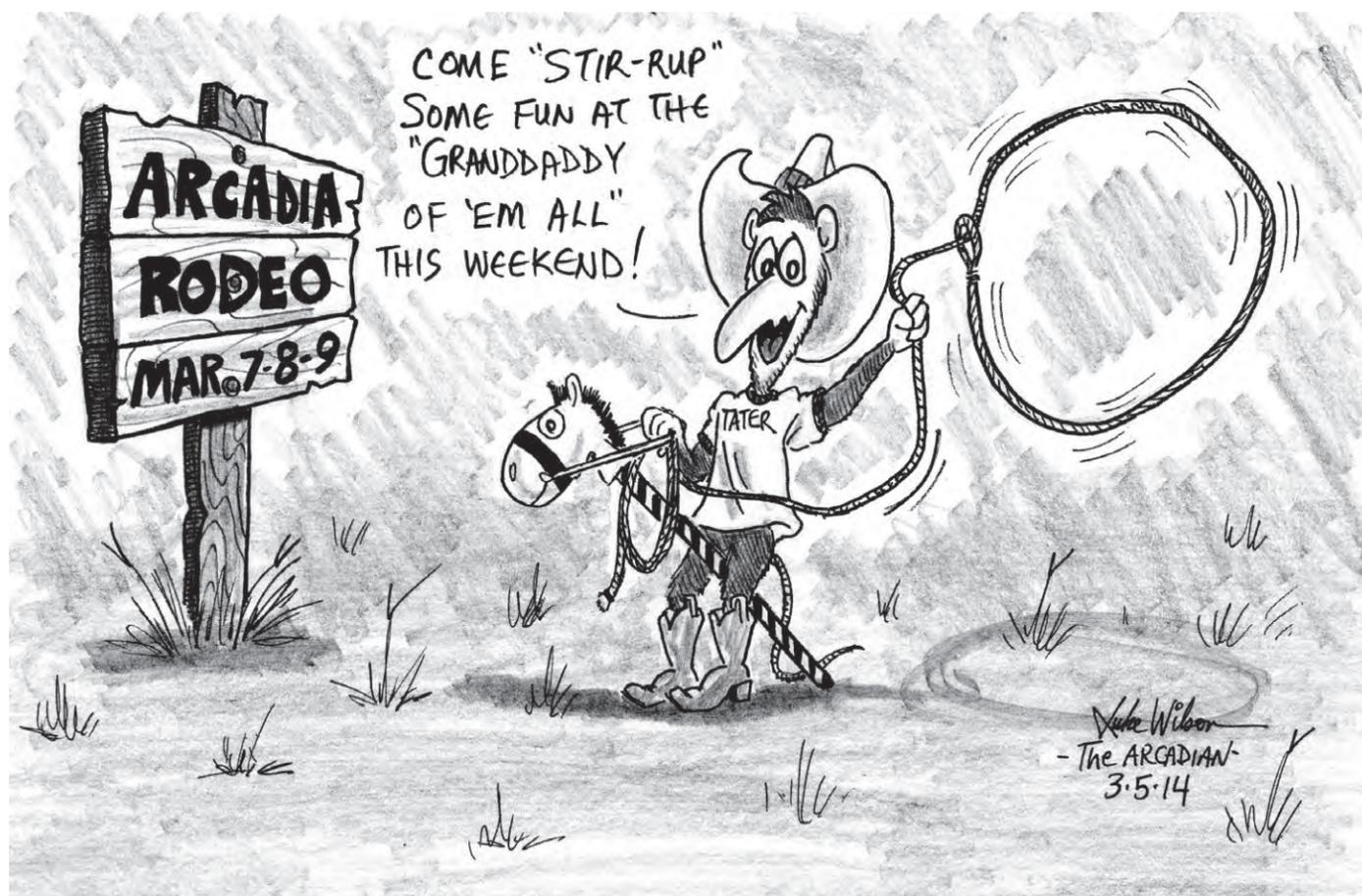
The seven regional Climate Hubs will, hopefully, provide useful tools for farmers and ranchers to employ in their day-to-day operations, as well as in planning for the future. These hubs will translate data and research into real solutions and practices that can be put to use in the field. Their research will also provide ideas and direction for federal conservation programs.

Climate Hubs should also offer farmers and ranchers an opportunity to share what they learn and help drive development of innovative, practical solutions to the challenges they face. And the time has come for conservation programs to help farmers and ranchers adopt diverse agricultural systems that are more responsive to a changing climate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Ballad of Pablo Escobar

Editor:

Recently I was talking with a passenger on the way out to a barrier island. He brought up the subject of Mosaic strip mining in DeSoto County. He casually mentioned that Mosaic Company could be compared with the late Colombian, Pablo Escobar. I disagreed, but he continued.

"Did you know that there is a movie currently being filmed called 'The Ballad of Pablo Escobar,'" he asked.

I said, "A ballad? The life story of Pablo Escobar is being put into a song and a movie? You are joking."

He replied, "No joke, it's true."

"But still, comparing Mosaic strip

mining to Pablo Escobar, one of the most notorious drug lords of all time; I'm no fan of Mosaic strip mining, but that's going too far," I said.

"Well," the gentleman said, "go ahead and use Yahoo search engine and search for Pablo Escobar. What comes up is a picture of him and his name, describing him as a 'politician.'" He went on, "That's the same as the Mosaic strip mining company describing themselves as stewards of the land, conservers of water resources, planter of trees and sustainers of Florida agriculture. No difference in my book."

I said, don't be ridiculous, and the gentleman replied, "Escobar was a hero to many people in Medellin,

Columbia, especially to the poor people as he built houses for them. He was a sports fan, and built football fields and multi-sports courts. He also sponsored children's football teams. Is it sounding a little more like Mosaic to you now?" he asked.

"Well ...," I hesitated.

He continued, "Escobar was responsible for the construction of many hospitals, churches and schools in western Colombia. This made him popular with the local churches. He worked hard for his 'Robin Hood' image. Escobar often gave money to the poor through housing projects and other civic

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GRITS & PIECES

Snowbirds and palmetto bugs

Now that the migration of Florida's winter residents is in full swing, I thought I'd use as today's column topic some pertinent information about the great state of Florida. It will be handy for those coming this way to learn about the state and for us natives to bone up on what we know about it, so that it might be shared with visitors. Florida trivia, I suppose is what it is.

Did you know that our state once had a first name? It was Pascua Florida, given by explorer Juan Ponce de Leon in 1513, for the Feast of Flowers. I have no idea what happened to the Pascua part of the name. And I sometimes wonder if there ever was a middle name. You know, something like Pascua Send-Us-Your-Tourists Florida.

Florida used to be an even bigger state than what it is today. I don't mean the part that's been eroding from its beaches, but the fact that it once included most of what is now called the southeast part of the country. It stretched from a portion of what



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is now Texas and went nearly halfway up the country on the northern side. I, for one, am glad it's not that way now. It takes me long enough to hit the state line as it is! The average daily high temperature in central Florida ranges from 92 in July to 72 in January. I myself have survived a number of sweltering Christmases and could've sworn there were summer days when it was 130 degrees in the shade. At night.

Florida folklore is quite interesting too. One belief many years ago was that a woman could catch a vision of her future husband in a mirror held over a well. Another way was if she cooked an entire meal in silence.

Some put more stock in the former than the latter, because they allowed that it was hard for women to stay quiet that long. Ladies, please put down your rolling pins and stuff your pistols back into your purses — I didn't make that part up!

The first manned space flight took off from here in 1961. Sure, we saw space shuttles running back and forth from beyond the blue pretty often until recently, but once upon a time it was quite the amazing event. Another trivial-yet-neat thing about 1961 is that it was the last year that could be written the same upside down as rightside up. The next one won't be until 6009. Do you reckon we should leave a note for our descendents so they'll know to recognize and appreciate it?

Florida has some symbols, too. No, our state bird is not the snowbird. It's the mockingbird, and they are quite entertaining. They produce one bird call after another with a seemingly endless repertoire and I don't think

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86th Annual Rodeo offers nonstop entertainment

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Cowboys and cowgirls, hang onto your hats — the 86th Annual All-Florida Championship Rodeo is finally here!

All the wild action, from saddle bronc and bareback riding to team roping, barrel racing, the ever-popular bull riding and more takes place over three days at Arcadia's Rodeo Arena.

The ticket window opens at 9 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday; gates open at 11 a.m., giving you plenty of time to browse among the vendors, buy some tasty barbecue and find your seat. At 1 p.m., enjoy the Tater Hill Bluff Gang Shootout, which originated in 1966.

Then get ready for rip-roaring Professional Rodeo Cowboys action as rodeo events start at 2 p.m. You'll be treated to an afternoon of hard-riding, fast-running, high-flying cowboys and cowgirls in several performances throughout the day. Frontier Rodeo Co. is providing the roughstock, and they have some of the best animals in the business — including the 2013 PRCA Bareback Horse of the Year and the 2011 PRCA Saddle Bronc of the Year.

During the events, you'll be entertained with the music, the running commentary and the antics of the rodeo crew in the arena — there's never a dull moment! There's the skill of team roping and tie-down roping, the speed of barrel racing and the thrill of steer wrestling as riders perform the everyday art of the professional cowboy.

RODEO PARADE

The annual Rodeo Parade is one of the favorite parts of rodeo weekend. It starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, on West Oak Street at South Orange Avenue, and proceeds east on Oak past the reviewing stand. People line up on both sides of Oak to watch the parade, which includes a special performance of the always popular Tater Hill Bluff Gang Shootout.

If you want to enter the rodeo parade, send your name, address, phone, email, along with the title of your entry; indicate whether it is a horse (individual, group or carriage), a float, vehicle, marching unit, whether commercial or nonprofit, and a brief description. Fax the information to Jackie Tucker at 863-993-9740 or email to t2000@desoto.net. For questions, call Jackie at 863-993-0083.

Parade entries will line up at 9 a.m. at W. Oak and S. Orange. Spectators line up on both sides of West Oak Street between S. Orange and U.S. 17.

The day's events will be punctuated by some special performances, including the Quadrille. Imagine 16 riders doing a square-dance on horseback, at breakneck speed! Performed by the Arcadia All-Florida Saddle Club, the Quadrille began back in 1946. It's dangerous and it's beautiful to watch.

In between the rodeo action, kids will have a blast during the Mutton Bustin' and Calf Scramble, and you'll love Keith Isley's comedy act. Named the 2013 PRCA Comedy Act of the year, his antics will have everyone rolling in the aisles.

They save the best for last: everyone's favorite rodeo event, bullriding. Watch the action as men try to hang on for 8 seconds to a twisting,

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Saddle bronc and bareback riding are among the favorite events at any rodeo. Watch cowboys in action with some of the best livestock in the circuit this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY KELLEY BAKER

World Champion Shane Proctor from Grand Coulee, WA takes a wild ride in a previous Arcadia rodeo. Bullriding and all the other rough stock action will highlight this weekend's rodeo.

Class of '64 MIAs

The DeSoto County High School Class of 1964 is planning to hold its 50-year reunion on April 5. They have lost contact with some members and are seeking to reconnect with them.

They are:

- Mary Jane (Fenn) Alexander
- James Thomas (Tommy) Cox
- Linda McCoy
- Carolyn (Jones) Wilcoxon

Please send any contact information to Frank "Skip" West, 863-494-0972, or email fwest128@embarqmail.com, or to George Latimer at 850-566-0135 or GLLatimer@aol.com.

Whether or not they attend, the class would like to keep up to date with all the members.

Arcadia Airport hosts fly-in for rodeo weekend

By **GEORGE PRICE**

FRIENDS OF ARCADIA AIRPORT

The Friends of Arcadia Airport will be welcoming the Recreational Aviation Foundation and its Florida Delegation for their winter gathering right here at Arcadia Airport this weekend.

