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Legendary cowboy poet Carl Sharp visits Arcadia at the Six-Gun Contert.

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## Administrator list narrowed to top 5

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Arcadia City Council unanimously approved the receipt of five finalist applications for the city's administrator position. The applications were recommended by the City Administrator Search Committee, which reviewed nearly 30 submissions before narrowing the list down to five

for the council's consideration.

The finalists include: Stephen A. Holsinger, city manager of Willows, Calif.; Paul H. Poczobut Jr., city administrator in Ada, Minn.; Eric C. Rindfleisch, village administrator/clerk/treasurer for Edgar, Wisc.; Tom Slaughter, Arcadia interim city administrator; and Michael G. Standley, client development manager for Baskerville-Donovan Inc., in Panama City Beach.

The committee's recommendations allow the council to move into a formal interview process with each candidate.

The council heard from representatives of the Smith Brown Community Foundation, who are interested in leasing the Smith Brown Gym so it can be renovated and converted into a community center. The Foundation's hope is to renovate the building through grants and other funding, to

serve as a center for youth programs, adult education and training, as well as other community events. Long-term, the group would also like to incorporate Louis Anderson Park as part of the center.

Ashley Coone said the Foundation would like to have a lease in place with the city within a year, but asked the city

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## Ribs sizzled for Historical Society's BBQ contest

By CAROL MAHLER

DESOTO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The team from DeSoto County Volunteer Fire and Rescue won first place in the Barbecued Rib Cookoff during the DeSoto County Historical Society's 10th Annual Pioneer Day Saturday at Veterans Memorial Park in Arcadia. This makes the third consecutive year that they have taken top honors in the contest.

The "Boca Boys" team from Boca Grande Fire and Rescue scored second place, and the "Bottoms Up" team from Tice Fire and Rescue took third prize. Also competing was the "Cracked Rib" team from Lee County Medical Services.

The Historical Society thanks Bruce Collins for coordinating the competition.



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DeSoto County Volunteer Fire and Rescue's first-prize team with their trophy. •Turn to page 24 for more photos.



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Hannah and Kylee Bryan from Cape Coral enjoy cranking the siren on the antique fire engine at Pioneer Day.

Kassie Kemp from the Florida Public Archaeology Network in Tampa demonstrates making rock tools to Ryan Williams, 7, a student at Memorial Elementary School. Pioneer Day, held at DeSoto Veterans Memorial Park, had many history-based activities for children.



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Children of all ages are drawn to the non-electric wooden toy display by Al and Karen Smoke. No flashing lights, no bells or whistles are needed for lots of old-fashioned fun.

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# New study shows a third of DeSoto students worry about hunger

SUBMITTED BY  
GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Groundbreaking research on child hunger in Sarasota and DeSoto counties reveals that alarming numbers of children are food insecure and worry about the source and quality of their next meal. Commissioned by All Faiths Food Bank and Gulf Coast Community Foundation, the new study is one of the most comprehensive child-hunger

studies ever conducted and gathers information directly from the perspectives of children.

“The study gives children a voice — and they are worried about not having enough food,” said Sandra Frank, chief executive officer of All Faiths Food Bank, which serves Sarasota and DeSoto counties. “Together with our partners, we can make sure that

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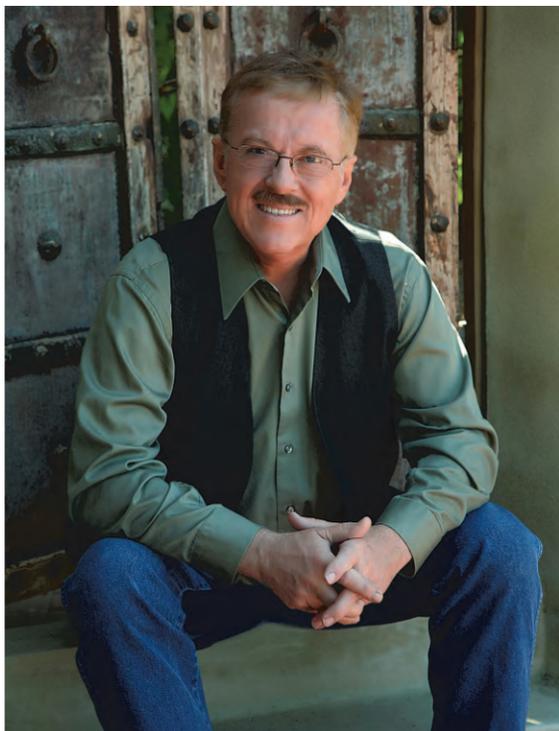
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## Oak Hill Baptist Church Proudly Presents Larry Ford in Concert



Larry Ford is a Grammy award winning tenor who has committed his life to singing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Larry's music career began when he climbed up on a chair at five years old at his home church in Levelland, Texas. Accompanied by his mother on the piano, he sang his first solo, How Great Thou Art. Fifty years later, Larry still sings, How Great Thou Art. He has sung it in English, Spanish, Swedish, Russian, Italian and Norwegian. Larry's music ministry has taken him to 49 states of the United States and to more than thirty foreign countries.

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Bonnie Molloy hands a check to second place winner Peter Watson, and Kathy Bradt gives the first place check to Pat Mercer, who became an 11-point buck at the Elks Lodge where the Texas Hold 'Em tournament was held.

## DMH Foundation announces poker winners

SUBMITTED BY ANDREA GRIFFIS  
 DMH

DeSoto Memorial Hospital Foundation held its 8th Annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on March 13 at The Elks Lodge in Arcadia. The help and support of The Elks Lodge, the volunteers, sponsors, and players made this event successful. The following people are recognized for all their hard work and support:

**Volunteers:**

Bonnie Molloy, Kathy Bradt, Trudi Super, and Lois Hilton.

**Sponsors:**

Dr. Vaidy Nathan at Arcadia Internal Medicine Associates, JG Big Star Productions, Health Trust Purchasing Group, Monarch Medical, Coastal Property Group of Florida, OMS Insurance Group, Orange Blossom Hauling, Beryl Griffis Jr. & Nancy Webster, Hospital Housekeeping Systems, Dr. James McClusky, Mr. Roy Kirkpatrick at DeSoto Land Surveying, LLC, SunTrust Bank, Carl & Libby

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**Players:**

Robert and Susan Bennett, David Bishop, David Carson, Charles Carter, Andrew Crites, Johanne Deslongchamps, Joe DiCeasere, Joe & Courtney Gallimore, Stephen Heine, Barney Hutson, Teter Hutson, Tony Hutson, Tim Kilkelly, Judy Kirkpatrick, Candy Kendrick, Joe & Devin LaCava, Jackie Manget, Dr. Martin, Carl McKetrick, Pat Mercer, Edward Misner, Dr. Mohammadbhoy, Gary Osgood, Jorge Sanchez, Vince Sica, Kristen Spahr, Jerry Spurgeon, Frank Rassano, Bob Rastouski, Jacques Renaud, Omar Rendon, Gary Utz, and Peter Watson.

**Final Table and Winners:**

First – Pat Mercer; Second – Peter Watson; Third – Johanne Deslongchamps; Fourth – Bob Rastovski; 50/50 Winner – Gary Utz.



50/50 winner Gary Utz is at far right, with, from left, Dr. Vaidy Nathan, Kathy Bradt and Bonnie Molloy.



Bonnie Molloy, left, and Kathy Bradt stand with the fourth place winner, Bob Rastovsky.



Third place winner Johanne Deslongchamps, center, receives her winnings from Bonnie Molloy, left, and Kathy Bradt.

# DEO teams with DeSoto for economic growth

STAFF REPORT

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and DeSoto County have launched the Competitive Florida Partnership. The partnership began with meetings between the DEO and the DeSoto Economic Development Advisory Committee to pinpoint challenges, barriers and strategies for economic growth.

DEO's Competitive Florida Partnership program assists rural communities in developing a targeted, specialized approach to economic development tailored for each community's unique assets. This meeting introduced county leaders to the program and served to inform DEO about the community and its current economic development efforts.

"DeSoto County's determination and hard work to invest in their community will pay off for Florida families," said Governor Rick Scott. "DEO's Competitive Florida Program is creating opportunities for economic

innovation and growth in our rural communities."

The sessions included current and new economic development strategies, as well as identifying the community vision and future economic growth goals. DEO staff participated in a tour of the community to highlight places, ideas and projects instrumental in DeSoto County's economic growth and revitalization.

"We are excited to work with DeSoto County on exploring new ways to promote economic development and create opportunities for its residents," said Jesse Panuccio, Executive Director of the DEO. "Our department looks forward to sharing best practices and collaborating with DeSoto County and the three other pilot communities to cultivate new—and promote existing—resources to strengthen the local economy."

## Community conversations

The next step for DeSoto County is to generate a community discussion

to engage the public, stakeholders and business leaders in economic development strategies and to participate in the community asset mapping. Competitive Florida helps communities map their strengths and identify what makes them unique. A team of experts from DEO and state agency partners will visit the community again to evaluate the assets for opportunities to make improvements or enhancements.

"DeSoto County is an excellent choice to participate in DEO's new pilot program," said District 26 Senator Bill Galvano. "The potential to showcase all the great assets in this county, while strengthening economic partnerships and job growth is what makes DeSoto County a wise choice."

"We all know rural Florida is filled with bright and driven people, yet sometimes they struggle to advance economic development opportunities, to no fault of their own," said District 56 Rep. Ben Albritton. I have every belief that my friends in DeSoto County

will benefit from this partnership, and as their Representative, I welcome any and all help to create jobs in one of the most impoverished communities in our state."

Once DeSoto County's top assets are inventoried, DEO will provide strategies and suggestions on how the assets can be utilized to improve quality of life or economic gain to the community. This information will ultimately influence the development of the community's economic development strategy.

"DeSoto County is excited to be participating in the Competitive Florida Pilot Program," said County Coordinator Mandy Hines. "We have worked diligently on a number of initiatives over the past several years we feel can be brought together under the program with the goal of developing an actionable economic development strategy for our community."

For more information regarding the Competitive Florida Partnership, please visit: [www.floridajobs.org/competitiveflorida](http://www.floridajobs.org/competitiveflorida).

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children have the food they need to survive and thrive."

Broken into two reports — titled On the Edge I (Sarasota County) and On the Edge II (DeSoto County) — the study found "alarming numbers of children" in high-poverty, Title I schools in both counties who fall into the category of "food insecure." One step away from hunger, food insecurity is defined as having "limited or uncertain availability of, or inability to acquire, nutritionally adequate, safe, and acceptable foods due to financial resource constraint." Food insecurity was demonstrated in students' responses to questions about the quality of food they were eating because their families were running out of money, worrying that food at home would run out, and food actually running out.

"If children are worried about food at home, they will not be able to focus at school," said Teri A Hansen, president and CEO of Gulf Coast Community Foundation. "The challenges these children will face and the assistance they may need will follow them long into the future. As a community, we

must develop and invest in systemic solutions to hunger and nutrition."

The recession dramatically increased the severity of food insecurity in our region and the demand on All Faiths Food Bank, which distributed 7 million pounds of food last year through 195 partner agencies, schools, and programs. In DeSoto County, well over one-third of children live below the poverty line. According to Frank, unemployment is actually now the stronger predictor of food insecurity, meaning that even families living above the poverty line are struggling to put food on their tables. She adds that cuts in federal hunger-prevention assistance like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits exacerbate the problem.

Based on the survey data and the context of food insecurity trends and national divestments in hunger prevention, the researchers make several recommendations focused on nutrition, food access, and the psychological and physical effects of worry and anxiety on children. The recommendations include:

- Provide more nutrition education programming in schools for students, teachers, parents, and guardians.
- Expand access to fresh, nutritious food and retail supermarket outlets.

• Strategically expand food nutrition programs and develop targeted approaches to alleviate food insecurity rather than one-size-fits-all models.

• Develop regional approaches in order to impact a critical mass of children and families.

• Increase student resilience and coping strategies.

The child-hunger study was conducted by Edumetrics Resources Group. The researchers utilized a rigorously developed survey instrument called the

Child Food Security Survey Module, which was the basis of a 2009 study to determine levels of food insecurity among students in Cook County, Illinois. More than 3,600 students responded to the Sarasota/DeSoto County survey, making it the largest study to date based on the CFSSM.

For additional information and electronic copies of the full reports, On the Edge I and On the Edge II, visit [GulfCoastCF.org](http://GulfCoastCF.org) or [AllFaithsFoodBank.org](http://AllFaithsFoodBank.org).

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**Grits  
&  
Pieces**

**Luke Wilson**

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## GRITS & PIECES

### Fireflies, broken knives, and memories money can't buy

The other day at the coffee shop I ended a statement in a conversation with "I ain't seen something like that in a coon's age."

My buddy Blake who works there replied, "I haven't heard that expression in a coon's age!"

And that got me to thinking. There's a lot of things I haven't done in a coon's age or more, and I'm betting the same could be said about you!

Take, for instance, how long has it been since you licked a stamp to go on an envelope? They're soon to come out with a postage stamp to commemorate rock icon Jimi Hendrix, and I'm kind of glad they'll be stick-on ones, remembering how some nuts would put LSD on the lick-on stamps back in the day.

How long has it been since you dialed "0" for "operator" and actually got hold of a real, live operator? I bet it's been awhile since you stepped into a real phone booth and closed the folding glass door behind you too, hasn't it? Last one I ever saw was in Skagway, Alaska, in 2006, and I'll be checking to see if it's still there this June.