The RAF is a national organization of pilots who work to preserve,

maintain and create public use airstrips nationwide. It has a membership of nearly 6,000. The Florida RAF holds numerous fly-ins at different airports across the state each year and Friends thought that our rural airport was a natural fit for the under-wing camping get-together.

One of Friends' biggest goals is to make our airport a "destination airport"

and not just a spot on the aviation sectional chart that pilots fly over on their way to somewhere else. Ross Clark, a Friends Vice President, said, "We think having the rodeo as our first destination fly-in event is a great step in that direction. The object is to attract pilots to fly-in and make day trips to local businesses and attractions, supporting the local economy in the process."

After receiving approval from the City Council, working closely with the Rodeo Association and the county, Friends planned the three-day event. Pilots will fly in on Friday and camp under wing. Saturday the Rodeo Association is offering pilots special admission tickets. The county will provide transportation

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TODAY

- The DeSoto County School District will hold public meetings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. today at the former Laurel Oaks Academy in Lake Suzy, to discuss the possibility of opening a charter or magnet school at the Laurel Oaks location. The school would be under the operation of the DeSoto School District and would focus on STEAM: science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Everyone interested is encouraged to attend. (See story on page 2 for more details.)
- This is rodeo weekend! Rodeo action begins tonight with the "slack," and continues starting at 1 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, opening with the shootout reenactment each day. On Saturday the traditional rodeo parade starts at 10 a.m. (lineup for participants is 9 a.m.) along W. Oak Street between Orange Ave. and U.S. 17. Don't miss the Granddaddy of 'em All!
- The 30th annual Marion High School Florida Multi-class Reunion will be held from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today at Duff's Original Buffet, U.S. 40 and 60th Street in Bradenton. This is for members of any class of Marion High School in Indiana. For information, call 941-624-5148.
- Eric Christensen, South Florida State College physics and astronomy professor, invites the public to a star party from 8-9 p.m. March 6. Telescopes will be provided. Lunar observations, the moon and its craters, will be viewed. Bring blankets and lawn chairs dress accordingly. The star parties meet in Avon Park near Ridge Area Arc on Baltimore Street, located along College Drive, one mile east of SFSC, or just off Memorial Drive. Parking is on Baltimore Street. For information, call Christensen at 784-7363, or email christee@online.southflorida.edu.
- The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council Board of directors meets on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m., at The Arcadian, 108 S. Polk.
- Chamber of Commerce Early Bird Breakfast is at 8 a.m. the first Thursday monthly. Each month's location will be announced.
- 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

- Arcadia Championship Rodeo Fly-In March 7, 8 and 9. The Friends of Arcadia Airport are hosting a special Fly-In for the Arcadia Rodeo. Pilots may fly-in and get special discounted

tickets, camp underwing and get free transportation to and from the rodeo grounds on March 8 for only \$10. This is a 3 day event especially for pilots. Meals will be available. Tickets must be purchased in advance so do not delay. Limited time offer. FriendsOfArcadiaAirport@gmail.com.

- St. Paul's Knights of Columbus will sponsor a fish fry fundraiser starting Friday and continuing every Friday (March 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11) during Lent, at the Parish Hall (next to Burger King). The menu includes fried large batter-dipped fish fillet, dinner roll, hush puppies, coleslaw, dessert and beverage, for \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, free for children under 5. Food and beverage will be served starting 4:30 p.m., continuing until 7:30 p.m. Open to the public. For more information, call 863-444-0082.
- Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.
- Square Dancing classes are held at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, from 7-9 p.m. every Friday. Robert at 813-601-1834 or Mary at 941-380-5336 494-2749 for information.
- 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

- The March all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast sponsored by Friends of Arcadia Airport will be held 9-11 a.m. on March 8. We will also be hosting the Recreational Aviation Foundation for a three-day fly-in event March 7-9. The RAF pilots will be camping underwing and attending the Rodeo. For more info on the fly in event contact Friends at FriendsOfArcadiaAirport@gmail.com
- Ivey Chapel AME Church invites the community to its annual baby contest at 6 p.m. March 8 at the Turner Center Annex.
- The Hysongs will give a concert at 7 p.m. March 8 at Sunbreeze Christian Fellowship, 7049 S.W. Liverpool Rd. The delight audiences with their family vocal harmonies, lively style, and brass instruments. Love offerings accepted. For details all 494-3273.
- Catholic Charities will hold the 12th Annual Boots and Bandanas Dinner Dance on March 8 at Kingsway Country Club, 13625 S.W. Kingsway Circle in Lake Suzy. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., followed by live country music, cash bar and auction. Dress is country casual and tickets are \$75 per person. Call 494-1068 or email charity2@embarqmail.com for details.
- Nature Walks: Morgan Park, 8:30 a.m. March 8. Native plants with John and Forest Reynolds. Free.
- Sunbreeze Christian Fellowship, 7049 S.W. Liverpool Road, holds a concert with the The Hysongs, a family trio from Tennessee, sharing their music through song, trumpet and trombone, at 7 p.m. March 8. Love offerings are appreciated. For information call 494 3273.
- Women in Fellowship Ministry meets every second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, 256 S. Orange Ave. Be uplifted, motivated and inspired by God. Free and open to the public. Light brunch is served.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Palace Promenaders meet for square and round dance

from 7-9 p.m. every Saturday at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle. Art Miller, caller, and Jennie Martin, cueing. Call Jennie at 494-2749 or Mary at 941-380-5336 for information.

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

SUNDAY

- Herrmann's Royal Lipizzan Stallions present a Benefit Dress Performance at 4 p.m. March 9, at the stables at 32755 Singletary Road, Myakka City. Tickets are \$12 adult, \$6 child, with proceeds to benefit the 1914 Myakka school house. Bring your own lawn chair. Sponsored by Myakka City Historical Society. For information, call 941-322-1304 or 941-322-1035.

MONDAY

- Monday, 4:45pm - Chapter 16497 of Modern Woodmen of America will be honoring Nelda Hill as our Hometown Hero of the Year at DeSoto Memorial Hospital McSwain Room. It will be a cafeteria style meal. For more info, call Jane Powers at 494-1679.
- DeSoto County Veterans Honor Guard practices at 6 p.m. second Mondays monthly at the American Legion Post.
- The GFWC Arcadia Woman's Club meets on the second Monday of every month Sept. through May at the clubhouse in Veterans Memorial Park, 2288 N.W. American Legion Way, with a pot luck lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a meeting. Members are encouraged to bring guests. For more information call 494-2966.
- The American Merchant Marines Veterans, Robert J. MacAlvanah Chapter (Suncoast Chapter), meets at noon every second Monday at The Family Table Restaurant, 14132 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port. All Merchant Mariners and their spouses are welcome. For information, call 941-625-3234.
- Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.
- A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. on Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Al-anon, offering help for families of alcoholics, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit www.district13sofal-anon.org.
- The DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1425 Martin Luther King St. The center provides referrals for mainstream resources, elderly food stamps (by appointment) and computer service. Salvation Army has office space on Wed. by appointment. For more information, call 491-5683.

TUESDAY

- DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 9 a.m. at the County Administration building, Room 103, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- DeSoto County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board meeting room of the DeSoto County School District, 530 La Solona Ave., Arcadia.
- Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- Every Tuesday night, line dance class at the Palace Dance Hall (17N). Beginners welcome. \$3 donation. For more info, call Jennie Martin at 494-2749.
- Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1509 E. Oak St. For details visit www.weightwatchers.com and "find a meeting" or call 800-651-6000.
- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday (except the third Tuesday) of the month, on the 147.075, W4MIN repeater with a pl of 100. All amateurs are invited to participate.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- DeSoto County Library holds story time at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Peace River Woodcarvers meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, starting Nov. 12, at the Speer Center, U.S. Highway 17 North, Arcadia. For information, contact Bill or Mary Morse at 207-418-4687.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.
- Suncoast Community Blood Bank is open from noon to 6 p.m. today at 710 N. Brevard Ave. (U.S. 17 North), Arcadia. For more information, call 993-9366.

WEDNESDAY

- The Assembly of Praise Ministries, 145 S. Orange Ave., is hosting a revival March 12-14, beginning nightly at 7 p.m. with Revivalist and Evangelist Lesley White. The community is invited to come and be blessed by the woman of God.
- Nature Talk: Jerry Waters talks about one of the most interesting owls in Florida, 10 a.m. on Mar. 12 at DeSoto County Library. Free.
- Been There Rancher's and Farmers' Club meets every second and fourth Wed. through April at 1 p.m., first clubhouse inside South Entrance Arcadia Village Country Club. North of Walmart, State Road 70. Call Max R. Fitzpatrick at 863-494-6257. Free. Tours, speakers, conversation, friends, fun - all welcome.

SPECIAL

- DeSoto County 4-H is starting its third annual citrus tree project. Youth age 5-18 may participate in this project by growing their own citrus tree to learn about the care of the tree, insects and diseases, the citrus industry and much more. If your child is interested, call the DeSoto County Extension Office at 993-4846 or email kpopa@ufl.edu no later than March 6 to reserve a spot.
- The DeSoto County Historical Society is looking for people who can demonstrate a traditional skill or craft such as weaving, chair caning or whip-making, for the 10th Annual Pioneer Day March 15. Call Bebe Bradbury at 494-6607 or email bebradbury@gmail.com for details.
- AARP needs tax volunteers in DeSoto County from Feb. 1 through April 14. Training is available. For details, visit www.AARPFoundation.org and click on "Tax Aide Volunteer."
- The Center for the Needy, at the corner of W. Pine St. and S. Orange Ave., is desperately in need of food, clothing, household goods (such as blankets, towels, cooking and eating utensils etc.), supplies - anything a person in need might require. The center is dangerously low on food, its shelves are almost bare, and they need to replenish supplies before the colder months. Any donations are gratefully accepted, including cash, to help those in real need in our community. For more information, call 863-444-0499.
- The DeSoto County Literacy Council is looking for volunteers for Adult Literacy and ESL (English as a Second Language), and GED tutors, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and 5-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Call 993-1333.

- The DeSoto County Ministerial Association will meet at 8:30 a.m. for prayer and 9 a.m. for the meeting at the SunTrust Building on W. Oak St., second floor conference room. Pastors or representatives of all denominations and churches are invited to attend as we address community challenges and coordinate worship services to serve county residents.
- Narcotics Anonymous meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Arcadia Oaks Multipurpose Room at 1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia. Open to the public.
- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- The Arcadia Eagles, 150 S. Polk Ave., now offers Bingo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak Street.
- "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.

THURSDAY

- The DeSoto County Economic Development Advisory Committee will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 13 at the DeSoto County Extension Office, 2150 N.E. Roan St.
- Arcadia-Desoto Habitat for Humanity, Inc. will hold its monthly board meeting on March 13, at the ReStore, 114 N. Polk Ave. The meeting is open to the public.
- The Assembly of Praise Ministries, 145 S. Orange Ave., is hosting a revival March 12-14, beginning nightly at 7 p.m. with Revivalist and Evangelist Lesley White. The community is invited to come and be blessed by the woman of God.
- DeSoto Memorial Hospital Foundation will hold its 8th annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on March 13 at the Elks Lodge in Arcadia. Players entry fee is \$150 including steak dinner and \$800 in poker chips. (Dinners are \$20 for nonplayers.) \$2,000 in prizes. Sponsors are being sought for donations and raffle items - call 494-8402 for details.
- 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.
- American Red Cross Youth Corps of DeSoto County meets second Thursdays monthly from 3:30-5 p.m. at DeSoto County High School. For more information, call at 494-2348.
- 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. Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
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A HEALTHY FLORIDA WORKS

Extending Health Care Coverage to 3,942 working poor residents in DeSoto County is good for our community and its good public policy

- Left untreated, serious medical conditions will eventually force those working poor, without Health Care Coverage and without options, to seek care at the Emergency Room
- By extending Health Care Coverage, serious illnesses can be caught and treated earlier. People are healthier and can better contribute to the community when they have access to quality Health Care Coverage

How can you help? Let your Representative and Senator know how you feel about extending Health Care Coverage for the working poor in DeSoto County.