I think as we get older (and busier) we tend to forget about stuff we used to do — things that are all part of history now. Of course, some of it is better off being in the past, such as using outhouses and dumping chamber pots, right? And let's not forget about blowing on an injury painted with merthiolate, trying to stop it from burning. I'm talking about things like being wakened in the morning by the clinking of glass bottles being delivered and picked up by the milk man. I bet it's been awhile since you lit one of those little green coils at the drive-in theater and put it in the little aluminum foil tray on the dash of your car to keep mosquitoes away. Good luck even finding an open drive-in these days!

Most of the boys I grew up with carried pocketknives, even to school. And for church, some of us even had "Sunday-go-to-meeting" knives. We played all the usual knife games that I've written about before, plus a few of us foolish boys would try to stick them in trees. You can just imagine what happened if we kept it up too long — we'd break part of the blade off and have to start saving allowance money all over again for a new one. Those were mostly the cheap ones, and if

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### City water bill disputed

Editor:

To the Arcadia City Council/Utilities — What's up with my water bill? \$84.27 per month is ludicrous for no shower, washer etc. If I don't pay it on time I get a \$25 late charge.

The last two months bills, January and February, have been due on the 4th of the month. Now all of a sudden it is moved up to April 1. Had I not scrutinized it, I would have just paid it by the fourth as usual and accrued the late charge. Is this going to be an every month occurrence? Do I keep losing three days every couple of months? A new ploy to raise capital?

I understand it's supposed to be raised regularly around twice a year. Keep it up and we'll all be run out of business. One more late charge and you can come shut it off. I've already shut off my phone and credit card machine to cut costs, so the water will be next. I'll just take my trash home and walk to the Margaret Way building to use the bathroom facilities.

Give small businesses a break! Do you want your ghost town back?

Flo Rife  
Maddy's Antiques  
Downtown Arcadia

### Congratulations on a great rodeo

Editor:

This was the first time in over 10 years that I haven't spent at the Arcadia All Championship Rodeo. I started out in the ticket office and

servicing BBQ dinners, then proudly graduated to working the scoreboard with Terry Starnes and his crew. Four years ago I fulfilled my dream to become a member of the All Florida Saddle Club Quadrille Team.

For various reasons I did not participate in the rodeo this year.

But on opening day of the rodeo my thoughts wandered to the arena. I knew the schedule, what time I'd have hooked up the trailer, loaded the horse, parked at the grounds — and so my day went. After work, as I neared the turn to the South Gate of the rodeo grounds, it was calling my name — and so I took it.

I was able to park where the Quadrille Team was staked out. I learned that the day's performance was flawless and I was so proud. Then I continued my trip south to Fort Ogden.

Later, I headed back north on Highway 17. As I neared Nocatee the southbound traffic seemed miles long. Of course — The rodeo had just let out. Traveling north there was one car trying desperately to turn left in Nocatee — and so everyone stopped and waited, and waited. We were at a standstill, at the mercy of both the car turning left and the flood of vehicles traveling south on 17.

With a smile on my face I eased my Jeep into neutral, sat back and basked in the moment.

Those folks had traveled from around the state to see the Granddaddy of Them All! The southbound cars were full of people wearing bright new bandannas and cowboy hats, and gesturing to their companions. And I knew they had

got what they came for.

As the traffic slowly started moving north again, I was sorry for the folks who sat impatiently in traffic, for they did not grasp the relevance of the moment. The rodeo is our heritage, it's who we are, what we do, and is an ingrained part of our culture.

I was proud to be an Arcadian that day.

I believe I just might saddle up the old paint mare when Quadrille practice begins again in the fall.

Wendy Hunter  
Arcadia

### Habitat does Jesus' work

Editor:

We Arcadians are blessed.

We have Habitat for Humanity working with and through Jesus for all mankind: working according to Jesus' will and Jesus' way.

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization. Habitat (is) actively complying with Jesus' prophesying of Man, including Arcadians, that we will do greater works than Jesus has already done, that all man can do greater works with Jesus now.

We are charged to do so according to Jesus' will and Jesus' way.

Habitat for Humanity exemplifies that everyone can, with Jesus, set forth greater works, includ(ing) praying.

An example of a grater work set forth by Habitat for Humanity is Providing a Business, enabling deserving people and children to live in safe homes.

Mary White  
Arcadia

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# Family Album



## FAMILY ALBUM PHOTOS

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## Madolyn Smith at 96

By **CHARLOTTE NYMARK**  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ARCADIA

Madolyn Smith reached the age of 96 years on January 18, 2014.

She was born in Arcadia, Florida in 1918 to Summer Fussell and Zilla Ann (Murphy) Fussell. Her father was the Express Agent at the Arcadia Train Depot west of Arcadia.

She became a member at the First Baptist Church of Arcadia at the age of 13 under Rev. W. D. Nowlan.

In 1938 she married Hugh Morgan Smith of Arcadia and moved to South Miami, Florida. Hugh owned and operated a machine shop and they adopted one son, Greg.

After Hugh passed away in 1976, she moved back to Arcadia in 1984 and moved her letter back to First Baptist Church of Arcadia from South Miami Baptist Church. She became a substitute Sunday school teacher for the

younger children.

Madolyn remembers when Billy Graham was still in college in the late '30s and he, along with some classmates, came to South Miami Church to perform gospel music. But they locked their instruments in the trunk of the car along with the car keys, so Billy preached. Madolyn had the opportunity to spend some time with Billy Graham and remembers him just as he is today, a kind, sincere, and loving person.

She is the last surviving member of the Edith Scott Sunday School Class, which honored Edith Scott for 50 years of teaching Sunday School from 1906 to 1956. The 17 original members were very active in the Women on Mission Union, assisting with social meetings in the church parlor which included lunch in the restaurant across the street from the church on Polk Avenue, and trips with the

have for this building. It's something that's long overdue and desperately needed here."

### Budget on track

Finance Director Beth Carsten said the city is now 44 percent through its fiscal year, and to date the budget is tracking close to expected levels, with revenues and expenditures within budget limits. "We've had some issues with certain items that have gone over budget, but they are things like repairs for department vehicles we can't control. There isn't anything terrible so far," she said.

Carsten added that after discussions with the city's insurance agent, Lew Ambler, the projected budget shortfall because of increases in health insurance premiums might not be as harsh as expected. "At the moment I see a \$22,000 shortfall, but I think it will be less than that, and there's a chance there won't be a deficit at all," she said.

### Memorial service for Remus Griffin set

A memorial service for Remus Griffin will be held starting at 2 p.m. March 30 at DeSoto Veterans Memorial Park in Arcadia. Friends and family are encouraged to share their photos, stories and memories at the service, and also on Remus Griffin's Facebook page which has been kept open for that purpose. Anyone with ideas for the memorial or who would like to help may contact Donna Baggott via Facebook.



GRIFFIN

Keenagers group.

Madolyn remembers that the class was short three or four chairs for their class and all of the ladies "pitched in" to purchase them. The picture of Jesus praying in the garden that hangs on the wall in the Edith Scott Sunday School classroom today was from Madolyn's mother's home.

In 2013, Madolyn fell and broke her leg, and she now lives at Arcadia

Oaks Assisted Living Facility. She says, "Stop by and visit for a while."

Madolyn is the oldest member of First Baptist Church of Arcadia. She attributes her longevity to "the good Lord."

Pastor Matt Clayton said, "Madolyn has been a loving and strong asset to the church and now it's time for us to honor her with our visits and best wishes for a speedy recovery."

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to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the group prior to that.

"We'd like to have the lease in place in a year's time, which would be contingent upon us securing the proper funding," she said.

The council was unanimous in its support of the project, with Mayor Alice Frierson saying the community should rally around the idea. "This is a fantastic idea, and I would hope you get all the civic organizations in the area behind you," she said. "You certainly have my support for this project, and I'd like to have a council member present at your meetings to stay updated on your progress."

Councilman Keith Keene volunteered to be the council's representative, saying, "You don't know how excited I am to sit here and listen to all the plans you

## Hospital auxiliary members recognized



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The DeSoto Memorial Hospital Auxiliary honored two members at its March meeting. From left: Fran Etheridge has served 200 hours, and Joan Hite has served 1,500 hours.

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## TODAY

- Nature Walks: Deep Creek Preserve, 8:30 a.m. March 20. With master naturalists John Phillips and Jamie Reynolds. Free.
- Peace River Audubon Society's 37th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser on March 20. Presentation by Dr. Jerome "Jerry" Jackson on Florida birds. Proceeds benefit PRAS Youth Education Fund. Cash bar at 5:30 p.m., Italian buffet dinner at 6 p.m. Kings Gate Country Club. Auction; photo contest winners. Public welcome. For information or reservations call Sandy at 941-575-0651; or email banquet1@peacriveraudubon.org. \$32/person.
- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center, 2200 Roan St., Arcadia. Anyone interested may attend. Talk in for the meetings is at 147.180+ DARC repeater.
- Family Safety Alliance for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties, sponsored by Department of Children and Families, meets at 4 p.m. third Thursdays monthly at Lakewood Ranch Northern Trust Bank's community room, 6320 Venture Drive, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call Kerri Gibson at 941-316-6129.
- Relaxation Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m.-5:15 p.m., registration and yoga tea; 5:15-6:15 p.m., yoga class. Come enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- Temple Beth El - North Port Jewish Center, 33840 South Biscayne Drive, North Port, hosts an American Contract Bridge League every Thursday, at 1 p.m. at the temple. The cost is \$6 per session. We will be participating in "The Common Game." For reservations call Shelli Wetherson at 941-497-7184.
- Cocaine Anonymous meetings are held every Thursday from

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. For information, call Curtis Clark at 244-2884 or Sandra Elmore at 352-476-8520.

- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

## FRIDAY

- MAPP committee and VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) meet at 9 a.m. third Fridays at the Family Service Center, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia.
- Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.
- Square Dancing classes are held at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, from 7-9 p.m. every Friday. Robert at 813-601-1834 or Mary at 941-380-5336 494-2749 for information.
- Friday Night Live — the City Takers for Christ presents "Friday Night Live" with Rev. Troy Rowe, every Friday. Come and experience what God is doing in this season through His word and praise and worship. 37 W. Magnolia St. (across from SunTrust drive-through). For information call 244-4341.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- Sabbath service begins at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Oneg Shabbat follows.

## SATURDAY

- The Arcadia Rangerettes will have a car wash and sell chicken barbecue lunches for \$7 from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Bank of America parking lot. They are raising funds to attend the regional competition. For more information, call Jackie Tucker at 993-0083.
- The New St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Limestone will hold its Pastor's Third Appreciation Celebration with an Appreciation Banquet on March 22 at the Turner Center. Donation: \$15 adult, \$10 children. For information, call Sister Charlie Mae Jones, program coordinator, at 494-3466 or 399-0019.
- First Christian Church will hold its church picnic on March 22 at 34 El Verano Ave., at the corner of El Verano and Maple. See Takoda the blind horse and learn how you can help stop animal abuse.
- The Antique Fair takes place in downtown Arcadia on the

fourth Saturday of every month starting at 8 a.m. Dozens of dealers line the sidewalks on and around West Oak St. For information, visit [www.ArcadiaFLAntiques.com](http://www.ArcadiaFLAntiques.com); to inquire about booth space, call 993-5105.

- Peace River Audubon plans a trip to Babcock Cecil Webb Wildlife Management Area. Meet at 7 a.m. at the park entrance Pay Station. The target will be the Red Cockaded Woodpeckers, which leave their nest holes around 7:15 a.m. Brown-headed Nuthatch and Bachmans Sparrow are other specialty birds there. Entrance - free to Florida residents over 65, otherwise \$3/person or \$6/car. Take I-75 to Tuckers Grade exit, then east 1/4 mile. For details call 586-214-0203.
- The NAACP meets at 6 p.m. every fourth Saturday of the month at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave.
- Fit DeSoto meets the fourth Saturday of the month for a free exercise class and run/walk at Morgan Park. High energy and fun! Arrive by 10 a.m. in workout clothes, running shoes with a towel and water. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- 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

- The New St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Limestone will hold its Pastor's Third Appreciation Celebration on March 23 at the church, 5095 Washington Ave. in Ona. Rev. Louis Rentz, Pastor of Blessed Hope M.B. in Lakeland will speak. For information, call Sister Charlie Mae Jones, program coordinator, at 494-3466 or 399-0019.
- Oak Hill Baptist Church presents Larry Ford in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 23. 5104 N.W. Oak Hill Ave., Arcadia. Call 494-6224 for details.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.

## MONDAY

- Mar. 24, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Morgan Park, Arcadia Hike: With Florida Master Naturalists John Phillips and Jamie Reynolds through live oaks, cypress and unusual vegetation. Voluntary donations to Sierra Club are gratefully accepted. Reserve: 941-639-7468.
- Alzheimer's Support Group - every 2nd Sat. & 4th Mon. at Arcadia Oaks ALF. 11 am, complimentary lunch.
- DeSoto County Historical Society board meets at 5:30 p.m. fourth Mondays monthly at the Ingraham Seed House on W. Gibson St., Arcadia.
- The 4-H Stitch in Time sewing club meets every fourth Monday at 5 p.m.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.
- A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. on Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Al-anon, offering help for families of alcoholics, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit [www.district13soflal-anon.org](http://www.district13soflal-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

- The Habitat class for March 25 will be "Frauds and Scams" presented by Phyllis Schwartz, Volunteer C.A.S.E. Manager, DeSoto County Sheriff's Office. The free class is at 6 p.m. at the SunTrust Bank, second floor. Open to the public. Light refreshments served.
- Fusco Full Circle Academy, in honor of its 10th anniversary, is offering its 8-class anti-bullying program as a free service to the community. Develop your child's confidence. Limited space so call early: 491-5425. Ages 6-12. Classes begin March 25.
- DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in room 103, County Administration Building, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- DeSoto County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday in the School Board meeting room, 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](http://www.weightwatchers.com) and "find a meeting" or call 800-651-6000.