Representative Ben Albritton – Arcadia Office – 863-993-4536

Senator Bill Galvano – District Office – 941-741-3401

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Health Care Coverage is one of the most important issues facing our state and our community. It affects all Floridians – whether they already have health care insurance or not. When those without insurance rely on expensive Emergency Room visits for care, it increases health care costs for everyone – from individuals to businesses.

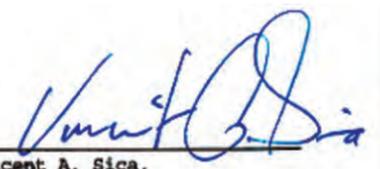
The working poor of DeSoto County, 3,942 people in our community do not have access to affordable health insurance. A serious illness is devastating, both physically and financially, as these individuals are unable to pay for care.

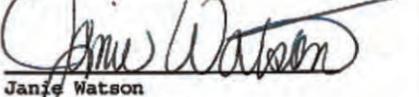
Providing the working poor with access to quality Health Care Coverage they can afford means earlier treatment and preventative medicine, which leads to fewer trips to the emergency room. It also translates into billions of dollars in savings to individuals and organizations who pay for health insurance.

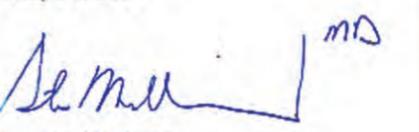
Florida is at a crossroads. We have the opportunity to extend Health Care Coverage to 1 million or more working poor Floridians by using more than \$50 billion in available federal funds. The cost of extending coverage has already been paid. It was funded by cuts to other programs and will not increase our federal deficit. Using federal funds and developing a Florida-specific approach to extend Health Care Coverage will keep health care costs affordable and it will create jobs, lots of them. According to a University of Florida study, over 121,000 jobs in many different industries could be created in our state.

All this makes for a critical time for Florida businesses. In 2012, insured Floridians had to cover nearly \$3 billion in hospital costs for those who could not afford to pay for care. That is an enormous and growing “hidden tax” on individuals and employers. This tax burden will be increased by penalties put on Florida businesses with 50+ employees that do not provide health insurance. Jackson Hewitt estimates that Florida businesses will face over \$200 million in penalties if the state does not extend Health Care Coverage.

I invite you to join A HEALTHY FLORIDA WORKS, a group of businesses and individuals from around the state focused on extending Health Care Coverage to a million or more working poor Floridians (which includes 3,942 working poor DeSoto County Residents) through the use of federal funds.


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Reports: Gun, drugs and battery involved in multiple arrests

Cecil Brian "Butch" Brown Sr., 39, was arrested last week on charges stemming from separate incidents, including aggravated battery and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

According to the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office arrest reports, a confidential informant called Brown to arrange to purchase an allegedly stolen rifle. Brown claimed he "didn't mess with guns" because he was a convicted felon, and suggested having his wife sell the gun, but the CI did not want to deal with a woman.

Brown then reportedly arranged for his wife to bring his stepson Josh Willis to Brown's residence in the 1200 block of N.W. Pinewood Ave. Willis, 27, lists the same address as his residence. The report states the CI went there and Willis handed over a rifle in exchange for cash that had been given to the CI after being recorded by the sheriff's office. Prior to handing the gun over, Willis invited the CI in the house where Brown was allegedly smoking methamphetamine. Brown reportedly said his wife kept the gun in a relative's safe, and they had to sell it to pay Brown's bond for an earlier arrest.

The CI left and turned the gun over to detectives. Later, the CI identified Brown and Willis — who is also reportedly a convicted felon — in a photographic lineup.

Upon his arrest, Brown reportedly said he never physically touched the gun that was sold, but detectives said that by orchestrating the sale of the weapon, he had control of the gun.

According to the report, Willis allegedly admitted to officers he had sold the gun to the CI after his mother (Brown's wife) asked him to. He claimed he did not benefit from the sale, as the money was to be used to pay off Brown's bond.

Both Brown and Willis were charged with possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon. Bond was set at \$10,000 for each of them.

Additional charges were filed against Willis last week for trafficking in methamphetamine for an incident that allegedly happened in November. According to that arrest report, a Confidential Informant was given funds from DCSO to purchase meth. The CI met Willis and another person and they traveled together to another location; then Willis and the other person gave the CI the meth in exchange for cash.

Upon his arrest on Feb. 26, the report

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.

states, Willis admitted to selling the meth. He was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine over 14 grams. His bond was set at \$50,000 and he bonded out March 3.

Brown also faces additional charges in connection with the alleged battery of Kyle Travis Robertson, 24, of the 7400 block of S.W. Oak Creek Road. According to DCSO's arrest report, Robertson and a woman were sitting in his truck, reportedly to visit a friend, when Brown's wife approached the woman and began to argue with her. Robertson reportedly tried to exit the vehicle to prevent the two women from physically fighting each other, but then Cecil Brown began attacking him.

Robertson told officers Brown was holding a metal flashlight and swung it at him, striking Robertson in the mouth. The Browns then left the scene. Robertson went to DeSoto Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Robertson needed stitches in his upper lip and later several of his teeth had to be removed.

DCSO arrested Brown on charges of aggravated battery causing bodily harm or disability. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Robertson himself was arrested on Feb. 27 for having a controlled substance without a prescription, possessing or using drug paraphernalia and driving while his license was suspended. Bond was set at \$3,120.

Report: Man threatens woman with PVC pipe over potty break

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office reported the arrest of Damon Dwight Daughtrey, 35, on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, and resisting an officer without violence — all because the woman needed a potty break at work.

According to the arrest report, on Feb. 26, a woman who works at a business office in the 6700 block of S.W. County Road 769 (also called Kings Highway) went to her boss's residence at the same location to use the restroom, as there was no restroom in the trailer where she worked. She customarily used that restroom.

But Daughtrey, the boss's son, who also lived there, refused to let her use the restroom and began cursing at her, the arrest report states.

Daughtrey then left the house, went out to his truck, and came back with a length of PVC pipe raised over his head, threatening to hit the woman. She got into her car and contacted her boss, and a coworker called the Sheriff's Office.

When deputies arrived, Daughtrey denied threatening the woman, even though another witness corroborated the woman's statement that Daughtrey had threatened her with the pipe. Daughtrey then grabbed onto a fence and would not let go while a deputy tried to handcuff him and it took two men to restrain him.

He was booked into the DeSoto County Jail on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest. Bond was set at \$25,750.

Former marshal expected to plea

Although former city marshal Charles Junior Lee was expected to go to trial this week, the hearing was postponed.

Court records indicate a plea hearing is now scheduled for 9:15 a.m. on April 1 before Judge Kimberly Bonner at the DeSoto County Courthouse.

Lee was charged with grand theft over \$100,000, obtaining property over \$50,000 by fraud or swindle, and official misconduct. The charges allege Lee, in his former capacity as city marshal in the Arcadia Police Department, wrote checks to himself from police department funds from at least 2006 through 2013.

Lee resigned his position suddenly in May 2013 as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement commenced an investigation, taking documents and other items from his office. Lee was formally charged in September.

By Lee entering a plea in the case, a trial would not be necessary. If he pleads guilty to any of the charges, and/or to any lesser charges, sentencing would be determined at a later time.

GEO to pay OSHA fine, provide safer workplaces

The GEO Group Inc., based in Boca Raton, Fla., has entered into a corporate-wide settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor that requires the company to implement comprehensive procedures and policies to better safeguard its workers against the hazards of workplace violence in every correctional and adult detention facility that it manages in the nation.

"This corporate-wide settlement agreement will have a far-reaching effect and impact on correctional officers and other staff nationwide," said Teresa A. Harrison, acting regional administrator of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in Atlanta. "This agreement is the first of its kind in the corrections industry that addresses the hazards associated with workplace violence."

In June 2012, OSHA cited GEO for workplace safety violations at a prison facility it managed in Meridian, Miss. These violations included failure to provide adequate staffing of correctional officers, fix malfunctioning cell door locks, and provide required training and personal protective equipment to protect employees from incidents of violent behavior by inmates, including stabbings, bites and other injuries. The company contested the citation to the Occupational Safety & Health Review Commission.

Under the three-year agreement, GEO will pay a \$13,600 fine. Additionally, the company is required to hire a consultant to develop a workplace violence prevention program and conduct onsite workplace violence safety audits at each of the 42 correctional and adult detention facilities that it manages across the country. GEO will also need to create a corporate-level workplace violence coordinator position and develop a workplace safety committee at each of these facilities.

The GEO Group specializes in correctional, detention and community re-entry services with 95 facilities, approximately 73,000 beds and 18,000 employees around the globe. The GEO Group's facilities are located in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia and South Africa. The GEO Group manages the Florida Civil Commitment Center in Arcadia.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.

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

- David Scott Corbett, 56, no address, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Kip Aaron Gibson, 28, Pinellas, Fla. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$450.
- Jeronimo Jimenez, 28, 1300 block of 2nd Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Sherry Ann Johnson, 43, 1200 block of S.W. Harlem St., Arcadia. Charge: criminal mischief with damage under \$200.
- Blake Allen Moore, 20, 2500 block of S.E. Shady Circle, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Terry Arthur Partaka Jr., 32, Judy Ave., Fort Ogden. Charge: driving on a suspended license, third or subsequent offense. Bond: \$1,500.
- Jonathan Duke Robinson, 30, 5100 block of S.E. Airport Road, Arcadia. Charges: violation of probation and two counts of failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,000.
- Brittany Morgan Villatte, 27, 6300 block of N.E. County Road 660, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.
- Richard Earl Blanding, 60, 300 block of S. Alabama Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Florencio Covarrubias Chavez, 52, 1100 block of 1st Ave., Arcadia. Charges: disorderly public intoxication and trespass. Bond: \$370.
- James Marcus Hall, 31, Myakka City, Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended, second offense. Bond: \$500.
- Brittany Rushell Hatten, 25, Avon Park. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession or use of drug equipment and petty theft. Bond: \$360.
- Rodney Oscar Hicks Jr., 1300 block of N.E. Oak St., Arcadia. Charge: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$120.
- Kristen Hooks, 26, 7400 block of S.W. Oak Creek Road, Arcadia. Charge: permitting unauthorized person to drive. Bond: \$120.
- Brittany Nicole Howard, 26, 3200 block of S.W. Kabrich Terrace, Arcadia. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$120.
- Shannon Eugene Kersey, 36, Sebring. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,000.
- Donna Ledford Lee, 43, 1100 block of N.E. Rivercrest Drive, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$2,000.
- Dustin Phillip Moore, 21, 5300 block of S.W. Welles Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$2,000.
- Charles Wilburn Simes, 30, 7000 block of S.W. Fugate St., Arcadia. Charge: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. Bond: \$7,500.
- Candis Diane Sprinkles, 30, 2600 block of S.E. Rice Road, Arcadia. Charge: resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$750.
- Robert Gordon Sutherland II, 36, 2200 block of N.W. Haile Dean Road, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$1,000.
- Joseph Allen Wiseman, 29, 4500 block of S.E. County Road 760, Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$240.
- Keshia Maria Hurst, 30, 1000 block of S.W. 8th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Brian Lee Loveall, 35, 1400 block of Ohio St., Arcadia. Charges: disorderly conduct (fighting in public), and resisting an officer with violence. Bond: \$1,220.
- Richard Dale Lowe, 34, 1000 block of S.E. 5th Ave., Arcadia. Charges: sale of methamphetamine and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,120.
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Tie-down roping takes skill and speed. See it at the 86th Annual Arcadia Rodeo this weekend.