## SPECIAL

- Food fight! Eat out through March 24 and help Habitat for Humanity! Several local restaurants — A's Sandwiches, Beef O'Bradys, Bulls Eye, Clock, El Charro, El Pirata, 50's Diner, Pizza Hut, Reef & Beef, Slim's, Taco Express, Terra Fried, Café Italiano, Arcadia Chicken and Chili's — to donate \$1 to Habitat to help build homes for deserving DeSoto families.

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

- A spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Emily Hatcher will be held from 4-7 p.m. March 26 at the DeSoto County 4-H Extension Office. Hatcher is raising money to travel to Nebraska to take part in a national 4-H shooting competition in June. Dine in or take out; spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, dessert for \$7. Drinks \$1. For details call the 4H office at 993-4846.
- Citrus growers will join Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association for a luncheon at Bobby Krause's Barn, 2503 Ralph Johns Road, Wauchula, for the first of two Spring Grower Round Tables 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 26. For more information call Katie Marks at 494-0061 or email [oj@prvcitrus.org](mailto:oj@prvcitrus.org).
- The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland Finance Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on March 26, at the ELCFH-DeSoto office, 4 W. Oak Street, Suite H in Arcadia. To participate via conference call, dial 1-866-628-8620 and enter participant code 504163#.
- The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland will meet on March 26 immediately following the Finance Committee at the ELCFH-DeSoto office, 4 W. Oak Street, Suite H in Arcadia. To participate via conference call, dial 1-866-628-8620 and enter participant code 504163#.
- Been There Ranchers' and Farmers' Club meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. at 1 p.m., first clubhouse inside South Entrance of Arcadia Village Country Club. North of Walmart, Highway 70. Call Max R. Fitzpatrick at 863-494-6257. Free. Tours, speakers, conversation, friends, fun — all welcome.
- The AA Serenity Group Anniversary Night is held at 8 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church, 1004 W. Oak St.
- 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 St.
- "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

- Eric Christensen, South Florida State College physics and astronomy professor, invites the public to a star party from 9-10 p.m. March 27. Telescopes will be provided. You will observe deep sky objects, which are stars and galaxies outside of the solar system. Star parties are weather dependent and will be canceled in the event of heavy cloud cover or rainy weather. Check the current status at: <http://sfcc-astronomy.wikifoundry.com>. 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](mailto:christee@online.southflorida.edu).
- Caregiver support group meets at 1:30 p.m. at DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at DeSoto Memorial Hospital Medical Plaza, 1006 N. Mills Ave., Arcadia. For more information, call DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at 494-8432 or Hospice of Southwest Florida at 993-0662.
- The Family Safety Alliance meeting for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. at the McClure Center, 4215 Concept Court, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call 941-316-6009.
- AA Second Tradition Anniversary Night is the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St. Potluck/barbeque before the meeting.

# Community Conversations

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

#### DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners will hold special Community Conversation meetings to receive input from residents. The four meeting dates in different areas are designed to make attendance accessible and to provide multiple opportunities to participate.

The Community Conversations are a great way for your elected officials to gauge what is important to those they serve. The information collected, and the priorities you put forth, will be compiled and presented to the County Commissioners, committees, and others. If you are not there, or you choose not to voice your priorities, they cannot be captured!

**Locations and Dates:**

- **April 2nd 6-8 PM** Nocatee Elementary School  
4846 SW Shores, Nocatee
- **April 3rd 6-8 PM** 1st Baptist Church  
9500 SW Hull Ave, Fort Ogden
- **April 9th 6-8 PM** Turner Center Exhibit Hall - 2250 Roan, Arcadia
- **April 10th 6-8 PM** Kingsway Country Club  
13625 SW Kingsway Cir, Lake Suzy

If special accommodations are required in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals should contact the County Administrator's Office by calling 863-993-4800 at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

Please note two or more DeSoto County Commissioners may be in attendance at the meeting and may participate in discussion of the issues.

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# Carlucci sentenced for role in Holland beating

Another former DeSoto County Sheriff's jail officer was sentenced Monday in federal court for his role in the beating of detainee Jody Holland last year.

Vincent Carlucci had earlier pleaded guilty for lying to investigators after Holland was severely beaten in the DeSoto County Jail. According to a civil lawsuit for damages filed by Holland last week, Carlucci stood by and did nothing while another deputy beat Holland.



HOLLAND

Carlucci has been sentenced to serve 10 months in prison plus a year of supervised release. In addition, he will pay a fine of \$1,000. Although there are no allegations that Carlucci actively took part in the abuse, he was terminated by DeSoto County Sheriff Will Wise when it was learned he watched as Holland was beaten, yet failed to report it.

Carlucci was one of three DSCO employees who were fired in connection with the beating; the others were Steven Rizza who allegedly conducted the beating; and Ashley Cross who, like Carlucci, reportedly observed the attack and did not tell authorities. Former jail captain Ray Kugler retired after the incident; he pleaded guilty in federal court to lying about the case to federal investigators. He was sentenced in February to three years of probation and 150 hours of community service.

Holland filed a civil suit last week against Rizza, Carlucci, Kugler and Deputy Dale Scott for their alleged roles in either conducting the beating or attempting to cover it up after the fact. Published reports indicate Holland is seeking \$3 million in damages.

Holland was initially jailed last year after his then-girlfriend, who was working as a nurse in the jail at the time, alleged he had abused her and then violated a domestic protection order.

## Man killed by large vehicle or trailer in hit-and-run

The Florida Highway Patrol reported that Jeffrey Worth was killed March 12 on S.E. West Farm Road, where he had been walking his dog around noon. His body was reportedly discovered by a postal carrier. Worth was employed at the DeSoto Correctional Institution.

FHP investigated the incident and stated it appears to have been a hit-and-run. FHP believes Worth was

## 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.

struck by a large vehicle or trailer.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call Cpl. Louis Smith at 941-751-8350.

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

- Jeffrey Lynn Anderson, 53, 10400 block of S.W. River Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.
- Jose Louis Andrade, 33, 1000 block of S.E. 7th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: habitually driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$2,000.
- Roosevelt Camble Jr., 37, Stone Gate Apts., Arcadia. Charge: domestic battery by strangulation. Bond: \$10,000.
- David Allan Carr, 51, 11800 block of S.W. Loop Terrace, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Maria Christina Cerda, 34, 1400 block of S.E. Peach Drive, Arcadia. Charges: forgery or alteration of public record or certificate, and illegal use of credit cards to obtain under \$100 value. Bond: \$2,000.
- Glenda Ranae Coker, 41, 2600 block of N.E. Burnham Road, Arcadia. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$120.
- Christine Allane Cole, 29, Bradenton. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Julio Rafael Delmonte, 21, 2700 block of Rowena St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Francisco Abila Diaz, 39, 1400 block of 3rd Ave., Arcadia. Charge: aggravated battery causing bodily harm or disability. Bond: none.
- Amanda Evans, 32, 3000 block of N.E. Tony Drive, Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,120.
- Julie Mearns Haga, 52, 1500 block of S.E. Cherry Drive, Arcadia. Charges: two counts of failure to appear. Bond: \$5,000.
- Justin Orlando Luna, 23, Wauchula. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,500.
- Phillip Martinez, 33, 2400 block of S.W. U.S. Highway 17, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
- Douglas Drail McCuiston, 20, 1700 block of N. 17th Ave., Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of occupied structure, interfering with custody of a minor and two counts of violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Joshua David Miller, 29, Zephyrhills, Fla. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Jose Pantoja Rangel, 64, 200 block of Winifred St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: \$820.
- Urbana Vara Rodriguez, 49, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- Paul Mitchell Skinner, 44, 1300 block of N.E. Oak St., Arcadia. Charge: failure of sex offender to report name or residence change. Bond: none.
- David Robert Stevens, no address, Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.
- Michael Brandon Vandyke, 31, 1600 block of S.E. Cherry Drive, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.
- Tony Youngblood, 43, 1000 block of S.W. Golden Ave., Arcadia. Charges: two counts of failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$200.
- Akeenn Jayta Blandin, 29, 200 block of N. Hernando Ave., Arcadia. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.

• Francisco Diaz Casas, 25, 1900 block of Hancock St., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

• Alex Castillo, 20, 2200 block of E & T Circle, Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

• Amanda Renee Daughtrey, 35, 100 block of S. Volusia Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$5,000.

• Tashari Shante Edwards, 20, 700 block of O'Hara Drive, Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.

• Berliesla Hatcher Flowers, 47, 1800 block of S.W. 2nd Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$120.

• Guillermo Alvarez Garcia Jr., 20, 3800 block of Knollwood Drive, Arcadia. Charge: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000, unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and dealing in stolen property. Bond: \$11,000.

• Michelle Renea Guthrie, 44, Candler, N.C. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

• Aurelia Hamilton, 45, 100 block of N. Mills Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.

• Harvey Lorenzo Johnson, 45, Port Charlotte. Charge: aggravated battery where offender should have known victim was pregnant. Bond: \$5,000.

• Francisco Alvarado Moreno, 37, no address, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.

• Edgar Olvera-Ruiz, 18, 1700 block of S.E. Apple Drive, Arcadia. Charges: possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$2,740.

• Larissa Donnetta Wilson, 19, Port Charlotte. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.

• Austin Lee Durie, 26, Jacaranda Trails Apts., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

• David Arthur Gonzales, 29, 700 block of N. Lee St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• Benjamin Tyrone Wiley, 29, 1500 block of N.W. Eucalyptus Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of

probation. Bond: none.

• Jeremy Joey Martinez, 19, Winter Haven, Fla. Charge: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$120.

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

• Derek Matthew Conrad, 40, 1500 block of S.E. West Farms Road, Arcadia. Charges: driving with a suspended license, third or subsequent offense, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$11,000.

• Justin Ray Beverly, 23, 10200 block of S.W. Madison Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$7,500.

• Shelia Jane Machado, 55, first block of Glendora Ave., Arcadia. Charges: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000 and dealing in stolen property. Bond: none.

• Arnulfo Machado-Cruz, 68, first block of Glendora Ave., Arcadia. Charges: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000 and dealing in stolen property. Bond: none.

• Joseph Wayne Strowell, 40, 5300 block of S.W. Shores Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

• Antoine Terrell Furlow, 29, 1300 block of N.E. Oak St., Arcadia. Charge: knowingly driving while license is suspended or revoked. Bond: \$1,000.

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

• Alexis Dawn Poole, 19, 1900 block of S.E. Maryland St., Arcadia. Charge: possession of liquor by person under 21. Bond: \$120.

• Kevin Adrian Barragan-Aguilar, 19, 1100 block of S.E. Ohio St., Arcadia. Charge: possession of liquor by person under 21. Bond: \$120.

• Damien Taye Alexander Garcia, 20, 1600 block of S.E. Hargrave St., Arcadia. Charge: possession of liquor by person under 21. Bond: \$120.

—Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

## Two DCSO officers commended for saving a life



PHOTO PROVIDED BY DCSO

On Feb. 20, Sgt. William Albritton and Cpl. Ronald Bairos of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office responded to Walmart in Arcadia on a report of a man who was unresponsive in the checkout line. The quick actions of both officers in administering CPR was a key factor in saving this man's life. The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office has learned from this man's family that he is doing well and recovering. Sgt. Albritton and Cpl. Bairos were each presented with a Meritorious Life Saver Award by Sheriff William P. Wise commending them for their heroic action in rendering aid.

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## OBITUARIES

### Joseph Paul McClelland

Joseph Paul McClelland, 81, a lifelong resident of Zolfo Springs, Fla., died Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at his home.



He was born Jan. 31, 1933, in Hardee County, Fla.

Mr. McClelland was a member of Arcadia Church of God, and served in the U.S. Army. He was retired, formerly working as a transport driver with the State of Florida, primarily at the former G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital, and was also a cattle rancher.

He is survived by his wife, Alice McClelland of Zolfo Springs; sister, Eloise (Darrel) Scott of Zolfo Springs; two stepdaughters, Brenda Armstrong of Arcadia, Fla., and Deborah Blackmon of Cape Coral, Fla.; stepson, Mitchell Collier of Cape Coral; two nephews, Dale and Randy Scott; and two nieces, Theresa Myers and Sharon Addison.

Visitation and funeral services were held Saturday, March 15, 2014, at Friendship Chapel in Zolfo Springs. Pastor Stevie Griffin officiated.

Interment was at Friendship Cemetery. Arrangements are by Robarts Family Funeral Home, Wauchula, Fla.

### Marilyn Bunte

Marilyn Bunte, 62, of Lake Suzy, Fla., passed away Wednesday, March 12, 2014.



She was born Dec. 9, 1951, in Chicago Heights, Ill.

Marilyn was a hair-dresser her whole life in the Chicagoland, Ill., area. She moved to Florida in 1997 from Beecher, Ill. Marilyn was a member of Women of the Moose Port Charlotte Chapter 1619, and Punta Gorda Elks Lodge 2606. She was an avid golfer, and loved karaoke.