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What else but bulldogging could make a man leap off a galloping horse to wrestle a running calf to the ground? See this great American sport at the Arcadia Rodeo Arena this weekend, starting at 1 p.m.



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The Tater Hill Gang Shootout is a perennial favorite during the annual rodeo parade. The shootout is reenacted at 1 p.m. each day at the rodeo.

RODEO

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bucking, ton of nothing but muscle and horns as these animals try to shake the riders off.

There's nothing more American than a good old-fashioned American rodeo, and none better than the Granddaddy of 'Em All, the Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo. Some of the best riders in the nation and even from around the world

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The rodeo office is at 124 Heard Street, right off U.S. Highway 17. Parking is available at \$5 per car. For more information, visit www.arcadiarodeo.com or call 863-494-2014. See y'all there!

OBITUARIES

Steven F. McAllister

Steven F. McAllister, 65, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Friday, Feb. 28, 2014. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

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Things may turn out better than you think

The woman in the hospital bed beside which I stood seemed to be near the end of her life. She had suffered a severe stroke and was in a deep coma. Her heavy breathing added a sad background to the sorrowful scene. I prayed for her, but with little faith. Everything seemed to be so settled and final.

One week later, however, she came out of the coma and was soon back at her farm home busy about her housework. Visitors there found her as positive and thankful for daily blessings as before her illness. God had granted her more years to serve Him and she was not surprised. Her additional time to live provided this woman of prayer many more opportunities to speak to others about her Lord and His love.

"I have but one year to live," said a tearful woman who had just received a terminal diagnosis from her doctor.

"I may not have that long," I replied,



Roger Campbell

stressing the uncertainty of life's duration for all.

In caring for the details related to her expected upcoming death, this troubled woman decided to fly to Rhode Island to spend some time with her brother while she had time to do so. Upon returning from her visit with her healthy brother, she had to fly back to Rhode Island ... to attend his funeral.

A heartbroken teen told me how she dreaded the coming months. Her grandmother had just been given a diagnosis by her doctor that predicted

pain, suffering and death.

But the months that followed weren't terrible at all. The predicted pain and suffering for this grandmother never arrived. Instead, the prayers of her family and church were answered. Grandma had been in her mid-80s when this disturbing diagnosis had been made and in her mid-90s she received a proposal for marriage.

A missionary friend of mine entered the hospital for surgery. Upon opening him, however, the doctors found him to be so full of cancer that surgery would do him no good. He was sent home and told he had about six months to live.

In view of their expected short time left together, this servant of God and his wife settled on a Bible verse to be an anchor for their faith through this storm: Philippians 1:20: "So now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death."

When my friend related this

experience to me it was 14 years after he had been sent home to die. And at our last contact, he was headed for another mission field to serve his Lord. Murphy's law (whatever can go wrong will) is not Divine so no matter how bad things look today, expect the best tomorrow.

Doubt your doubts. Believe your beliefs. Faith makes the difference.

The highly regarded 19th century minister, C.H. Spurgeon, observed: "A little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your soul."

Take heart. Things may turn out better than you think. "For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

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

20th Century Club learns about New Orleans

By IRENE POOSER
20TH CENTURY CLUB

The Twentieth Century Literary Club met on Feb. 18 at the Magnolia Street Seafood and Grill. President Connie Bateman and hostesses Ruth Dunn, Nora Cail and Debby Hackney welcomed ladies into the beautifully decorated meeting room. Simple elegant decor of dining by candlelight on hand crocheted tablecloths with centerpieces of antique urns containing gardenias created a scene truly reminiscent of New Orleans, the theme for the evening following the year's study program of "Oh, The Places You Will Go."

Connie thanked the hostesses. Guest Bev Bateman was welcomed. Correspondence included a warm letter of gratitude from Kirsten Flank to the club for support during her family's

recent bereavement. Her mother, Stephanie McAnly, expressed her heartfelt appreciation for visits, cards, foods and prayers. An invitation to the 100th Anniversary of the Arcadia Literary Club was shared. Linda Williams was assigned to select a gift for the occasion from the club.

Books recommended for future reading were "The Lincoln Lawyer" by Michael Connelly and "The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion: A Novel" by Fannie Flagg.

Connie Bateman presented the program about New Orleans. Her first trip there was on her honeymoon in 1976. She shared pen and ink drawings she purchased at that time. The couple have since returned many times, most recently in this past January. While her husband attended meetings, Connie saw the sights. She recommended "The

Beautiful Crescent" by Joan Garvey and Mary Lou Widner for the history of New Orleans and suggested tours.

Connie described her tour of "Laura," a historic sugar plantation founded in 1804 by Guillaume Duparc and Nanette Prud'Homme Duparc. Interestingly, the plantation was always managed by women as it passed through four generations, from Nanette to Elisabeth Duparc Locoul to Desiree Auchinard Locoul to Laura Locoul Gore. In fact, of the 600 plantations from Baton Rouge south to New Orleans, 400 of them were run by women. The restored historic Louisiana Creole Plantation on the west bank of the Mississippi River consists of a 24,000 square foot manor, a 2,500 square foot detached kitchen and assorted structures on the grounds. Separate offices were maintained for the husband-wife teams, but the business was conducted by the wives.

When Laura Locoul Gore was 13, she knew the job would be hers someday. Her father died leaving great debt; she paid off that debt and continued to

produce a profit. The business expanded from sugar cane to rice and cypress timber. The family also owned six residences in the French Quarter, but the plantation continued as headquarters for the business. Laura Locoul Gore describes the life of her family in "Memories of The Old Plantation; A Creole Family Album." A strict belief in the Creole lineage was always an important part of her family's life even as the Anglos entered the area and tried to intercede. Connie's presentation of the history of this fascinating area made for an interesting, educational program. And the ladies loved the pralines and chocolate candies she brought them.

The business meeting will be March 27 at the home of Linda Waldron, cohosted by Betty Aaron.

Ladies attending were Linda Waldron, Betty Aaron, Linda Williams, Pam Ames, Lois Heine, Amy Sorrells, Connie Bateman, Nora Cail, DeAnna Smith, Lavenia Carter, Stephanie McAnly, Ruth Dunn, Debbie Hackney, Frances Pooser and Irene Pooser.

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And, after working with them, teaching basic English, we learned that they were actually more interested in learning how to exist in the United States, so we began adding a "plus" with each teaching session, conversations in English, transcribed into Spanish, involving problems or situations the students ran into every day. Some of the headings will give you an idea of what we covered: The Hospital Emergency Room, Getting a Driver's License, A Night Out, Call the Fire Department, A Trip to the Beach, Becoming a Citizen,



From a Senior Viewpoint

Lois Hendricks

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Let's Go Out to Eat ... and many others, more than 60 in all. We made extra copies to send home with each student so they could continue to practice.

We had a lot of fun working with the "pluses;" we felt they were a good addition to the English language study. While I wrote most of the "conversations," Tom did the harder part of transcribing them. And, most important, the students seemed to enjoy them; we included "slang" which they heard every day. And we emphasized pronunciation — because we had transcribed the English into Spanish, they understood the text, but they had to practice saying it in English; that was a constant effort. I'm not sure our two nuns would have always approved, but the students were learning the "real" English.

Following the evening classes, we later tutored in the HOST program, a program in which you work with a single

Lipizzan show to benefit school restoration

By **STEVE BAUER**

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Herrmann's Royal Lipizzan Stallions will hold a full dress performance Sunday, with proceeds going toward the restoration of Myakka City's

1914 school house.

Myakka City Historical Society's Bonnie Carlton said the event will also include numerous food and merchandise vendors, along with children's games and more.

"It's going to be a great time.

Not only do you get a chance to see these beautiful horses perform an amazing show, but there will be something for everyone in attendance with all the various vendors that will be there," she said. Carlton noted there will also be a tribute to veterans during the Lipizzan show.

The Historical Society is hoping to convert the old school house into a community center, which will include a meeting

center, a renovation of the original stage and a computer lab for children. There are also plans for a changing history display.

Founded in the 16th century for the exclusive use of the Hapsburg Royal family of Austria, the Royal Lipizzans are among the most rare and aristocratic breed of horses in the world.

The Lipizzan show begins at 4 p.m., and suggested donations

are \$12 for adults, and \$6 for children. The event will be held at the Herrmann Lipizzan winter grounds, located at 32755 Singletary Road in Myakka City. There are bleachers on both sides of the arena, but attendees can also bring their own lawn chairs as well. For more information, call 941-322-1304 or 941-322-1035. You can also visit the Herrmann Lipizzan Web site at www.hlipizzans.com.



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The Herrmann's Royal Lipizzan Stallions will hold a dress performance Sunday to benefit the restoration of the Myakka City 1914 school house.

The historic 1914 Myakka City Schoolhouse will be restored and will serve as a community center.

TUTORING

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elementary student, also an interesting tutoring venue, and, finally, I helped with the After School Program at St. Paul's, assisting students with their homework. This again involved mostly Mexican

students, whose parents couldn't speak English well enough to help them. And, meanwhile, Tom spent several years in the Guardian ad Litem program.

We became very involved in the lives of some of the students. I became close to a young Mexican mother who spent those long days in the groves. Her dream was to be able someday to work regular hours so she could spend more

time with her two sons. So she studied intensely until she successfully completed the GED test, then continued until she got that coveted citizenship. I hugged her while we both cried with relief. And her biggest goal, a job with regular hours, was also achieved when she was hired by the Food Service Department. I knew what an effort she had expended; I was very proud of her.

So now, as full retirement with a few medical issues is our lifestyle, we're proud that we were able to contribute to help others find a better life. And, having achieved those goals, we feel that we were the winners. Our retirement years had become meaningful; we had found an area of satisfaction in teaching, and, hopefully, assisted our students to a better life.

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Students stage Olympics at Memorial

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Winsor Reed carries the torch to start the Winter Olympics "Memorial style," when students of first grade teacher Sylvia Remington and second grade teacher Heather Prevatt staged their own version of the Olympics.



First and second grade students of Memorial Elementary School learned about the history of the Olympics, the significance of the torch and the meaning of the five rings, and researched past Olympic gold medalists and records. Students competed for gold in the Marble Ice Dig, the Snowball Toss, the Snowboard Scoot, and the Sled Pull. Proud students show off their medals from the day's competition.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEF

DJJ and other state properties to be sold

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is planning to sell eight surplus properties totaling approximately 1,364 acres located throughout the state — including the former G. Pierce Wood property in DeSoto County.

That property, estimated at 499 acres, is at 5991 S.E. State Road 31, and housed a state mental hospital until its closing 14 years ago. The facility reopened under the Department of Juvenile Justice shortly thereafter, and was closed in 2011 when Gov. Rick Scott signed a budget bill which eliminated funding for several juvenile centers in Florida. The property was said to have been briefly considered for a branch of Florida Polytechnic University, headquartered in Lakeland (and once affiliated with the University of South Florida).

The state reportedly is selling these underutilized and surplus assets to allow the business community and public to acquire land previously unavailable. The goal is to place the properties back into the public's hands to promote growth, jobs and private sector opportunities.