She is survived by her sister, Joann (George) Hartman of Fort Myers, Fla.; nephew, George Jr.; niece, Lisa Marie; six great-nephews and great-nieces; and her friend, Rick Crum.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 24, 2014, at San Antonio Catholic Church, 24445 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte, Fla. Donations may be made in Memory of Marilyn to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Arrangements were made in Port Charlotte.

### Johnnie Lorine Lipe

Johnnie Lorine Lipe, 94, of Arcadia, Fla., went to be with the Lord, Wednesday, March 12, 2014.



She was born Feb. 2, 1920, in Opelika, Ala., to John Thomas and Meacie Armenta (nee Herring) Hinson, and moved to this area 30 years ago from Tallahassee, Fla.

Mrs. Lipe was a homemaker, and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Arcadia.

She is survived by her loving husband of 77 years, Thomas B. Lipe of Arcadia; son, John Walter (Pauline) Lipe of Arcadia; grandchildren, Linda Louise (Charlie) Hall, Thomas Walter (Elba) Lipe and John William (Leeann) Lipe, all of Arcadia, and Lorine Lynn "Lolly" (Rhett) Sumner of Trenton, Fla.; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation and the Funeral Service were held Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at Calvary Baptist Church, Arcadia. Burial followed at Joshua

Creek Cemetery in Arcadia. Please visit Johnnie's tribute wall at [www.schelmfh.com](http://www.schelmfh.com), to share memories and to send condolences to the Lipe family.

Preferred donations may be made in loving memory of Johnnie to Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

Arrangements are by Paul Schelm Funeral Home, Lake Suzy, Fla.

### Charles F. Thornton Jr.

Charles F. "Chuck" Thornton Jr., 59, passed away Sunday, March 16, 2014, at his home in Arcadia, Fla.



He was born June 6, 1954, in Miami, Fla., to Charles F. Thornton Sr. and Alice Kutzner Thornton.

Chuck moved to Palmetto, Fla., with his family as a young boy.

After graduating from Palmetto High School, Class of 1972, he attended college, where he met and married his greatest love, Myra "Beth" Hollingsworth. They decided to begin their lives together in 1976, living and raising a family in Arcadia.

Chuck loved life, and loved his family and friends and spending time with them. He enjoyed playing baseball, as well as watching his sons play and love the sport. He was a huge Miami Hurricanes fan. Other pastimes he enjoyed were fishing, hunting, watching NASCAR and entertaining family and friends for cookouts. Chuck was the managing foreman of V.C. Hollingsworth Ranch and Grove, and he was very passionate about the ranch and the people with whom he worked.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Myra "Beth" Thornton of Arcadia; three sons, Charles E. Thornton, Elijah J. Thornton and Jacob L. Thornton, all of Arcadia; daughter, Daphne Ramsden of Pensacola, Fla.; brother, Palmer (Cindy) Thornton of Palmetto; three sisters, Darlene (Alvin) Crissman of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., Shirley (Dallas) Milton of Palmetto, and Barbara (Skip) Thomason of Hoschton, Ga.; father- and mother-in-law, V. Clyde and Betty Hollingsworth; sisters-in-law, Lynn H. Mills and Lou (Brian) Hoopingarner; brother-in-law, V.C. Hollingsworth III, all of Arcadia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation of family friends will be held from 10 a.m. until the funeral services at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 2014, at Pine Level United Methodist Church, 9596 N.W. Pine Level St., Arcadia, FL 34266. The Rev. Brian Russell and the Rev. Roy Arms will officiate. Burial will follow at Pine Level Campground Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the DeSoto High School Baseball Team, 1710 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266; or Pine Level United Methodist Church. Online condolences can be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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

**Words of Comfort**

Memories live forever, they grow richer through the years, they are nurtured by our laughter, they are watered by our tears. Memories live forever, sent from heaven up above to eternally connect us to the people that we love.

- Anonymous

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May the Lord fill your heart with love.

# We need more 'salt of the earth' people

“They’re the salt of the earth,” we often say of people we hold in high regard.

Why? What’s the origin of this complimentary comment? Our Lord called His disciples the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13) because salt preserves and purifies. He wanted them to know they were responsible for preserving certain values and exerting a purifying influence on others.

So are we! And none of these divinely ordered obligations can be fulfilled through noninvolvement.

Most are familiar with the famous quote: “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good people do nothing.” Still, we’re too often silent about issues of decency, honesty and the value of life. Then we wonder why evil triumphs and standards fall.

Morality is especially in danger of being compromised when things are going well for us. It’s easy to let down barriers for the sake of profit or pleasure when these have become more important than doing right.

Cotton Mather, the influential 18th century Congregational minister and writer, said: “Religion brought forth prosperity and the daughter destroyed the mother.” He believed the prosperity of his time was the result of qualities in people that had been born of faith: honesty, thrift, integrity, willingness to work and the discipline to defer gratification. But he feared the affluence that flowed from these valuable characteristics would undermine spiritual values and contribute to moral decline. Mather’s insight ought to be a wake-up call for us all. When life is moving smoothly, we’re more likely to fall.



Roger Campbell

Mention “salt of the earth” people and my thoughts often move to a farmer named John. During my growing-up years, I was impressed by how straight John could plow. Passing one of John’s fields gave insight into his character. He lived like he plowed: straight as an arrow; a fact his neighbors all knew well.

A few in our community were surprised when John decided to quit farming and head for seminary to prepare for the ministry; not an easy undertaking for one with a family to support. Most, however, saw John’s move from plowing to preaching as something to be expected. He had been influencing people for God in his home area and now his preserving of values and purifying of lives through living and sharing his faith would extend to other places.

Dr. Joseph Stowell once wrote approvingly of a man named Larry, a member of one of his former churches, who left a lasting impression on him.

Stowell says he was moved by the example of Larry walking the streets of Detroit, during the riots of the 1960s, ministering to those who were injured. He adds that he’s never forgotten what a friend of Larry said in trying to express his feelings about losing this good man: “It hurts so much because

the world has lost a righteous man, and that is no small thing.”

During this precarious period of worldwide terrorism, falling morals and compromising convictions, we need more “salt of the earth” people who, by their faith and prayers, can bring the

protection and blessing of God to their nation (Proverbs 14:34).

And that’s no small need.

— Campbell is an author, broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at [rcministry@ameritech.net](mailto:rcministry@ameritech.net).

## Temple Baptist Church begins expansion



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

The congregation at Temple Baptist Church prepares to dig in to build the new expansion of the church building. Pastor Doug King says the expansion, which is being paid in cash without any loans, will include two classrooms and will expand church seating capacity by 40. The church was established in 1960 and has traditional worship services and old-fashioned church singing. Located at 901 N. Mills Ave., the church welcomes visitors.

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## Think Spring

While we Floridians have enjoyed an exceptionally mild winter, we still look forward to that beautiful season of Spring, with new colors in our gardens and blossoming fruit trees.

It was a different anticipation when I was a schoolgirl in rural Illinois. Our farm was located on a gravel road, and each Spring we looked forward to reaping the asparagus crop. The older brothers would be the scouts to tell us



From a Senior Viewpoint

Lois Hendricks

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when those spears began to rise from their winter slumber and we would take our little knives and search out those special Spring treats. All along that little

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## New LDS temple to open

PROVIDED BY CINDY SIEGEL

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced the new Fort Lauderdale Florida Temple will open at the end of this month. The public is invited to visit the temple during an open house from March 29 through April 19, excluding Sundays. Free reservations for the open house can be made at <http://fortlauderdalemormontemple.org>.

The temple will be formally dedicated on May 4 in three sessions. In conjunction with the dedication of the temple, there will also be a cultural event featuring music and dance on May 3.

Plans to construct the Fort Lauderdale Temple were first announced by Church President Thomas S. Monson in October 2009. Ground was broken for the new temple in June 2011. The temple will serve approximately 25,000 church members from congregations in South Florida.

While the Church’s 18,000-plus meetinghouses are open to all people who wish to attend religious services, temples are open only to faithful Latter-day Saints after they are formally dedicated. Latter-day Saint temples differ from the



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The new Fort Lauderdale Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will soon be open to the public to view.

meetinghouses or chapels where members meet for Sunday worship services. Temples are considered “houses of the Lord” where Christ’s teachings are reaffirmed through marriage, baptism and other ordinances that unite families for eternity. Inside, members learn more about the purpose of life and make covenants to serve Jesus Christ and their fellow man.

The Fort Lauderdale Temple will be the 143rd operating temple of the church worldwide and the second in Florida. The Orlando Temple, dedicated in 1994, was the first Latter-day Saint temple built in the Sunshine State.

# This year's theme: Investigating area literary talent

By SHEILA KNOCHE  
L & E CLUB

The L & E Literary Club met at the lovely home of Genie Martin on March 4. The other two hostesses were Muriel Hall and Susan Lanier. Guests were served delicious cherry pie, sandwiches and pecans.

The year's theme is Investigating Area Literary Club Talent." President Mary Ann Treadwell introduced the two guests, Sue Baston and Jean Baston from Ontario. Both are friends of Betty Brown. Jane Adams introduced and welcomed Paul Holmes, visiting local author and creative storyteller, from Port Charlotte. He was born in England but spent much of his life in the United States. He has an extensive background in digital media and has authored books for both children and adults. He served as President of Multimedia International, a company making training and marketing programs.

In 1990, Holmes's company started the International CD Interactive Association and he was named CEO. Holmes has served as an international judge in multimedia competitions and organized conferences, workshops and awards ceremonies in Europe and in the United States. In 2007, Holmes was inducted into the DVDA Hall of Fame in Hollywood.

Following his retirement, Holmes moved to Charlotte County. As a hobby, he conducts workshops on self-publishing and how to create and illustrate your own books and then turn them into "talking books." Friends affectionately refer to him as "The Wizard" and say most adults love his funny poems and sense of humor. With Holmes's beautiful British accent and animated gestures he spoke to the group about his many children's books, including *The Wonderful World of Nonsense*, *Stories from Tobytown Zoo*, *Oskar Goes Home* and *The Daydream Book*.

Some books for adults include *The Sherlock Foundation*, *Devil's Door*, *The Wisdom of a Grandfather*, *The First E-Book from the Future*, *A Guidebook to Heaven* and *a Handbook for the Other Places*. For a complete listing of Paul Holmes's books visit [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

Members attending the meeting were: Jane Adams, Nancy Ambler, Geraldine Barnwell, Betty Brown, Shirley Cullom, Adie Daly, Muriel Hall, Margaret Hays, Susan Head, Sheila Knoche, Susan Lanier, Sue Maassen, Genie Martin, Sue Overcash, Ann Ryals, Sue Ellen Smith, Kathryn Standard, Mary Ann Treadwell, Nancy Jo Vaughn, Angela Waters, Edith Wildt and Marlou Zolkos.

The next meeting will be the annual business meeting, at the home Sue Overcash, on April 1.



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British author Paul Holmes, left, poses with L & E club members Jane Adams, Shirley Cullom and Genie Martin.

## SPRING

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road, we found clusters of the fresh, green vegetable spears, waiting to be picked. We were quite proud, bringing in the produce.

And, although there are many recipes for asparagus, from soups to quiche to salads to fish and crab delicacies, Mom never varied in her preparation: wash the spears, simmer in a small amount of water, then serve with a sprinkling of pepper and a dollop of butter. What a vegetable treat that was, served with any entrée.

I've noticed that the present supermarket asparagus is often uniform, identical spears; our Illinois "wild" variety came in varied sizes, some short

and squat, others, tall and thin. I suppose that depended on the soil where they were raised, but what a treat that was. Of course there is always a special attraction when you have actually harvested the crop, which continued to produce for a few weeks, satisfying our Spring appetites after a long winter.

I have no idea if the asparagus clumps are still producing after all these years; weed spraying and road paving would end their production, I'm sure. But every Spring, when creating menus, asparagus is a necessary ingredient, and with an equally interested guest, we've already sampled this year's crop ... not from the rural Illinois highway, but from the local supermarket ... the appearance might be different, but the taste is the same.

Happy Spring!



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# Shuffleboard winners crowned at Craig's RV Park



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Winners of the 2014 Mixed Shuffleboard Tournament at Craig's RV Park were, from left, consolation winner Barb Wilkins, runner-up Alan Weatherby, grand champion Gert La Joie, and runner-up Paul LaVallee.



Men's tournament winners at Craig's RV Park 2014 Shuffleboard Tournament were first runner-up Paul LaVallee, left, and Paul Johnson.



Winners of the Craig's RV Park Ladies Shuffleboard Tournament were, from left, first runner-up Lise Boioly, winner Gert LaJoie, and first consolation winner Jeanne Quintal.

## Little Willie's women donate baby blankets



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JOAN ALEXANDER

Little Willie's group of women made 100 baby blankets for newborns at DeSoto Memorial Hospital. The group have been making baby blankets since 1992. This year the project was headed by Joan Alexander. Shown in the photo are Mary Lou Davis, Karen Sibbett, Joan Alexander, Eddie Wittekind, Jan Fisher, Margaret Eddy, Nora Gauthier, Judy Duncan, Jeanne Hulme, Jolene Haren. Not pictured: Sue Loope and Carol Bear.

## Park residents donate plush animals for kids



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY KELLEY BAKER, skfshowcattle@aol.com

Harold Miller, left, Betty Simpson and Shelley Burmester pose with some of the stuffed animals collected by residents of the Arcadia City Mobile Home Park to donate to the police and to Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center.