In addition to DeSoto (which is the largest of the parcels), the other properties being sold are in Hendry, Hillsborough, Citrus, Indian River, Broward, Highlands and Leon counties and include:

- Hendry Correctional Institution, Immokalee — 430 acres
- Hillsborough Co. Correctional Institution, Riverview — 135 acres
- Citronelle, Lecanto — 59.5 acres
- Indian River Correctional Institution, Vero Beach — 99 acres
- Broward County Correctional Institution, Fort Lauderdale — 135 acres
- Florida Department of Highway Safety, Sebring — 0.34 acres
- Tallahassee Road Prison, Tallahassee — 6.3 acres

Memorial students take first in stock contest



PHOTO PROVIDED

Memorial Elementary fourth grade students under the sponsorship of teacher Eric Shea finished first in the Central Region for The Florida Stock Market Challenge. The students took the competition very seriously and worked well together by making group decisions about what stocks to purchase. Each team was provided with an imaginary account with which to buy stocks. The team had to study market trends and company portfolios to decide on what investments might yield the highest rate of return. The MES team competed with dozens of other groups throughout the region. They diligently performed research to find worthwhile stocks and even overcame a government shutdown to earn the first place honors. Pictured is the winning team, from left: Brian Madriz, Nicolas Sayed, Lizbeth Galvan, Angel Ceron, Ethan Prusinski, and Tyler Jansen.

DELAYS

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"I'm having issues with the interim administrator being so involved in this back-and-forth," she said.

City Attorney T.J. Wohl told the council they would have to amend their resolution to allow the committee more time to meet, and also ensure the eight applicants caught in the spam folder are given an equal opportunity to compete for the position.

Heine then moved the committee be given until April 15 to present its five finalists, which the council

approved unanimously.

After approving the new schedule, committee member Dick Fazzone requested Wohl attend the group's next meeting. "The attorney should probably be there, as their are legal issues we've come up against that will require immediate addressing," he said. Wohl agreed he would attend the next meeting.

Stonegate injunction

Wohl said he recently attended a court hearing regarding the city's request for a permanent injunction against Stonegate Apartments. The judge granted the request, which prevents Stonegate from

disconnecting from the city's water system to a private well. Finance Director Beth Carston said the current owner had paid his past due balance of \$9,500, and that there are now individual meters for each apartment, and city staff was working with the apartment's residents to set up new utility accounts.

In other business, the council agreed to meet Monday at 4 p.m. in its chambers for a workshop regarding the city's strategic planning initiative, and unanimously approved authorization for Slaughter to hire two new employees to assist in the Finance Department. The positions are already included in the budget.

Big Tree quilters honor veterans

By EILEEN CULLEN
BIG TREE RV PARK

Presidents Week — what a perfect time to honor veterans who served their country in all branches of the U.S. military. The Quilters from Big Tree Carefree RV in Arcadia decided to do something special to thank all of the veterans who are part of the Big Tree community. Each quilter, using a red, white and blue color theme, created an individual wall hanging which was presented at a special Coffee Hour Ceremony on Feb. 26.

The veterans were honored, not by their branch of service but instead by the era, starting with World War II and ending with present-day servicemen. It was estimated that Big Tree has more than 75 retired service people, making this presentation both moving and memorable.

Mary Lou McPherson, Phyllis Slagell and Linda Brown, leaders of the group, presented the idea of doing this project to the quilters last year and it was met with much enthusiasm. They decided to create a red, white and blue quilted wall hanging for every veteran. Each creation was unique, using different materials, patterns and some with hand embroidered messages. This has been an ongoing labor of love for them this year and all came together with the very moving ceremony.

There were eight World War II servicemen who have seen a lot of history made since their time in action — 13 presidents have occupied the White House; man landed on the moon; TVs are found in almost every household and now cell phones and computers have made the world a much smaller place.

The Korean Conflict was the second set of honorees, followed by the largest group honored, the Vietnam war era. They were even able to honor one Gulf War Veteran. The quilters were able to show appreciation to those who served and for the great life we are all privileged to enjoy, thanks to their having done so.

Was the effort put into creating the wall hangings and taking time from Coffee Hour to present them worth it? The expressions of gratitude and appreciation on the faces of these veterans said it all. They were amazed at the creativity and sentiments expressed in these tokens and it will be remembered and cherished.

The presentation ceremony concluded with the singing of God Bless America led by Linda Brown with moderator Mary Lou McPherson, along with Marge Shifflet on the keyboard, and a heartfelt round of applause in honor of all veterans.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Big Tree Quilters pose with their tributes to military heroes who served in the US Armed Forces down through the years.

There was only one veteran who had served in the period between Viet Nam and the present time. Veterans from World War II era to today were honored with handmade wall hangings.



Each quilter made a unique wall hanging, but all followed the red, white and blue theme.



At left: Veterans pose with the individual wall hangings given to them by the Big Tree Quilters to honor their service to our country.



Big Tree Residents applaud the efforts and sacrifices of each and every one of the special heroes who served in the United States military.

Eastern Star helps Senior Center



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JO RIDER

For the past several years Arcadia Peace River Chapter Order of the Eastern Star #30 has chosen the DeSoto County Senior Friendship Center as one of its yearly charitable organizations. A recent soup supper fundraiser provided a donation of \$500. Worthy Patron Joe Smedley proudly presented Representative Karen Blanchette with the check.

Mistakes mount in Bulldog loss

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

It is a well known fact that if you can hit a baseball, the manager will find a spot in the lineup for you. Those with the "good field/no hit" tag will likely replace the big hitter late in the game. But what happens when a player has a label put on him that says "no field/no hit?"

The DeSoto County baseball team wore that label during its 7-4

extra-innings loss to Lake Placid Feb. 28. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning, but wore the collar for the next eight innings.

It was by far the worst game of the season for the young Bulldogs. They had scored 11 runs in an earlier game against Dunbar and also mounted an 11-run comeback against Bayshore to pull out an 11-10 win after trailing 9-0 in the fifth inning.

The Bulldogs had just three hits over the nine innings and committed a

hair-pulling nine errors. Their inability to hit the ball resulted in 16 strikeouts.

The DeSoto County pitchers did an outstanding job, as starter Casey Ritenburg went five innings and allowed just two hits and whiffed four. Senior Bay Hale took the hard luck loss but deserved better. Hale went four innings and allowed just three hits and two earned runs.

In the dugout on the white board was a message for the infielders that simply said "routine, routine, routine." That meant one of the keys to a win would be just to make the routine plays, nothing heroic, just the normal plays. That didn't happen and the 7-4 loss was the result.

A bigger loss occurred when senior Brad Roberts was hit in the eye as he was up to the plate. He immediately dropped to the ground and an EMT unit was called to bring him to the hospital. Roberts suffered a concussion and is at home healing up. It is unknown when he will be able to return to the Bulldog lineup.

The Bulldogs host Lemon Bay in their first home district game of the season tomorrow night at 7 p.m. The Mantas lead the district with a 1-0 record after



The junior varsity girls' softball team cruised to an easy 11-3 win in recent action against Sebring



Starting pitcher Casey Ritenburg warms up in the DeSoto County bullpen before the Feb. 28 game against Lake Placid.

beating Hardee. This would be an excellent opportunity to see the 2014 Bulldogs in action and also some of the improvements that have been made to the field and surrounding area during the offseason.



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DeSoto County senior and team leader Brad Roberts makes a sliding diving catch in an earlier game this season. Roberts was hit in the eye with a pitched ball and will be out of the Bulldog lineup for an unknown time.

Freshmen efforts not enough in 21-14 loss

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County Lady Dawgs scored 14 runs and hammered out 15 hits. They only failed to score in one inning. They outscored Sebring in three of the seven innings and hit two

home runs.

The first "big fly" was by team home run leader "Downtown" Debbie Brown in the third. Brown went perfect at the plate for the third time in this young season. The second "long ball" was with the bases loaded and came off the bat of freshman Lauren Rotering.

Rotering's blast was her first "granny" in her softball career and tied the game up at 11 in the fifth inning.

Another freshman, Taylor Day, was making her first appearance on the varsity team after working her way up from the junior varsity squad. Day went two-for-three and was hit by a pitch. She scored twice and made a nice play on a one-hop ball off the center field fence that held the batter to a long single. She finished the game at second base and played flawlessly.

With all the positives that occurred it might appear to have been a big win for the Bulldogs. The Blue Streaks, however, clubbed DeSoto County 21-14. It wasn't that the girls from Arcadia played poorly, the Blue Streaks just had their hitting shoes on and out-clubbed the Bulldogs.

The Lady Dawgs never led in the game. They fell behind 3-1 in the first and battled back to trail 7-6 after scoring four times in the fourth inning. After singles by starting pitcher Amber Reid (who had three hits, including two that bounced off of the fence), Day and Courtney Bonville loaded the bases for Brown. She was then plunked hard in the ribs and dropped to the ground.

Destiny Payne drew a walk to force in another run. Hayden Lipe hit a sacrifice fly to bring in the third run. Rotering walked to reload the bases and Shelby Cross became the second hitter to get hit with a pitch in the inning, which also drove in a run. Trailing by a run with the bases loaded, a strikeout ended

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Freshman Lauren Rotering gets congratulations from teammates Courtney Bonville (5) and Amber Reid after her fifth-inning grand slam tied the game with Sebring. It wasn't enough as the Bulldogs were outslugged 21-14.

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JV girls softball club Sebring 11-3

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It appeared as if the DeSoto County junior varsity softball team would have little problem with the Sebring Blue Streaks in their home contest Feb. 28. It turned out they needed a big eight-run rally to pull out a win in their first district game of the season.

After starting pitcher Jayla Cowell set the Blue Streaks down in the first inning, the Lady Bulldogs promptly went to work with their bats. Alyssa McEwen and Cassidy Furr led off with singles and Bre Ray walked to load the bases for Cowell. Cowell singled in McEwen and Furr and the Bulldogs were ready to break open the game. Two strikeouts and a ground out put an end to a promising start.

The Bulldogs didn't get another hit until Ray lead off the third inning with a double. She scored to give the Bulldogs a 3-0 lead.

The Blue Streaks scored twice in the fourth due to the generosity of the Bulldogs' defense. Both runs were scored on passed balls after Sebring hitters had been put on base by Bulldog errors.

Clinging to a slim 3-2 lead in the bottom of the fourth, the Bulldog bats came alive as the first six batters in the inning got base hits. Katie Game singled to lead off the inning and scored what proved to be the winning run on a double by Tiffany Burhands.

Hannah Lambright, McEwen, Furr and Ray all singled before the first



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DeSoto County's Jayla Cowell went the distance in the 11-3 win over Sebring in the first district game of the season.

Bulldog out was recorded. By the end of the inning a total of eight Bulldogs had touched the plate to open up a big 11-2 lead. Sebring scored once in the top of the fifth and that was the game as DeSoto County coasted to an 11-3 win.

Every starter except one had at least one hit for Coach Wade Huckaby's team. McEwen, Furr, Ray, Game and Burhands each had two hits with Ray and Burhands getting the only extra base hits out of the 13-hit attack.

Of the three strikeouts against the Bulldogs, none of them was on a called



Tiffany Burhands drives this pitch into the gap in left center to drive in Katie Game in what proved to be the winning run in the 11-3 win for DeSoto County.

strike which is a vast improvement over teams in years past. The Lady Bulldogs did run themselves out of a potential big inning in the second which could have broken the game open early.

Burhands popped it up into the "Bermuda Triangle" area in front of the plate and started walking back to the dugout. Once the ball hit the ground she was an easy out at first. McEwen followed with a walk and with two

outs Furr had a base hit to right center. McEwen held up at first even though there were two outs and was thrown out at second to end the inning. Furr's base hit turned into a fielder's choice.

Those base running mistakes didn't matter in this game, but they could cost the team a win down the road. Game awareness is one of the things that will keep a player on the JV team for their entire high school career.

Big things happening with Bulldog baseball

By **STEVE KNAPP**
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County High School baseball program is going through some big changes that are putting the Bulldogs on a level with many other bigger programs.

Varsity Coach Trey Hill organized an alumni baseball game with former

players battling the current crop of Bulldogs. They played two games and enjoyed the chicken dinners that were used as a fundraiser for the baseball program.

It also gave the former players an opportunity to see some of the changes that have been made to the baseball complex. Wade Huckaby's technology class built new benches for the home

dugout, with a storage shelf that allows the dugout to be more organized and clutter free. Just a couple of years ago the dugout floor consisted of warped wooden planks that were under water every time it rained. A new raised and cemented floor was put in last season and with the new benches, it has given a first-class feeling to the dugout.

The clubhouse is on the list of items to be completed as it needs updating. A large-screen television is also in the works, along with video cameras to record and then play back game footage. "Any tool we can get to make us a better team, I want to have," said Hill.

A new LED sign was donated and hangs on the back of the press box facing Turner Street. This sign gives game information and keeps the community



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The 2014 DeSoto County High School Bulldog baseball yearbook is filled with information and photos of the current players in the program. It is a great item to have as you follow the team throughout the season.

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the DeSoto County threat.

In the fifth inning with two outs and trailing by four runs with the bases loaded, Rotering stepped to the plate. "It was an outside pitch and I just tried to hit it to the opposite field," she said. "I swung and it just happened and it was good. I liked it a lot! It felt good when it left my bat and I just looked up and it went over the fence. It would have been nice to win the game, though."

Effort to the end

After DeSoto County tied the game at 11 in the fifth, Sebring scored 10 times in the sixth inning to put the game away.

Brown leads the team in batting average, triples, homers and stolen bases, and is tied for the team lead in runs scored and doubles. She made a play that will never show up in any box

score but it separates "ballplayers" from people who "play ball."

Trailing by nine runs in the sixth inning and the outcome of the game pretty much decided, a Sebring batter hit a soft "humpback liner" that was going to drop between second base and the pitcher's circle. From her shortstop position, Brown laid out as she dove for the ball in an effort to make the play. She couldn't make the catch but the effort was there.

The younger players saw that effort made by their team leader and hopefully will learn from it. Playing second base was Day who had a close up view of how to play the game.

Day, who admitted to being nervous before her first game on the varsity team, said, "I'm over that now. I'm just thinking 'I did all of that in my first game?' I think the next game will be easier because I've already played a game on varsity."

The Bulldogs will host district rival Lemon Bay tomorrow with the JV game starting at 5:30 p.m. The Mantas are led by former Bulldog Kacyn Shirley.

• The varsity baseball team

win. The Bulldogs lost a tough extra-inning game to Lake Placid 7-4.

• The junior varsity baseball team is off to a rough start with a pair of losses to Port Charlotte 10-7 and 6-0. They also lost to Community Christian 13-7.

• The varsity softball team shutout North Port 14-0 before suffering a 21-14 loss to Sebring.

• The JV softball team had no trouble with the Sebring team downing them 11-3.

• The DeSoto County Adult Athletic Association concluded its 2014 co-ed Winter League season with a double elimination tournament. The No. 3 seed team, Hit-N-Run, beat the No. 1 seed Fenders Auto Parts 16-8 to put them in the losers bracket. Fenders worked their way out of the losers bracket by beating Clark's Pest Control



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ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

beat Dunbar 11-1 and then staged an 11-run comeback to beat Bayshore 11-10. All 11 runs came in the final three innings including a five-run seventh inning to secure the



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The Hit-N-Run team won the 2014 DCAAA Co-ed Winter League Championship, as they went undefeated during the postseason tournament.

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BASEBALL

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updated with what is going on with the baseball team.

There is construction going on to cover the current softball/baseball batting cages that are just past the left field fence. With a metal roof and sides over the cages, it will protect the equipment from the weather and provide a safer area for the players to work on their hitting.

Just over the right field fence is a new full scale practice infield. All major league complexes have infield practice areas which allows infield practice while others are having batting practice

on the main field. The Bulldogs are moving up in the quality of their complex.

Work on the pitchers mound and batters box has been completed and has elevated the field to a much better place to play ball.

Improved communications

Perhaps the biggest area of improvement has been with the ability to communicate with the public and keep them informed as to how the team is doing. They have an excellent website at www.dchsbulldogs.com. They also have a facebook page at www.facebook.com/Desotocountybaseball. With those two sites you can keep track of every

pitch during the game and learn so much about the team.

They have also produced a high quality yearbook. Anything that you would want to know is listed in the publication. Schedule, photos, sponsors, coaches' biographies and everything that you could want to know about the players can be found in the yearbook. If you wanted to know Wesley Georges' favorite band, it is listed there. Tony Lalonde's favorite teacher or Brad Roberts' favorite food? It is all in the yearbook. It is a slick 52-page magazine that is an excellent media guide for fans and parents alike.

All of these improvements and future plans takes a solid core of volunteers and donations. "The support we've

received from our community has been absolutely awesome." Hill said.

Of course with more work to be completed it is not too late to jump on the Bulldog bandwagon and either volunteer to help with various projects or make a donation to the Bulldog Baseball program.

The team is led by former Bulldog Hill, who has the insight, energy and vision to know what is needed to produce better players throughout the baseball program. With the help of the community, there is no end to what can be done.

The Bulldogs will host their first district game of the season tomorrow night as the Lemon Bay Mantas come to town. Game time is 7 p.m.

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These callers are charged approximately \$20 for the international call fee plus \$9 more per minute for the "service."

The area codes that so far have been identified with this scam are 268,809,876,284 and 473.

The Better Business Bureau is aware of this scam and advises, as do law enforcement agencies, that if you receive a missed call message from an unfamiliar number, ignore it. Additionally, as with any bills, check cell phone bills carefully for unauthorized use.

An old scam is back

The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office

warns citizens about what is known as "the jury duty scam," which is once again surfacing in the area.

Residents reported receiving phone calls from people claiming they are a court employee or with the "warrant department" and that an arrest warrant had been issued because they failed to report to jury duty. The scammer will then ask for payment to clear up the matter, typically in the form of a "green dot" credit card.

Once the victim obtains the card and loads the required funds onto it, the scammer asks for the card number and the access code on the back. With the transaction complete, the scammer disconnects the phone number from which they called to avoid detection.

It is important for all citizens to know that law enforcement and court employees never make requests for payment over the telephone and never request personal financial information. A similar warning was issued in December, so please share this information once again with friends, family, neighbors and organizations to which

you belong.

"The callers are criminals and the only way to stop them is to be empowered to just hang up," said Sarasota Sheriff Tom Knight. "Write down what was said, think about it and contact the agency or office the caller claimed to represent to make them aware of the call. Do not fall victim to their pressure."

DeSoto County Sheriff Will Wise has previously warned residents of similar efforts to obtain money over the phone. If you have any question, don't give them any money or divulge any personal information: instead, call the Sheriff's Office at 863-993-4700 to report it.

The C.A.S.E. program is a partnership between the community and the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office to protect the financial resources of all our residents from scams and frauds. Consider having a C.A.S.E. presentation for any group to which you belong. For more information about C.A.S.E. or about scheduling a presentation, call Lt. Curt Mays at 863-993-4700.

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by one run and set up a championship rematch against Hit-N-Run. Fenders would have to win twice to become champions. It didn't happen as Hit-N-Run won the game 14-10 to claim the title.

Final regular season standings for the DCAAA 2014 co-ed winter league.

- 1 Fenders Auto Parts
- 2 Clark's Pest Control
- 3 Hit-N-Run
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- 5 JJC Enterprises
- 6 Super Cheap

• No reports from the tennis, weightlifting or track and field teams.

Upcoming games

• The varsity baseball team will host Lemon Bay in their first home district game this season tomorrow night. They will also host Sebring next Tuesday, March 11. Game times are 7 p.m.

• The JV baseball team will be at Lemon Bay tomorrow night with game time scheduled for 6 p.m. Their next home game will be March 24 against Avon Park.

• The boys' weightlifting team will be at Sebring next Tuesday for a meet.

• The varsity and JV softball teams will host Lemon Bay tomorrow night starting at 5:30 p.m.

• The girls' tennis team will host Lake Placid March 11.

• The boys' tennis team will be home today against Lemon Bay and then home again on March 11 as they take on Lake Placid. Next Thursday they will be home against Avon Park.

• The track and field teams will be at Avon Park tonight and at Moore Haven next Thursday.

ARRESTS

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• Arthur Gary Noglak, 46, Cleveland, Ohio. Charge: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$1,000.

• Amanda Marie Culpepper, 31, Port Charlotte. Charge: violation of domestic injunction. Bond: none.

• Amanda May Simkins, 27, 1600 block

of Cherry St., Arcadia. Charges: sale of methamphetamine within 1,000 ft. of prohibited location and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$10,120.

• Regina Beth Williams, 34, 300 block of N. 16th Ave., Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of unoccupied dwelling, grand theft between \$300-\$5,000, and dealing in stolen property. Bond: \$9,500.

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

• Eulogia Martinez-Ramos, 27, 6200 block of S.W. Pablo Ave., Arcadia.

Charge: driving while license is expired more than 6 months. Bond: \$1,000.

• Robert Duane Werner III, 19, 1900 block of N.W. Myrtle St., Arcadia. Charge: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$5,000.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is March 6, 2014.
Attorney for Personal Representative:

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SENIOR ACCOUNTANT
Collier Investments, a private equity firm, with a portfolio of companies principally in the agribusiness industry seeks a full-time senior accountant to assist CFO in accounting, treasury, cash forecasting, A/P, A/R, and risk mgmt for multiple entities.
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NOTICE OF ACTION 3116

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 4-2010-CA-000888
DIVISION: 2
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,
vs.
WANITA L. SCHNEIDER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, WANITA L. SCHNEIDER A/K/A WANITA LOIS SCHNEIDER A/K/A WANITA SCHNEIDER, DECEASED
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
PAMELA S. GARTZ, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF WANITA L. SCHNEIDER A/K/A WANITA LOIS SCHNEIDER A/K/A WANITA SCHNEIDER, DECEASED
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 64 South Lake Street Bergen, NY 14416
CURRENT ADDRESS: 64 South Lake Street Bergen, NY 14416
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in DESOTO County, Florida:
EAST 1/2 OF LOT 32; ALL OF LOTS 30 AND 31, AND THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 29, BLOCK D, RIDGWOOD SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT

TO: ELEANOR J. GODBOUT, 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 the Petitioner, THOMAS P. GODBOUT, whose address is, 1076 SW Cindee Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before April 4, 2014 and file the original with Desoto Clerk of Court, 115 East Oak Street, Room 101, 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 this petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office. Dated: February 26, 2014 MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ M. Harris Deputy Clerk Published 3/6/14,

NOTICE OF ACTION 3116

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2014DR106
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF THOMAS P. GODGOUT, Petitioner and ELEANOR J. GODBOUT, Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DIS-SOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
TO: ELEANOR J. GODBOUT, 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 the Petitioner, THOMAS P. GODGOUT, whose address is, 1076 SW Cindee Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before April 4, 2014 and file the original with Desoto Clerk of Court, 115 East Oak Street, Room 101, 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 this petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office. Dated: February 26, 2014 MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ M. Harris Deputy Clerk Published 3/6/14,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 142014CP000018CPAXMA
Division Twelfth
IN RE: ESTATE OF Donald Richard Coker a.k.a Donald R. Coker Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of Donald Richard Coker a.k.a. Donald R. Coker, deceased, whose date of death was January 24, 2014, and whose social security number are xxx-xx-4958, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 3120