Arcadia Police Marshal Matt Anderson, left, Vertrina Burns, APD's victim advocate, and Karen Boatright of APD look over some of the stuffed animals donated by Arcadia Mobile Home residents. (Somehow, Olivia Baker managed to sneak into the photo too.) The animals are used to comfort children in crisis situations.

# Meet two of the opera House Artists

By BECKY VAN PELT  
OPERA HOUSE ARTISTS

Kathy Futch was born in the inner city of Detroit in an Italian neighborhood and spent 30 years there. During that time, she worked, painted and acted in the theater there. In 1973, she came to Southwest Florida to care for her aging parents in North Port while she lived in Englewood.



FUTCH

While working in Venice, she met her husband-to-be, Mark Futch, when she picked him up hitchhiking. They were married in 1975 on Banyan Street in Boca Grande, where her husband's grandfather was born.

She continued acting and directing in Boca Grande and still participates with Royal Palm Players. She creates collages using her photographs, which she exhibits with the Boca Grande Art

Alliance. She also wrote for the Boca Beacon.

She and her husband own Boca Grande Seaplane Air Taxi; he is a third-generation tarpon fishing guide. She belongs to the Peace River Center for Writers. She writes poetry and sings with a group of friends who meet weekly in Nocatee.

She had the opportunity to share an exhibit at the Charlotte Historical Center with well known photographer Clyde Butcher. Following that exhibit, she was encouraged to participate with the gallery of artists in the Arcadia Opera House. She is also a member of the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council.

Gail Short was born in Connecticut and spent summers at Cape Cod, where she later lived. Her love of art and painting in oils was strongly

influenced by her father who shared his oil paints with her at a young age.

Short studied at Vesper George School of Art in Boston, Mass. After marriage, she raised two daughters, worked in insurance and started a business hand-painting custom handbags.

In 1977, she moved with her family to Maine, where she worked in finance by day, and in the evening took art classes, and studied with renowned marine artist Louise A. Frechette of Kennebunkport. She also designed ballet costumes and created commissioned original pen-and-ink drawings of local homes and businesses. Her work was featured in local newspapers and used in advertising.

In 2005, she and her husband retired and began spending part of the year in Southwest Florida, while summering in

Maine. Gail has been concentrating on her painting, attending classes, volunteering and participating in exhibits at the Visual Art Center in Punta Gorda, Florida. A plein air painting trip to Austria was her latest venture.



GAIL

Gail enjoys painting the Maine coast and has a love of architecture which is apparent in her paintings and drawings. Her photographs taken during her travels through North America, Europe, South America and the Caribbean have given her many subjects. Gail is a member of Artists in Action, Charlotte County Arts and Humanities, Maine Women in the Arts, life time member at the Visual Art Center and a member of the Opera House Artists Gallery in Arcadia.

Register at the Opera House Gallery to win a beautiful piece of Gail's art. You will have the opportunity to meet Gail there from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on May 25.



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"Banyan Tree, Edison House" by Kathy Futch.

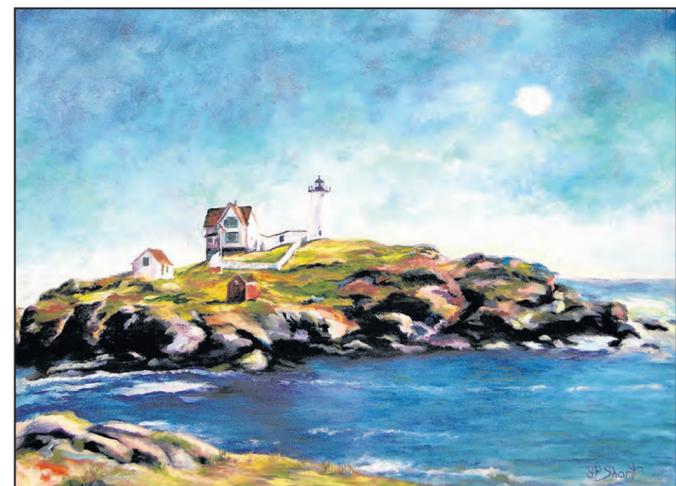


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"Daylight Moon, Nubble Light, Maine" by Gail Short.

## Models on the catwalk at Little Willie's

Little Willie's RV Park held its 6th annual fashion show on Feb. 24, with clothing supplied by Bon Worth Fashion. The selection of clothing was

wonderful, as usual, ranging from everyday wear to special occasions. Cindy Leck from Bon Worth was the narrator. Little Willie's Concession

provided 150 lunches and the event was coordinated by Donna Causey and Gerry Heffler.

The models were Barbara Carter,

Betty Bush, Bonnie Thomas, Lou Franklin, Mary Lou Davis, Carol White, Joy King, Joyce Sacks, Mo Clark and Sannie Dibble.



The models were, from left: Mary Lou Davis, Barbara Carter, Betty Bush, Mo Clark, Lou Franklin, Sannie Dibble, Joy King, Carol White, and Bonnie Thomas.



Joy King models a casula ensemble provided by Bon Worth Fashions.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY NANCY BROWN



Little Willie's 6th Annual Fashion Show was well attended with 150 lunches served.



Gerry Heffler, left, and Donna Causey organized the 6th Annual Fashion Show at Little Willie's RV Park.

## Rotary April Fools' 5k Run/Walk

**Race Site:** Morgan Park  
**Age Groups (M & F)** 10 & Under 11-14 15-19 20-24  
 Saturday - March 29, 2014 at 8:00am  
 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55-59  
 Make checks payable to: Rotary Club of Arcadia, Inc. 60-64 65-69 70-74 75-79 80+

**Entry Fee:** \$20 before Mar. 24th to guarantee a race shirt; \$25 after Mar. 25th and on race day (no shirt guaranteed). \$10 for kids 12 years old and under (no shirt). **T-Shirt-T-Shirt Size**

**Race day registration is from 7:00am to 7:45am; Race starts at 8:00am SHARP!!**

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The DeSoto County Youth Baseball league opened its season with a day of fun and games for players and their families.



## Dawgs down Sebring in district action

By DAVE BREMER  
SPORTS WRITER

During his team's game against Sebring, varsity baseball coach Trey Hill kept telling his hitters to approach the ball and reminded his freshman pitcher to finish his pitches. The hitters listened and hit line shots and hard grounders. The pitcher listened and kept his pitches down. Add in consistent play by the Bulldogs defense, and the result was a 5-2 victory.

After his hitters went down in order in the bottom of the first with two fly outs and a ground out on four pitches, Coach Hill reminded his hitters to swing through the top of the ball.



PHOTOS BY DAVE BREMER

**Bulldog player Rob Adams attempts to lay down a bunt against Sebring in varsity baseball action. DeSoto defeated Sebring 5-2.**

"Anybody can catch a fly ball; make them have to play the grounders," he said. "If you hit the middle of the ball you have a line drive."

As for the Sebring hitters, freshman pitcher Rob Adams kept its hitters off stride all night. Along with some nifty fielding by the Bulldogs, the Blue Streaks couldn't mount any type of long scoring inning. After an alert Adams initiated a double play to wipe out a big inning for Sebring in the second inning, the Blue Streaks managed just one run in the fifth and sixth inning.

By the third inning, the Bulldogs had built a four-run lead. Adams helped his own cause with a timely double to left

center, scoring two runs and giving the Bulldogs some breathing room. After Sebring scored one run in the fifth, the Bulldogs quickly got it back with smart, efficient baseball. Tony Lalonde led the inning off with a double. Luke Womack then laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt to advance Lalonde to third. Will Nelson followed with a "seeing-eye" single over first base, scoring Lalonde and cushioning the Bulldog lead back to four.

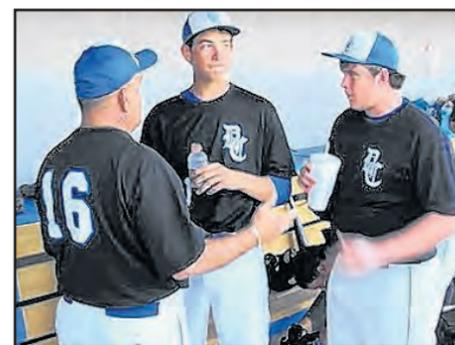
### Hale finishes the job

With the 5-2 lead, and an 85-pitch count on Adams, Bay Hale came on in relief to finish out the seventh inning. With the seven, eight, and nine hitters coming to the plate, he made short work of the hitters, getting a ground out and two strikeouts in the inning.

After the game, the always polite and respectful Adams had nothing but praise for his teammates. "I was able to keep the ball down, and my teammates played good defense on the ground balls," he said.

When asked what was more enjoyable, the pitching gem or the two RBI doubles, he responded, "pitching."

Hill was pleased with the Bulldogs'

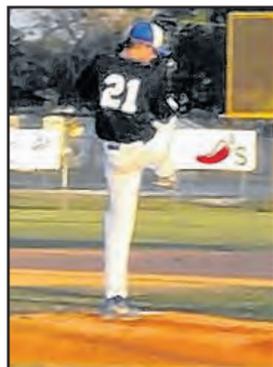


**Assistant Coach Monty McCloud (16) talks to pitcher Rob Adams as Levi Osceola listens in during the team's game against Sebring. The Dawgs defeated Sebring 5-2.**

first district win of the season. "The difference tonight is we made the routine plays," he said. "Both teams were trying to do the same thing and that is putting the ball in play and making the defense field the ground balls. Tonight we were able to make the plays a little better than Sebring."

When asked about Adams' performance, Hill said, "He's a left-handed pitcher who's 6'2", growing and getting stronger and already has three pitches as a freshman. He'll be getting a lot of looks these next four years."

**Pitcher Rob Adams gives a high leg kick before his delivery to a Sebring hitter. Adams helped shut down Sebring in DeSoto's 5-2 win.**



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## Eighth graders lose in three sets

By DAVE BREMER  
SPORTS WRITER

Eighth grader Malyssa Jeter had a good strategy going into the game against Avon Park. "Score more points and keep the ball off the floor," she said. The strategy worked early for the Panthers, but eventually the aggressive attacks by the Red Devils were too much for DeSoto to handle and they dropped the game 27-25, 35-16, 15-5.

Avon Park grabbed an early lead with soft hits over the front row of the Panthers. Once DeSoto picked up the soft shot, Hannah Rogers came to the line and served seven consecutive points to build a 15-7 DeSoto lead. Avon Park spent the rest drawing closer, but lost momentum several times due to service errors. With some improved defense by Avon Park, DeSoto coach Cail was forced to call a timeout with his squad holding a slim 21-20 lead. A Jeter kill increased the lead by two, but a net violation and serve receive error tied the game at 23, forcing another Panther timeout. A couple of side outs by both teams gave DeSoto a slim one

point lead before a kill by middle hitter Heather Murphy gave DeSoto a 27-25 victory.

### Red Devils pull away

Avon Park came out in the second set attacking the ball harder and serving better. The Panthers were frequently caught on their heels with the ball falling in front of them. Jeter tied the game at 14 on six strong service points, but it was all Avon Park after that as the Red Devils ran away with a 25-16 second set victory.

The Panthers held a slim 2-1 lead early in the third set, but got too cautious with the ball and the Red Devils took advantage with attacks. After a run of six points, a DeSoto service error gave the ball back to Avon Park which answered with another run of three more points. Trailing 10-3 there was little DeSoto could do against the taller Avon Park team, which became more aggressive at the net as the game progressed and cruised to a 15-5 victory.

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**Brenda Perez, Bailey Bryant and Keirstyn Berrera prepare to receive a serve from Avon Park The Panthers lost the match 2-1.**

PHOTO BY DAVE BREMER

# Seventh graders show improvement in loss

By **DAVE BREMER**  
SPORTS WRITER

With the DeSoto Middle School closed for the week because of a mercury spill, the DMS Panthers had to play their game against Avon Park at the high school. "Worse than that," Coach Mercer said, "is we haven't been able to practice all week." Still, when asked what they had improved upon since the beginning of the year, setter Stephanie Whitmore said, "We have gotten better on our serving and passing to the target."

Both teams started the game trying to simply return the ball over the net, hoping the other team would make a mistake. Trailing 15-12, Coach Mercer had seen enough and called a timeout, telling her team that whether they won or lost, they needed to play the game right and set up the ball for an attack. The Panthers didn't get many opportunities to set up their attack as Avon Park's

Hailey Collinsworth stepped up and served the last six service points for the Red Devils, giving them a 25-14 victory over the Panthers.

In the second set, the Panthers tried to set the ball up for attacks but struggled controlling the ball and quickly fell behind 8-3, forcing them to call a timeout. Down 9-4, Whitmore came to the service line and scored four points to bring the Panthers within one. With new life, the Panthers were matching the Red Devils point for point until Collinsworth stepped to the line. With the score tied at 17, she widened Avon Park's lead to 21-17 before DeSoto could get the ball back. The Panthers, however, couldn't mount a run and played side-out ball with the Red Devils before falling 25-21.

After the game, Mercer talked about the team's improvement. "Not nearly as many balls hit the floor on serve receive," she said. "Our serving was better; Marilyn Medina is starting to serve with

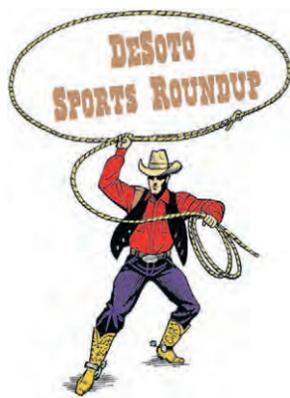


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The seventh grade Panthers squad warms up before its match against Avon Park. Taylor Oliver (left) finishes a bump pass while Stephanie Whitmore completes an overhead pass.

consistency. We started out playing 'ping-pong' volleyball. We did a better job of setting the ball up in the second

set, but our attackers weren't always in a position to attack. We will work on that after spring break."