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is February 20, 2014. Attorney for Personal Representative: Abel A. Putnam Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar Number: 024090 Putnam, Creighton & Airth, P.A. Post Office Box 3545 Lakeland, Florida 33802-3545 Telephone: (863) 682-1178 Fax: (863) 683-3700 E-Mail: aap@putnampa.com Secondary E-Mail: aapservice@putnampa.com Personal Representative: Richard Whitley Johnson 404 Palmola Street Lakeland, Florida 33803 Published 2/20/14 & 2/27/14 250326 3004808

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 142008CA001197 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. Plaintiff, vs. ARNOLD MELE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARNOLD MELE; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE; Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 23, 2013, and entered in Case No. 14 2008 CA 001197, 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. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is Plaintiff and ARNOLD MELE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARNOLD MELE; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT SOUTH DOOR OF COURTHOUSE., at 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA IN DESOTO County, FLORIDA 34266, at 11:00 A.M., on the 18 day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOTS 14 AND 15, BLOCK "H, AW GILCHRIST'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 63 AND IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 52. A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 30 day of December, 2013. MITZIE MCGAVIC As Clerk of said Court By /s/ B. Wynn As Deputy Clerk

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 provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Desoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, Phone No. (863)993-4876 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Submitted by:

Kahane & Associates, P.A. 8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000 Plantation, FL 33324 Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380 Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.co

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2010CA000164 DIVISION: 1 PNC MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff, vs. LEWIS N. RACKLEY, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of Court of DESOTO County, will on the 25th day of March, 2014, at 11:00am, EST at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in LAKE SUZY, Florida: **LOT 9, BLOCK 3, FIRST REPLAT IN PEMBROKE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 80, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Case No. 2010CA000164 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida, the style of which is indicated above. WITNESS MY HAND and seal of this Court on February 2, 2014 Mitzi W. McGavic Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ B. Wynn Deputy Clerk RCO Legal, P.S. 1587 Northeast Expressway Atlanta, Georgia 30329

**** See Americans with Disabilities Act ****

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Desoto County Jury Office, 115 East Oak Street Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863) 993-4876, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 142013CA000252CAAXMA JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. JAIME FLORES, ADELA FLORES, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed January 24, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 142013CA000252CAAXMA of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Arcadia, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the south door of the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL. 34266 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 20th day of March, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 22, Block "D", Forest Pine Estates, 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 20. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 29th day of January, 2014.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT As Clerk of the Court By: /s/ N. Daughtrey Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance: Please contact DeSoto County Jury Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. Telephone: (863) 993-4876. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. Published 2/27/14 & 3/6/14 338038 3008325

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 13-CA-429 FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. PEARIE JACKSON; CRYSTAL BAY AT KINGSWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 12th day of December, 2013, and entered in Case No. 13-CA-429, of the Circuit Court of the 12TH Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and PEARIE JACKSON; CRYSTAL BAY AT KINGSWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, SOUTH DOOR OF THE DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, 11:00 AM on the 27th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **UNIT 805, CRYSTAL BAY AT KINGSWAY, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM FILED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 44, PAGE 179 AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 449, PAGE 377, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ACCORDING TO THE GRAPHICS DESCRIPTION CONTAINED IN CONDOMINIUM BOOK 1, PAGE 142, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO, AS DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION. 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.**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2014. By: /s/ Jennifer N. Tarquinio Bar #99192 Submitted by: Choice Legal Group, P.A. 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309 Telephone: (954) 453-0365 Facsimile: (954) 771-6052 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438 DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516 eservice@clegalgroup.com Published 3/6/14 & 3/13/14 107507 3011651

Pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Self-Storage Facility Act (Statute 83.801-6) notice is hereby given that Secure Public Storage, 8890 NE Highway 17, Zolfo Springs, FL will conduct a sale or otherwise dispose of the unknown contents of: **Unit #15, #43 & #44 Jocelyn A. Evans, Tim & Brenda Rodgers**

Said sale to be held no sooner than 15 days from the date of this notice. Published 2/27/14 & 3/6/14 357619 3006372

TAX DEEDS 3132

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **US BANK AS CF FL DUNDEE LIEN INV LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 609 Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011 Tax Deed File #: 14-08-TD Description of Property: LOTS 4, 5, 6, AND 7, BLOCK "H" A.W. GILCHRIST'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANG 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 14 2009 CA 001061 Section: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

v. TIM F. CHANNEL A/K/A TIMOTHY F. CHANNEL A/K/A TIMOTHY FRANCES CHANNEL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TIM F. CHANNEL AKA TIMOTHY F. CHANNEL A/K/A TIMOTHY FRANCES CHANNEL NKA LACET CHANNEL; AMBER CHANNEL; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 13, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 14 2009 CA 001061 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 20th day of March, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the South door of the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 26, FRUITVILLE ESTATES, AS PER MAP OF PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 62, TOGETHER WITH A 2003 MOBILE HOME VIN# FFL370A30347CY21 AND VIN# FFL370B30347CY21. 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. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**

Dated at ARCADIA, Florida this 28th day of February, 2014 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT DeSoto County, FLORIDA By: /s/ B. Wynn Published 3/6/14 & 3/13/14 329037 3011642

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **US BANK AS CF FL DUNDEE LIEN INV LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 609 Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011 Tax Deed File #: 14-08-TD Description of Property: LOTS 4, 5, 6, AND 7, BLOCK "H" A.W. GILCHRIST'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANG 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR

TAX DEEDS 3132

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **US BANK AS CF FL DUNDEE LIEN INV LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 609 Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011 Tax Deed File #: 14-08-TD Description of Property: LOTS 4, 5, 6, AND 7, BLOCK "H" A.W. GILCHRIST'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANG 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR

TAX DEEDS 3132

DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 63. **Names in which assessed:** CHRISTIANNA SINGLETON & ROGERLINE WAY 255 W 127TH ST APT 6A NEW YORK, NY 10027 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 APRIL 2, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: 2/27/14, 3/6/14, 3/13/14, 3/20/14 112132 3008303

TAX DEEDS 3132

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Notice is hereby given that **TC TAMPA 1, LLC PNC CUS TC TAMPA 1, LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 1570 Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011 Tax Deed File #: 14-09-TD Description of Property: LOTS 207 AND 208, ELLER AND TURNER ESTATES, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 78. TOGETHER WITH A 1982 SKYLINE SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME. IDENTIFICATION #H33770G. TITLE #20785730. RP#12175990. **Names in which assessed:** ANGEL MANUEL ROLON ESTATE 2080 SE E & T CIRCLE ARCADIA, FL 34266 All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on MARCH 26, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: 2/20/14, 2/27/14, 3/6/14 & 3/13/14 112132 3004750

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **TC TAMPA 1, LLC PNC CUS TC TAMPA 1, LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 1570 Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011 Tax Deed File #: 14-09-TD Description of Property: LOTS 207 AND 208, ELLER AND TURNER ESTATES, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 78. TOGETHER WITH A 1982 SKYLINE SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME. IDENTIFICATION #H33770G. TITLE #20785730. RP#12175990. **Names in which assessed:** ANGEL MANUEL ROLON ESTATE 2080 SE E & T CIRCLE ARCADIA, FL 34266 All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on MARCH 26, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: 2/20/14, 2/27/14, 3/6/14 & 3/13/14 112132 3004750

OTHER NOTICES 3138

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HEALTH FACT:

TOO MUCH OF THIS SUBSTANCE IN FOOD OR DRINK CAN LEAVE A PERSON FEELING JITTERY AND HYPER.

ANSWER: CAFFEINE

Caffeine Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

BEVERAGE	COFFEE	HEALTHY
BODY	COLA	JITTERS
CAFFEINE	CONSUME	MODERATION
CHOCOLATE	ENERGY	TEA

N J Y H T L A E H N E U
 N O I X E H G E G A T V
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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

PCU FO OEJ

Answer: Cup of Joe

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1942: THE DUTCH SURRENDER TO THE JAPANESE ON JAVA DURING WORLD WAR II.
- 1979: PHILIPS DEMONSTRATES THE COMPACT DISC FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PUBLIC.
- 1999: MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HALL OF FAMER JOE DIMAGGIO DIES AT AGE 84.



PERCOLATE

filter gradually through a porous surface or substance



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Don't feel a need to take charge of others, Aries. People will respond to your cues even when such hints are subtle. Step back from the dictator's podium.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you should be able to accomplish your objectives this week, in spite of some early distractions. Things will right themselves before long.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, concern about those closest to you might be foremost on your mind this week. Shift that focus to your own life and responsibilities for the time being.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Your professional life takes precedence this week, Cancer. Allow yourself ample time to tackle all the things on your plate at the office, and you will be glad you did.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Use the power you have carefully, Leo. Sometimes it surprises even you just how great an impact you can make and the wide-sweeping consequences of some of your actions.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, uncertainty about your priorities arises over the next few days. Take time to think things through, but don't be idle for too long. Do your best to stay motivated.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Long-term career goals are on your mind, Libra. Make time to develop a plan that can make those goals a reality. Consult with colleagues for advice or guidance.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, there is always room for compromise, even when compromise seems unlikely. Don't be too quick to assume there is no room to work out an agreement.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Your focus is at an all-time high this week, Sagittarius. Now is a good time to establish clear objectives at the workplace or for important personal matters.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Friends and family bring you a sense of well-being, Capricorn. Surround yourself with plenty of people in the days to come. Open your heart, and you will get much in return.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, coworkers turn out to be a source of much-needed support when you receive some unexpected news. Thank them for their support and kind gestures.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, expect others to seek your help in the coming days. Do your best to help, and those around you will greatly appreciate it.

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Cup
SPANISH: Taza
ITALIAN: Tazza
FRENCH: Tasse
GERMAN: Tasse

Did You Know?

A 2012 GALLUP POLL FOUND 63% OF AMERICANS DRINK AN AVERAGE OF 2.5 CUPS OF COFFEE EVERY DAY. THIS NUMBER HAS REMAINED STEADY SINCE 1999.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: TEA BAG

GRITS & PIECES

FROM PAGE 4

I've ever heard one repeat itself. They change rapidly from call to call as if channel surfing with the TV remote. Maybe it's just the males, right, ladies? When it comes to critters, the manatee (or "sea cow") is the state marine mammal, but has a counterpart in the dolphin, that was adopted as our state

salt water mammal. The doe deer was once submitted as the state mammal, but wasn't adopted. For once it was heard, "No, deer," instead of, "Yes, dear." Our state beverage is not moonshine, as some might think because of our rural past. It is, of course, orange juice. I celebrate the state beverage often, and am passing the tradition down to my three year-old grandson by peeling and plugging the tops of those in my yard and letting him suck the juice right out of them.