By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

• It was a slow week as

the high school teams prepared for spring break. The only high school scores reported came from the high school baseball team, which split its two games last week. After beating Sebring 5-2 behind a fine pitching performance by Robb Adams, the Bulldogs were shut out by a good Port Charlotte team.

• The varsity and junior varsity softball teams didn't have any games scheduled last week, and their game for this past Monday at Charlotte was rained out.

• In middle school volleyball action the seventh and eighth grade teams lost against Avon Park.

### Upcoming games

• With spring vacation in full swing this week, the calendar is a little light as the teams enjoy a break in their season.

• The varsity baseball team will host Bayshore at 4 p.m. today. They will travel to Booker tomorrow and then to Lake Placid March 25. They will be back home again March 27

to face Booker in a 7 p.m. game.

• The JV baseball team will have a three-game homestand starting March 24 when they host Avon Park. The next day Lake Placid comes to town and then next Friday they will face Sebring. Games start at 6 p.m.

• The varsity and JV softball teams will host North Port March 24 and then travel to Lemon Bay the next night and to Sebring March 28.

• The track and field

team will be in Charlotte Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Tarpon invitational. They then travel to North Port next Thursday for a 2 p.m. meet.

• The boys' weightlifting team will be at their district meet April 8 which in Avon Park.

• The tennis season is winding down as the boys have their final meet at 4:30 p.m. March 24 when they host Hardee. The girls' tennis team will host Avon Park at 4:30 p.m. March 25 in their final home match.



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DeSoto County catcher Javier Zamora puts on his catcher's gear as coach Monty McLeod focuses on action in the field.

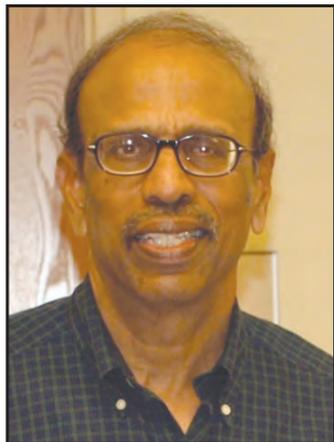


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Teams competed in several spirited games, including tug-of-war.

# Youth baseball kicks off season

SUBMITTED BY NICOLE ADAMS

Desoto County Youth Baseball got off to a great start this past Saturday. Brewer Complex was filled nearly all

day as more than 200 players and their families filed in to take pictures, play in skills challenges and watch their coaches participate in a home run derby.



The Minor League Cardinals wait for their second shot at participating in the tug-of-war competition.



Members of the Machine Pitch Rays take a break to pose for the camera.



The prize for winning a team challenge was a bucket of seeds for the team to share.



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After the game, Cail said his squad needs to work more on their "release" on defense against the attack. "The girls are used to more soft hits in our previous games. Avon Park was hitting the ball more aggressively and we weren't releasing quick enough on defense to pick the ball up," he said. "Our serving

also hurt us tonight at times. We need six consistent servers and right now we don't have that. It was good to see Taylor (Hannah Rogers) have a good serving night in the first set."

When asked about her serving Rogers responded, "I couldn't even get it over last year, so I'm pleased with my progress," she said.

The Panthers' next game isn't until the Thursday after spring break, so Cail hopes the girls can use the extra time off for some needed practice.

# Cowboy poet Carl E. Sharp shares a lifetime of memories

By LUKE WILSON

What do you say to a buck-naked, 100-year-old legend? Well, this embarrassed writer said, "Let me call you back when you're done with your shower!" And so began the research for this story.

At least one cowboy has made his home on the range from sea to shining sea and across the seven seas, and that man's name is Carl E. Sharp. He is often referred to as the Cowboy Poet Laureate and can literally entertain for hours with no script, no notes, and — unlike some political figures — no teleprompter. And he's about to turn a century old.

Sharp's way of dressing personifies his name — customized vests of all colors and designs, drawers full of fancy belt buckles, and hand-made boots, not to mention his twinkling eyes and that handlebar mustache that greet audiences from beneath a fancy cowboy hat. His business is bringing entertainment and enlightenment about the American cowboy to wherever he can find the right audience.

Most recently, he was meeting with the American Legion folks in Moore Haven, Fla., who've been struggling some, dollar-wise. During the discussion about his possible performance, one member asked, "Do you sing?" His reply was, "No, but I had a good voice 40 years ago." The room fell suddenly quiet when someone else said, "I believe you lied to me." Sharp turned his attention to the accuser, who then explained that he'd heard him sing at least a couple of times

before, in Barnes, Wisconsin. "And it was at Maggie's Bar on Island Lake Road. And you sing well," said the stranger. This is just one small example of Carl Sharp's notoriety — he's performed so many places that he never knows when or where he'll be recognized. But more on that later.

## The backstory

This sharp-dressed poet was born in Florida City (just north of Key Largo) and comes from tough stock, one of 17 children born to a timber man on May 21, 1914. He grew up around cattle and at 16, enlisted in the Marines. After his stint with Uncle Sam, he graduated as an electrical engineer from Purdue University and spent 40 years, winding up as chief transmission and protection engineer with the Department of Defense. He also worked with NASA and with the State Department.

Sharp began performing around 1982, reciting his poems at feed stores and other farm-related functions, and found his true calling. From there his talents and genuine charm have taken him to nearly every state in America, as well as 102 foreign countries. He's even performed on trains and cruise ships. Often, the cruise ship audiences don't fully understand his cowboy anecdotes and terminology, but grasp enough to enjoy it.

He has performed in Ireland, Mexico, China, Turkey, Portugal, Spain, Poland, and Morocco, among others. "Everybody there is so nice, and they all speak English," he says. "That's good, because my poetry



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**Legendary cowboy poet Carl Sharp will make a guest appearance at Saturday's 6-Gun Country Music Showcase at the Arcadia Rodeo Arena. Tickets are still available in advance at The Arcadian's office, or at the door Saturday.**

doesn't translate well into Russian."

His ability to write and recite cowboy poetry also landed him on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson in 1985. The material the witty entertainer performs is 55 per cent his own and 45 percent classic cowboy poetry.

As Florida's official "Cracker Cowboy Poet," Sharp was honored by a Florida legislative resolution proclaiming him to be "an outstanding Floridian and a cultural treasure" in 1998. The proclamation further states he is "one whose experience helps the world bridge the past and present, because of his background as one of the few cowboys left from the era when the Sunshine State was

open range."

Yes, he's been compared to famous cowboy philosopher Will Rogers more than once. He will tell you that this is a very pleasant, very high compliment to him, and he instantly recalls the details of Rogers' death, along with famed aviator Wiley Post, even the date: August 15, 1935 — the location: Point Barrow, Alaska — and their intended destination: Siberia.

## Honoring the military

The loveable, lanky cowboy poet will tell you that he has two prices when it comes to his performances — full price and no charge. There's a segment of his free performances that is special to him, the Armed Forces Entertainment organization. The reason for his dedication to them is quite personal. "When 9-11 came along, I had a son killed in the Gulf War. Some ask me, 'Mr. Carl, you're not bitter?' I tell them no, he was doing what he wanted to do. He was 93 days away from 30 years, and I decided I'd do his 93 days, and I've been entertaining troops around the world ever since."

The difference between AFE and the USO is that the USO gets paid. "I'm not a wealthy man; I'm solvent (able to meet bills). They fly me, feed me, and bed me down, and that's all I need." He added that a certain millionaire acquaintance provides him with a telephone that he uses to connect servicemen and servicewomen with their families, a priceless act of benevolence, all free of charge. He

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# Country Legends Hit the Stage For a One-Day Festival

By CRAIG GARRETT  
ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

David Frizzell has led an interesting and colorful life. He was performing with William Orville "Lefty" Frizzell at age 12. He performed nights, attending school days.

Lefty Frizzell worked the honky-tonk circuit, had a radio program at 19. It is said Lefty Frizzell's singing style influenced the likes of Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard and George Jones.



FRIZZELL

And there in the shadows was young David, deciding in the 1960s to leave everything and join the U.S. military. In 1970 he recorded for Capital Records, also appearing as a regular on the All American TV Show with the legend Buck Owens.

Frizzell was born in El Dorado, Arkansas, in 1941. He toured with his brother throughout the 1950s and 1960s. David Frizzell's 1970 hit was "I Just Can't Help Believing," which moved onto the

## DAVID FRIZZELL AT A GLANCE

**Born:** El Dorado, Arkansas  
**When:** September 26, 1941  
**Raised:** California, Texas, New Mexico  
**Siblings:** William Frizzell, Allen Frizzell  
**Published:** "I Love You A Thousand Ways: The Lefty Frizzell Story"

Billboard top-40 chart.

In 1981, he recorded his first number-one country hit with Shelly West. The song won the Country Music Association's Song of the Year and Vocal Duet of the Year awards, and was featured in Clint Eastwood's "Any Which Way You Can." Frizzell and West also won the Academy of Country Music award for vocal duo of the year in 1981 and 1982.

Frizzell in 1982 scored a top country single with "I'm Gonna Hire a Wino to Decorate Our Home," which was nominated as a Grammy song of the year. He toured and recorded with Shelly West until 1986.

## A MINUTE WITH DAVID FRIZZELL

**Question:** What are you working on?

**Frizzell:** A song collection for a Buddy Holly festival in Lubbock, Texas (Sept. 2014). It's the first one. I'm surprised as anyone.

**Question:** What artists do you have performing?

**Frizzell:** Merle Haggard sings. Jimmy Fortune. One of the original Crickets, Sonny Curtis. Ten to 12 songs became 21. I'm mixing and mastering right now.

**Question:** Is there a contrast between classic country and modern?

**Frizzell:** The music is a little different than what we had. There is a different melodic beat. But some these artists, the Tim McGraws, they're very good. Things have to change. That's the way things work.

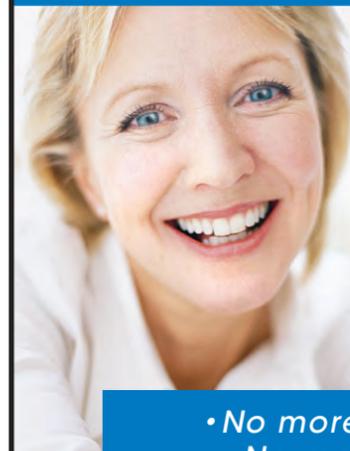
**Question:** Describe your brother Lefty.

**Frizzell:** We had no formal help learning to play. So it was very natural. It was hard to compete with Lefty. He was the biggest thing in country music at one time. At the very top."

**Question:** Are you excited about the Six Gun Showcase?

**Frizzell:** I'd walk there if I had to.

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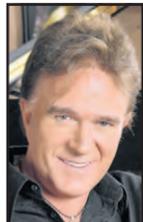
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# Country star's storybook life started on a rainy night in Memphis

By CRAIG GARRETT  
ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

Fate was smiling kindly on Billy Browder. On a rainy and cold night, Billy stood huddled alone outside a closed skating rink. Few prospects presented themselves that evening. At age 15 he had slipped out of a bedroom window, run off to Memphis seeking his fortune in the music business.



SHEPPARD

Just then, a couple of Cadillacs pulled to the curb. From one of the cars out popped Elvis Presley. Browder was thunderstruck. It's the King, he thought. Approaching the teen, Presley asked Billy if he would join in a game of Kill, explained as football on skates. A player didn't show, the King told Billy.

All these years later, Billy Browder, renaming himself T.G. Sheppard as his

## T.G. SHEPPARD AT A GLANCE:

**Birth name:** Billy Neal Browder  
**Born:** July 20, 1944  
**Other musical name:** Brian Stacey  
**Birthplace:** Humboldt, Tennessee  
**Siblings:** Brother, sister  
**Children:** One son, two stepdaughters  
**Spouse:** Country singer Kelly Lang  
**List of music/awards:** tgsheppard.com

country career took hold, still remembers those first moments in the presence of an icon. "Elvis asked if I would be on his team. What are you going to say? He ended up becoming one of my best friends ever," says Sheppard, legend and headliner at the Six Gun Country Music Showcase on March 22.

Few performers, obviously, top Elvis. But with his own distinctive voice, a commanding stage presence, and dozens of hit songs, Sheppard is an entertainment legend. Over the course of

## A MINUTE WITH T.G. SHEPPARD:

**Question:** Talk about childhood, before slipping out of a bedroom window.

**Sheppard:** My father owned heavy machinery, cotton and soy pickers. We worked the fields. There was singing, piano. Marching band. I always knew what I was going to do.

**Question:** What instrument in marching band?

**Sheppard:** Saxophone. And not very well, I might add. They ended up wanting me to be the flag-bearer. It was kind of hurtful, but then I got to hear all that great music standing in front. It worked out.

**Question:** What do the initials T.G. stand for?

**Sheppard:** Nothing. I sat down with a piece of paper and a pen. I couldn't think of anything else. And I needed another name. I had a (recording) contract with Berry Gordy, and signed with RCA. I was afraid I might lose the (Gordy) contract.

**Question:** Talk about being on stage.

**Sheppard:** To walk on stage, to perform your own hits, I'm very blessed. I think our generation's music told stories. But without change, something has to die. Today's entertainers are very good. The direction is more sound or feel."

**Question:** You have cool friends.

**Sheppard:** I love my friends. My closest friend is Barry Gibb. I am blessed to be in a business where your friends are musical. They appreciate their fans, their friends. At the same time, things don't always go so well. We are all here for a short time. Life is a temporary thing. Your friends and family are what you have."

nearly five decades, T.G. Sheppard has recorded hundreds of songs, two dozen number-one songs, including "Devil in the Bottle," and "Last Cheater's Waltz," and "I Loved 'Em Every One," sold many millions of albums/CDs, and lists as a bonus friends like Kenny Rogers, Olivia Newton John, Lee Greenwood and Barry Gibb.

Definitely "had an amazing run," Sheppard says.

And his fans are, with every respect, pretty crazy about their guy. "(T.G.) really gets involved on stage, he's a people person," says Lou Girardot, an Ohio woman estimating she has attended

2,800 Sheppard performances. "If you talk to him, please tell him Lou said hello."

Leanne Morgan is a comedian and radio personality based in Nashville. She has crossed paths with many country stars. She says Sheppard's great asset is the stage interplay with his audiences. "He's just a real gentleman," Morgan says. "A great performer."

David Frizzell and T.G. Sheppard join Janie Fricke, Carrie and Debbie Moore, John Conlee and Moe Bandy at the Six Gun County Music Showcase on Saturday.



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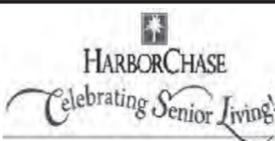
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2060**

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT**  
The City of Arcadia is accepting applications for a Full-Time Water Plant Operator. This position requires knowledge and experience with a water treatment plant. Applicants must have a valid Florida driver's license and a minimum Class C (Water) Operators' license. Starting salary \$17.00/hr DOQ. Applications are available online at [www.arcadia-fl.gov](http://www.arcadia-fl.gov) or 23 N. Polk Avenue, Arcadia. Interested persons should submit an application at the location above or to [speacock@arcadia-fl.gov](mailto:speacock@arcadia-fl.gov). EOE/ Open until filled.

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**NOTICE OF ACTION  
3116**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY  
CASE NO. 2013CACA000526AXMA  
REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JAMES AARON JOHNSON, ET AL Defendants.  
NOTICE OF ACTION  
To the following Defendant(s):  
ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LEMMUREL JOY JOHNSON  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: THE FOLLOWING LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF

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3116**

DESOTO, STATE OF FLORIDA, TO WIT: LOTS 7, 8, 9 AND 10, BLOCK F, EL DORADO PARK, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 38 S, RANGE 25 E. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of you written defenses, if any, to it, on McCalla Raymer, LLC, Jessica D. Levy, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 660, Orlando, FL 32801 on or before April 11, 2014, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Arcadian and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demand in the complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 10th day of march, 2014.  
Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ B. Wynn  
As Deputy Clerk  
Published 3/13/14 & 3/20/14  
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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. 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, 3/13/14, 3/20/14 & 3/27/14  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIR-  
CUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO  
COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO.: 2014-CA-000067  
CIVIL DIVISION  
BARBARA D. NORRIS, Plaintiff,  
v.  
DENSEL RAY DEES (deceased), MARY ANN DEES (deceased), CHARLES E. NORRIS, CRAIG T. DEES, LINDA G. DEES, JOHN

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DOE and JANE DOE, Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: Defendants Densel Ray Dees, Mary Ann Dees, Charles E. Norris, Craig T. Dees, Linda G. Dees, John Doe and Jane Doe (the latter two names being fictitious to account for unknown defendants), and each of the foregoing defendants' unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any of the foregoing defendants, and all unknown persons who may otherwise have an interest in the property hereinafter described, and their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, and creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, or under those unknown persons, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors-in-interest, trustees, or any other person claiming by, through, under, or against any corporation or other legal entity named as a defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the property hereinafter described, except for parties claiming by, through or under this Plaintiff, and ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on real property in DeSoto County, Florida, has been filed against you. The property is described as: Beginning at the SW corner of the NW1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 9, Township 38 South, Range 24 East, and run thence North along the center line of said Section 3,589.00 feet, more or less, to the Southeasterly boundary line of State Secondary Road No. 661; thence run along the Southeasterly boundary of said road in a Northeasterly direction to the North boundary of said Section; thence run East on the North boundary of said Section to the West boundary line of a graded public road; thence Run South along the Western boundary line of said graded public road 3,999.00 feet, more or less, to the South boundary line of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 9 to the point of beginning, LESS AND EXCEPT: Beginning at the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 38 South, Range 24 East, and run North 1°25'10" East, along the West boundary of said NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 1012.0 feet; thence South 89°30'50" East 438.60 feet to West boundary of County graded road; thence South 2°18'50" West along said West boundary of County graded road 1,012.38 feet; thence North 89°30'50" West 423.0 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, all lying and being in the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 39 South, Range 24 East.  
AND LESS AND EXCEPT: Begin at the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 38 South, Range 24 East; Thence North 1°25'10" East along West line of said tract, 2,932.27 to Point of Beginning; thence continue same line, 461.32 feet; thence South 89°30'50" East, 475.80 feet to West line of County Road; thence

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South 2°18'50" West along West line of said Road, 461.49 feet; thence North 89°30'50" West, 468.59 feet to Point of Beginning. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses to the lawsuit, if any, on Paul Bennett Seusy, Esquire, the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 203 West Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, on or before April 30, 2014, and file the original with the Clerk of this court at 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. Dated March 14, 2014.  
MITZI MCGAVIC  
Clerk of the Court  
By: Marlene Harris  
Deputy Clerk Published 3/20/17 & 3/27/14 325434 3016659

**NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS  
3120**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 142014CP000027CPAXMA  
Division Twelfth  
IN RE: ESTATE OF Jean Loretta Beeman a.k.a. Jean J. Beeman Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of Jean Loretta Beeman a.k.a. Jean J. Beeman, deceased, whose date of death was February 14, 2014, and whose social security number are xxx-xx-1375, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is March 20, 2014.  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Eugene E. Waldron, Jr.  
Primary Service E-mail: [Service@eej.com](mailto:Service@eej.com)  
Secondary Service E-mail: [Ewaldron@eej.com](mailto:Ewaldron@eej.com)  
Florida Bar No. 0794971  
Eugene E. Waldron, Jr., P.A.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 3120**

124 N. Brevard Ave  
Arcadia, Florida 34266  
Telephone: (863) 494-4323  
Personal Representatives:  
Norman Dixon  
179 Roxborough Road  
Rochester, New York 14619  
Published 3/20/14 & 3/27/14  
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 142012CA000481  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JOHNATHON LEE PUMMELL;  
ANGELA M. PUMMELL; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY LLC FKA FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;  
Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 18, 2014, and entered in Case No. 142012CA000481, of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and JOHNATHON LEE PUMMELL; ANGELA M. PUMMELL; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY LLC FKA FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY; 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 17 day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
LOT 2, BLOCK "B", OF CINDEE MANOR, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 32, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1987, SHADOW MOBILE HOME ID #S 14602905A AND 14602905B, FLORIDA TITLE NO.S 44195355 AND 44195362, PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE LANDS. 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 19 day of February, 2014.  
MITZIE MCGAVIC  
As Clerk of said Court  
By: /s/ B. Wynn  
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. Publish: 3/20/14 & 3/27/14 221363 3017296

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 21, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013CA000296AXMA, of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and MONICA T. ALLISON; SUNTRUST BANK; 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 22 day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

PARCEL 15B OF RIVER ACRES, AN UNRECORDED PLAT ALSO BEING DESCRIBED AS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTH 1/2 OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 0°38'20" WEST ALONG EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 2640 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°42'02" WEST, 660 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0°38'20" EAST, 165 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 165 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°42'02" WEST, 330 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°38'20" WEST, 165 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88°42'02" EAST, 330.00 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO A 33 FOOT EASEMENT ALONG WEST SIDE FOR ROAD, DRAINAGE, AND UTILITIES.

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 21 day of February, 2014.  
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. Publish: 3/20/14 & 3/27/14 221363 3017296

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**NOTICE OF MEETING 3126**

**DESOTO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**  
THE DESOTO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT Notice is hereby given that the Desoto County Hospital District Board of Directors and the Subagency Board of Directors of DeSoto Memorial Hospital at its regular meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the McSwain Room of DeSoto Memorial Hospital, 900 N. Robert Avenue, Arcadia, Florida shall address whether it is in the best interests of DeSoto County for the Hospital to seek a potential affiliation, sale, lease, merger, partner or joint venture with a for-profit or not-for-profit entity. Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance to participate in any of these meetings should contact Andrea Griffis-Carson at (863) 494-8402 or by fax at (863) 494-8400. All meetings are open to the public and the public is invited to attend. Published 3/20/14 248477 3017320

**NOTICE OF SALE 3130**

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

CASE NO.: 142013CA000732  
THE FIRST STATE BANK OF ARCADIA  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
AMBER L. GRANTHAM  
a/k/a AMBER L. JOHNSON, Et Al  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a UNIFORM FINAL JUDGMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE dated March 11, 2014, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 A.M. on April 17, 2014, the following described property as set forth in UNIFORM FINAL JUDGMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE, to wit:

**Lot 3, Block "K", FOREST PINE ESTATES, a subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 20, of the Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida, TOGETHER WITH a 2005 Mobile Home, ID #WHC014272GAA and WHC014272GAB. Parcel Id: 06-38-25-0120-00K0-0030**  
Commonly known as: 1400 SE Plum Drive, Arcadia, FL 34266

Dated this 14th day of March, 2014. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC, Clerk of Court  
By: /s/ B. Wynn  
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 the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Jury Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, telephone: (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. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. Published 3/20/14 & 3/27/14 369050 3016277**

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

CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 2013-CA-057  
OCEAN BANK, a Florida Banking Institution,  
Plaintiff,  
v.

JPGD, LLC, FRANCISCO NESLON DE SOUSA, PETER N. DESOUSA, GASTON N. CANTENS, ROBERT J. JULIA, TENANT(S) (IF ANY) ("TENANTS"), SPOUSES, ESTATE(S), HEIR(S), DEVISEE(S), AND ASSIGNS (IF ANY) AND ALL PARTIES MAKING ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE PROPERTY AND/OR THE RENTS COLLATERAL AND/OR THE UCC COLLATERAL AFTER THE FILING OF THE LIS PENDENS IN THIS CASE, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Uniform Final Judgment of Mortgage dated February 24, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013-CA-057 of the Circuit Court for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein OCEAN BANK, a Florida Banking Institution, is the Plaintiff and JPGD, LLC, FRANCISCO NESLON DE SOUSA, PETER N. DESOUSA, GASTON N. CANTENS, ROBERT J. JULIA, TENANT(S) (IF ANY) ("TENANTS"), SPOUSES, ESTATE(S), HEIR(S), DEVISEE(S), AND ASSIGNS (IF ANY) AND ALL PARTIES MAKING ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE PROPERTY AND/OR THE RENTS COLLATERAL AND/OR THE UCC COLLATERAL AFTER THE FILING OF THE LIS PENDENS IN THIS CASE, are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at: DeSoto County Court-

**NOTICE OF SALE 3130**

house, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida, 34266 at 11:00 a.m., on April 3, 2014, the following described property:

See Exhibit "A" Attached herewith and made a part hereof.

**EXHIBIT "A" ALL PARCELS LOCATED IN DESOTO COUNTY**

**PARCEL 1**  
Beginning at SE corner of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and run North 1169 feet West 15.83 chains, South 19° West 833 feet, East 660 feet, South 19° West 330 feet, East 778 feet to beginning, less East 40 feet of the South 1169 feet of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4. Section 19, Township 37 South, Range 25 East.

**AND**  
Beginning at SW corner of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and run West 118 feet North 19° East 155 feet to beginning then North 19° East 165 feet East 660 feet South 19° West 165 feet West 660 feet to beginning. Section 19, Township 37 South, Range 25 East.

**AND**  
Beginning at SW corner of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and run West 118 feet to beginning then North 19° East 165 feet East 660 feet South 19° West 165 feet West 660 feet to beginning. Section 19, Township 37 South, Range 25 East.

**AND**  
Beginning at SW corner of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and run West 118 feet to beginning then North 19° East 165 feet East 660 feet South 19° West 165 feet West 660 feet to beginning. Section 19, Township 37 South, Range 25 East.

**AND**  
Begin at Northeast corner of Section 19, Township 37 South, Range 25 East, and run South on land line 2.3 chains, thence West 15.03 chains to A.C.L. RR r/o/w, thence North 22 degrees East along said right-of-way 2.45 chains to North line of said Section, thence East on land line 15.06 chains to point of beginning. Less and except East 40 feet thereof.

**AND PARCEL 3**

That part North of the center of the run of Hay Pond Branch of the following described land; Begin at the SE corner of Section 18, Township 37 South, Range 25 East, and run West on land line 15.06 chains to A.C.L. RR r/o/w, thence North 22 degrees East 11.8 chains, thence South 74 degrees East 11.14 chains to the East line of said Section; thence South on land line 8.10 chains to point of Beginning, less the East 40 feet thereof and Subject to easement in O.R. Book 428, page 13.

Property Address:  
4001 Turner Avenue, N.E. Arcadia, Florida 34266.  
HWY 17 N.E., Arcadia, Florida 34266.  
1902 Burnham Street, N.E., Arcadia, Florida 34266.  
4039 Turner Avenue, N.E., Arcadia, Florida 34266.  
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS PROCEEDS 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.  
Witness my hand and the seal of this Court, at DeSoto County, Florida, this 25th day of February, 2014.