For whatever reason, the State Senate tried to make the praying mantis our state insect in 1972. The house caught on and squashed it. The bill, mind you, not the insect. If we are going to have a state bug, I'd say it would naturally have to be the palmetto bug. You know, those creepy, stinky dark roaches that are about the size of a Volkswagen Beetle when they are crawling in your direction. Love bugs might be a good candidate as the state insect as well, but their lewd public behavior would

probably disqualify them. Let me close with a little more Florida folklore. The ladies will like this one, and it may get me off the hook with that earlier comment. It was once believed that a good housewife should never clean the home after dark. So, ladies, if you want to adopt that as some sort of good luck practice, you can delegate those duties to your husbands when the sun goes down. Good luck with convincing him to drop the TV remote and respond.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4

activities. How does it sound now? He asked. "The population of Medellín and local political leaders often helped Escobar by watching the police. They also hid information from the authorities, and did whatever else they could do to protect him". I said, "Stop! Mosaic strip mining is one of the worlds' most ethical companies - for two years in a row. And anyway, they haven't built any

hospitals, schools or churches that I know of ... yet." He went on, "After Escobar died, the authorities expropriated his home, ranch and zoo. The property now has been converted into a theme park. You can go on the Historical Pablo Escobar Tour and learn all about his life and death, you can visit the Monaco Building, see the site of an assassination attempt on his family, and visit his final resting place. The two hour historical tour takes you back in time and inside the life of Escobar, one of Medellín's most famous figures

... and ... complimentary round-trip transportation and entrance fees are included." "Do they have a golf course that is too expensive for 99 percent of Medellín residents to go to?" I asked. "No, not yet, but a golf course and resort is in the planning stage," he said. I looked at him and asked, "Are they going to name it Streamsong?" Friends of Horse Creek Bob Navin Arcadia

President is not what he claims

Editor: A few days ago a reader of an area newspaper is quoted as saying "Barack Obama is not the first black president." He is right. Obama is neither white nor black. As defined in Webster's Dictionary, he is a mulatto: "A person who is the offspring of a white and a negro (parent)." He has parlayed his "color" into becoming America's First Black President. If anyone doubts this, look it up. George Pratt Arcadia

Planting started; part of state welcomes rain

FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 2

Weather Summary

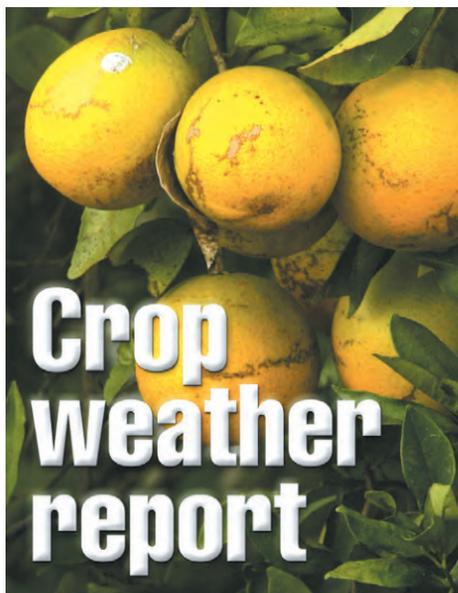
According to Florida's Automated Weather Network, five locations received one inch of rain or slightly more, the rest of the state received less than one inch of rain. Maximum temperatures ranged from the 70s to the 80s, with the highest temperature in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) and Homestead (Miami-Dade County) at 87 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the state ranged from 26 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County) to 58 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County).

Field Crops

Farmers in Walton County were preparing fields for corn. Several sugarcane mills in Palm Beach County were finishing their harvest.

Fruit and Vegetables

Dixie and Gilchrist county farmers were getting fields ready for planting melons. Manatee County farmers continued to plant tomatoes. Harvesting of cabbage continued in



Flagler and Putnam counties and replanting of potatoes continued in these counties. Green beans, tomatoes, squash, eggplant, peppers, sweet corn, Asian vegetables, herbs, and Cuban sweet potatoes (boniatos) were being harvested in Miami-Dade County. Vegetables and fruits marketed in the state included beets, cabbage, collards, eggplant, kale, peppers, potatoes, squash, tomatoes, herbs and a variety of specialty vegetables.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality has been aided by warmer temperatures and soil moisture. Calving continues throughout the state. The cattle condition for the state was good but the pasture condition was mostly fair. Cattlemen were feeding hay across the state.

Citrus

Rain was widespread, but generally light in the citrus area this week. Lecanto (Citrus County) recorded the most precipitation with 1.37 inches. Balm (Hillsborough County) recorded the least with 0.06 inches of rainfall recorded. Daytime temperatures reached the low to mid 80s throughout the citrus growing area last week. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated Feb. 25, no drought exists within the citrus growing area.

Field workers reported small sizes on all varieties. Some growers were noticing various sizes in the same blocks, from slightly larger than golf ball size to larger than baseball size on oranges. Grove activity included harvesting on mostly early oranges and grapefruit, hedging and topping after harvest, care for new trees, and pulling out declining or dead trees.

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

	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Mar. 2
Early/mid oranges	3,312	1,805	162
Valencia	58	86	173
Navel oranges	3	4	3
White grapefruit	217	229	282
Colored grapefruit	584	549	611
Temples	15	18	39
Tangelos	32	18	12
Sunburst tangerines	2	2	0
Honey tangerines	68	97	68
Total	4,291	2,808	1,350

Bloom has been noted in several of the more southern areas of the citrus growing region, signaling the beginning of next year's crop. Growers in the Indian River area are experimenting with tenting young trees to eradicate or control the psyllid population that is causing greening. Other methods are being used or tested to keep unaffected trees from getting the Huanglongbing (HLB, Citrus Greening) virus.

Sixteen of 19 processing plants had opened this season. Almost all packing houses had opened and were shipping fruit.

Citrus growers hold annual meeting



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY CRAIG GARRETT

Cookie Sanders, left, and Holly Keen at the annual meeting of the Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association. The meeting was held Thursday at the Turner Agri-Civic Center.



The board of directors of the Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association posed for a photo at the annual meeting held Thursday at the Turner Agri-Civic Center.

AIRPORT

FROM PAGE 5

to the rodeo grounds and back to the airport. On Sunday guests may visit the downtown shops prior to flying back home. Friends will supply pot luck meals and other logistical support for the group while here. Allied Portables is also an event sponsor.

Thanks to the City Council our airport just got a facelift. Funding was provided with 100 percent grants to resurface the runway and taxiway as well as new runway and navigational lights.

"This rodeo weekend event came just in time to highlight those improvements to pilots from across the state," Clark said.

"Hopefully our guests will spread the word that Arcadia has a nice airport



PHOTO PROVIDED

An airplane fly-in will be held this weekend at Arcadia Airport. The county and the Rodeo Association cooperated with Friends of Arcadia Airport to provide special deals for pilots to come enjoy the rodeo. The public is welcome to the pancake breakfast Saturday morning.

and is a friendly place to visit."

You do not have to be an RAF member to participate in this special

fly-in; all pilots are invited. If you are not a pilot, you can still stop in for any part of the weekend.

Saturday morning there will be a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday evening there will be a song-fest; bring your instruments and a chair. Email Friends at: FriendsOfArcadiaAirport@gmail.com for more information.

Friends of Arcadia Airport Inc. is a Florida non-profit corporation and will soon hold 501(c)(3) tax status. Its mission is to support Arcadia Airport and general aviation events, the youth aviation club at DeSoto County High School and airport beautification projects. All funds raised by Friends will be used at Arcadia Airport.

Friends will not hold its regular third Saturday all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast this month. Instead it will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday of Rodeo weekend, March 8. Everyone is welcome. So come on out and enjoy breakfast with Friends and the RAF.

Six Gun Country Music Showcase

Groups of 20+
\$22 each



Saturday - March 22nd
Arcadia Rodeo Arena
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 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 Gates open at 11am

John Conlee

Janie Fricke

David Frizzell

Moe Bandy

T.G. Sheppard



\$35
Covered stadium seating



\$600 Table seating
Up to 8 people



\$50 Ground seating - chairs provided



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Up to 8 people

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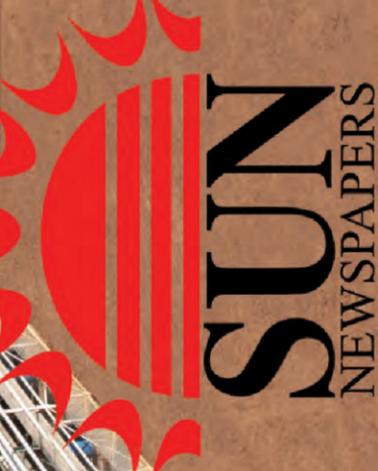
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Spring vegetable gardening tips

Spring officially begins two weeks from today, but Florida vegetable growers and gardeners are busy planting warm season crops now. The mild winter with no hard freezes and some rainfall has made conditions ideal for new growth. Citrus trees are blossoming, and deciduous trees are putting out new growth, forcing the old leaves off, so that we have our leaf fall season going on at the same time.

Plan to finish up planting of most warm season crops by the first day of spring. Set out transplants of tomato, pepper, and eggplant. Starter plants of cucumbers, melons and summer squash are sometimes available, or start them from seed. Beans are usually planted from seed. Choose bush type beans for a quick harvest, pole beans for a slightly delayed but longer harvest period. Some varieties of bush beans are ready in about 55 days — plant now for a harvest about May 1. Plant corn now for a Memorial Day harvest. Okra, southern peas and sweet potatoes may be planted throughout the summer, but the sooner you plant, the better your chance of missing insect and disease problems warmer weather brings.



Over the Garden Gate

Al & Karen Smoke

ksmoke@embarqmail.com

Spring is a great time to grow your own gourmet baby salad greens. Look for packets of mixed salad greens called "mesclun" — colorful blends of flavors and textures, available in both mild and spicy. Sow seed thickly in a bed or container of finely prepared soil, and press seed gently into the surface. Mist daily and you'll have delicious fresh lettuce in as few as 30 days. Cut two inches above the ground; new growth will continue, or harvest by picking individual outer leaves. Lettuce tends to get bitter both as the plants age and as the weather warms. Rinsing lettuce in warm water helps reduce bitterness. Plunge into ice water to restore crispness.

Shake off excess water and pat dry — or use a salad spinner. Roll gently in a cotton tea towel and place in a zip lock bag and refrigerate up to two days.

Include some flowers in your vegetable garden; calendula, nasturtium and marigold make good companions for many vegetables, and they'll help attract pollinators. They're also all edible — toss petals or whole flowers in salad for a splash of color and flavor. The green seeds of nasturtium are a good substitute for capers.

Some gardeners opt not to plant a spring garden. If you aren't planting, now is an ideal time to build up your garden soil by 'lasagna' composting or compost layering. If you're a seasonal resident, or haven't had a vegetable garden, this is a great way to get started on building good garden soil. You can even do it right on top of a lawn area, and have rich ready-to-plant soil when you return in the fall. The initial layers should be chopped or shredded. The finer materials are chopped, the quicker they decompose. All those falling leaves can be a source of organic matter for your garden soil.

Remove all weeds and spent crops. Reserve plants of the

brassica family — broccoli, cabbage collards, kale, mustard and turnips. These plants release compounds as they break down that may help reduce populations of root-knot nematodes. Use a serrated kitchen knife to chop leaves and stems. Cover the soil with a layer of chopped greens. Or start with a layer of finished compost or aged manure.

Next add a layer of mulched leaves. Use a mower with a bagging attachment, or windrow leaves as you mow. Or watch for neighbors who mulch and bag their leaves and set them on the curb for pickup. Aim for 2 to 4 inches over the entire garden area. If you haven't added any nitrogen-rich materials (green matter, aged manure or compost), a sprinkling of 6-6-6 fertilizer will help start decomposition.

If you won't be planting until fall, cover the entire area with a layer of 5 to 10 sheets of newspaper, overlapping and wetting down the paper as you go. The paper will serve as a physical barrier for any weed seeds that germinate, plus it will help to hold in soil moisture. Top the paper with a layer of 3 to 4 inches of hay or more mulched leaves. Come fall, your



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Now is the time to plant warm season crops such as eggplant, tomatoes and peppers. Purchase started plants and set them out on a cloudy day. Water with a diluted fertilizer solution, or compost tea. Containers are a great way to grow vegetables. Use a prepared soil mix to be sure your plants remain nematode free.



Home grown cucumbers are delicious for salads or pickling. Provide a trellis to keep the fruits off the ground. Grow cucumbers quickly by providing adequate water and fertilizer and be prepared to deal with pests.

garden will be virtually weed free. When you rake away the top layer of coarse material, beneath the decomposed paper will be a rich layer of organic humus teeming with beneficial microorganisms.

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