Mitzie W. McGavic  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ B. Wynn  
As Deputy Clerk  
Louis K. Nicholas II, Esq.  
Ocean Bank Legal Department  
780 N.W. 42nd Avenue, Suite 500 Miami, Florida 33126  
PH: (305) 569-5172  
FX: (305) 569-5615  
Email:  
lnicholas@oceanbank.com  
Frank Ribel, Jr. Esq.,  
Attorney for JPGD, LLC,  
Francisco Nelson De Sousa,  
Peter N. DeSousa, and Robert

**NOTICE OF SALE 3130**

Julia 25 East Oak Street  
Arcadia, Florida 34266  
Email: frankribeljr@embarqmail.com  
Gaston E. Cantens, Register #98911-004  
FCI Butner Low, Federal Correctional Institution  
Old NC Hwy 75  
Butner, N.C. 27509.  
Tenant  
4001 Turner Avenue, NE  
Arcadia, Florida, 34266.  
Published 3/13/14 & 3/20/14  
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**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 DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 63.

**Names in which assessed:**  
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# Rodeo winners and parade winners announced



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Representatives of the trophy winners from this year's rodeo parade pose next to the rodeo arena, with Ronald Neads, far left, and Jackie Tucker, far right, parade chairmen.

## RODEO WINNERS:

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association announced the winners in the 86th annual Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo held March 7-9.

**All-around cowboy:** Ross Lowry, \$1,509, steer wrestling and team roping.

**Bareback riding:** 1. J.R. Vezain, 86 points on Frontier Rodeo Company's Bunny Medicine, \$3,350; 2. Colt Bruce, 85, \$2,568; 3. (tie) Tilden Hooper and Clint Laye, 84, \$1,563 each; 5. (tie) Scotty NeSmith, Winn Ratliff and Kyle Brennecke, 83, \$596 each; 8. Steven Peebles, 82, \$335.

**Steer wrestling:** 1. Tyler Pearson, 4.8 seconds, \$1,665; 2. J.W. Lorenz, 5.8, \$1,448; 3. Troy Orr, 6.2, \$1,230; 4. Ivan Bruised Head, 6.4, \$1,013; 5. (tie) Kamry Dymmek and Gary Gilbert, 6.5, \$688 each; 7. Payton

Caudill, 7.0, \$362; 8. Jordan Thrasher, 7.5, \$145.

**Team roping:** 1. Cory Kidd V/Brad Culppepper, 5.5 seconds, \$1,823 each; 2. Ross Lowry/Stephen Britnell, 5.7, \$1,509; 3. Joshua Torres/Jonathan Torres, 5.8, \$1,194; 4. Jacob Locke/Tom Bourne, 6.0, \$880; 5. Kaston Peavy/Rowdy Lee, 6.2, \$566; 6. Wes Goodrich/Matt Zancanella, 6.3, \$314.

**Saddle bronc riding:** 1. (tie) Will Smith, on Frontier Rodeo Company's Medicine Woman and Spencer Wright, on Frontier Rodeo Company's Maple Leaf, 89 points, \$3,071 each; 3. (tie) Tyrel Larsen and Isaac Diaz, 88, \$1,623 each; 5. Ryan MacKenzie, 84, \$811; 6. (tie) Cody Wright, Cody DeMoss, Jeremy Melancon, Heith DeMoss and Cole Elshere, 82, \$278 each.

**Tie-down roping:** 1. Nathan Steinberg, 9.5

seconds, \$2,011; 2. Scot Meeks, 10.3, \$1,748; 3. Garrett Beach, 10.9, \$1,486; 4. Joe Jessee, 11.0, \$1,224; 5. Rick Greiner, 11.1, \$962; 6. Will Lane, 11.7, \$699; 7. K.C. McBride, 11.8, \$437; 8. (tie) Seth Rodriguez and Trae Adams III, 11.9, \$87 each.

**Barrel racing:** 1. Sally Young, 17.46 seconds, \$2,707; 2. Teal Hampton, 17.57, \$2,301; 3. Layna Kight, 17.63, \$1,895; 4. Austyn Holly, 17.65, \$1,624; 5. (tie) Sabra O'Quinn and Macy Brown, 17.68, \$1,151 each; 7. Jana Bean, 17.72, \$677; 8. Maeghan Bryant, 17.74, \$541; 9. Megan Swint, 17.77, \$474; 10. Amanda Amos, 17.82, \$406; 11. (tie) Nancy Ingram, Casey Chappel and Kallie Johnson, 17.83, \$203 each.

**Bull riding:** 1 — (tie) Kenny Rogers, on Frontier Rodeo Company's Stanley's Pick and Jeff Askey, on

Frontier Rodeo Company's Kojack, 88 points, \$3,388 each; 3 — (tie) Tim Bingham and Jacob Marcell, 85, \$1,790 each; 5 — Lucas Guilbeau, 84, \$895; 6 — (tie) Kanin Asay, Casey Huckabee, Bobby Welsh, Wagner Luciano and Ty Harris, 82, \$307 each.

**Total payoff:** \$82,200. Stock contractor: Frontier Rodeo Company and Klein Brothers Pro Rodeo. Rodeo secretary: Lauranne Smith. Timers: Terri Gay and Jennifer Jeanes. Announcers: Greg Simas and Donnie Gay. Bullfighters: Blue Jeanes and Cody Webster. Clown/barrelman: Keith Isley. Flankmen: John Patterson, Heath Stewart and Carter Smith. Chute boss: Heath Stewart. Pickup men: Rex Bugbee, Shawn Calhoun and Jason Bottoms. Photographer: Mike Rastelli.

## PARADE WINNERS:

Jackie Tucker and Ronald Neads, co-chairmen of the 2014 Rodeo Parade held on March 10, announced the winners for this year's parade:

**Grand Champion** — Sahib Shriners

**Best All-Around** — DeSoto County Republican Club  
**Best Walking Unit** — DeSoto County Historical Society  
**Best Marching Unit** — ARC Angels Flag Team  
**Best Commercial Vehicle** — Dr. Karyn Gary of the DeSoto County School District

**Best Float** — North Hillsborough Baptist Church  
**Best Individual Youth Performer** — Jaya Billie of Clewiston  
**Grand Champion Horse Unit** — Whispering Clydesdales  
**Best All-Around Horse Unit** — Arcadia All-Florida

Saddle Club/Quadrille Team  
**Best Horse Unit** — DeSoto County Sheriff's Posse  
**Best Individual Horse Entry** — George Pratt with Steve Stapp and Takoda, the blind horse  
**Best Youth Horse Unit** — Kaylie Garcia

## GRITS & PIECES

FROM PAGE 4

we were lucky enough to have an Old Timer, Case, Buck, or Kabar knife, most of us knew better than to try our luck at sticking them in trees. Nobody I ever knew had the Cadillac of knives — the Randall. That was probably because we were all pretty poor. Not even one of our daddies had one that I know of.

It's been so long since I've done lots of things, but memories are never far away and they're always fond ones. Hot summer days called for getting a drink of water from the hose after playing hard; we'd line up for it and the first one to get a drink had to wait a couple of seconds for the hot water to run out before that first cool swig. We were also known to drink thirstily from artesian wells, or "flowing wells," as we called them. There were a few here and there, and the water just came out of the ground by itself,

steadily, always cold and refreshing. Never mind that there was black and green algae floating and waving in the stream of it at the mouth of the well. We stick our faces in there and slurp away like crazy, and loved it.

Another thing we kids did back in the day was fight over who got to lick the icing off the mixer blades when our mama was making a birthday cake for one of us. I used to say that if I ever got grown, I would mix me up a bowl of icing and eat the whole thing myself. Luckily, I thought that through as I got older and realized how sick that would make me if I did. And if somebody hadn't invented premade icing in a can, I could still be licking those blades when my wife makes cakes.

There's no shortage of things we did years ago that brought us happiness or appreciation for life then. Remember chasing fireflies at dusk? I see them now and then in what I call a bay head by my house, but not often. Whippoorwills used to be music to my ears as a kid, as did

the call of the chuck-will's-widow. I learned more about those birds from Karen Smoke's article in last week's *Arcadian*, and found it all quite interesting. Good job, Karen!

I loved finding frogs in the lilies in my granny's front yard, eating those super sour calamondins, peelings and all, and we even sucked the sweetness out of many a hibiscus flower before it opened up, that grew alongside my granny's chicken house. And we all felt very special if a train engineer ever waved back at us as we stood alongside the tracks. Gone are the days when children relied on their imagination and spirit of adventure to entertain them and to teach them about life. We are the richer for having lived that, and today's children are all the poorer, even though they're spending their youth preoccupied with any sort of electronic device you can think of.

Come to think of it, I wasn't so poor after all. Money can't buy the happiness we found as kids, and fame would be a mighty poor substitute

for the camaraderie that bonded us together as friends. And those of us who are still alive still share that bond, keeping yesterday alive when our paths cross as we remember those fond, simpler times together.

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# DeSoto FFA members attend groundbreaking

By **CHRISTY PRYOR**  
FFA

Early in our FFA careers, each of us learn about the history of our organization and those important milestones that have brought us to where we are today — milestones such as the founding of FFA in 1928, the development of the FFA jacket in 1933, the first National President from Florida in 1937 and the defining moment when women were first allowed to join in 1969. Milestones like these have made the Florida FFA Association the greatest student organization in the world.

Florida Farm Bureau realizes there is no better investment

of time or money than to invest in young people who are interested in agriculture. Together with FFA, Florida Farm Bureau Federation in partnership with Florida Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company decided to make a significant investment into the future of Florida FFA.

On March 10, several members from the DeSoto Senior FFA chapter traveled to Gainesville to watch the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Florida FFA Headquarters. Members attending this historic event included Vice President Aimee Kortzendorf, Secretary Cody Martell, Pyper Skinner and Romolo Ramirez.

At the ceremony, Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putman spoke about the importance of this facility and how the FFA organization promotes tomorrow's industry leaders.

This \$1.5 million project was funded by contributions from Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Company and donations from across the state. The facility will enhance the FFA's ability to provide training, leadership and personal growth experiences for young people in FFA. The DeSoto Senior FFA Chapter was honored to attend this event and be a part of history in the making.



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DeSoto Senior FFA Chapter with state officers, from left: state officers Brett Wasden, Wally Martin, Megan Stein; DeSoto advisor Christi Pryor; DeSoto members Romolo Rameriz, Pyper Skinner, Cody Martell, Aimee Kortzendorf; and state officers Haley Smith, Logan Lewis, Travis Theige and Gordon Yoder.

## Citrus growers urged to attend March 26 Roundtable

By PEACE RIVER CALLEY CITRUS GROWERS ASSOC.

Citrus growers are invited to join Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association for a luncheon at Bobby Krause's Barn, 2503 Ralph Johns Road, Wauchula, where the first of two Spring Grower Round Tables will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 26.

Growers' continuous concerns about water quality and quantities have sparked a great deal of

discussion. There have been many changes to regulations, policies and procedures at all the Water Management Districts in Florida. The effort is an attempt to make the regulations more coherent and consistent statewide. Southwest Florida Water management District is implementing changes which growers need to understand thoroughly. Review of the Southern Water Use Caution Plan, long term droughts, concerns over

pumping trends, and renewed studies of citrus water needs mean growers need to know how their permits work and whether they are getting proper water allotments.

This information sparked the decision to invite David Brown of Progressive Water Resources to be the keynote speaker. He will help growers learn how to know if they are being allotted adequate water quantities.

For more info, call Katie Marks at

863-494-0061 or email [oj@prvcitrus.org](mailto:oj@prvcitrus.org).

Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association's mission is to promote, protect, and enhance the ability of its members to produce citrus profitability and efficiency. PRVCGA represents commercial citrus growers in DeSoto, Hardee, Manatee, Charlotte and Sarasota counties. The association has approximately 250 grower members and 150 associate members. Visit [www.prvcitrus.org](http://www.prvcitrus.org) for more information.

## SHARP

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once kidded the man providing the phone about his money. "You know, you can't take it with you," he said. He replied, "I know — but don't it make the going good!"

If you were to attend one of his performances with no previous knowledge of the cowboy life, your mind would be like a movie screen onto which his resonating baritone drawl would project vivid scenes with his witty, often poignant deliveries. His oral offerings incite a gauntlet of emotions, ranging from laughter to tears, and those who listen with their heart know he's a man of compassion and conviction. Couple that with the humor reflected in the twinkle of his eye, and you'll be as entertained as you are educated as to what he is all about. "What I try to do with my poetry is paint you a picture."

Sharp does have a hobby. He once collected Model A and Model T antique cars, but now busies himself with antique motorcycles, which he pronounces "motorsickles." He owns two Harleys, 1939 and 1964 models, a 1957 Triumph, a 1973 Yamaha, and two BMWs, 1953 and 1975 models. For the record, he rides. And he is quick to tell you that he does wear a helmet when doing so. However, he has his own name for it — a brain bucket. He once had a 1926 Indian, which he took to a Las Vegas motorcycle show with no intentions of selling it. But he and the bike parted company anyway. "The first bid a man made was \$10,000 more than I was willing to take!"

### No roads not taken

Carl Sharp's life has led him down many roads, quite literally. There are not many cities and towns you can name that he hasn't performed in or at least passed through. The country song "I've Been Everywhere" comes

to mind, with its rapid-fire delivery of city names. Those who question his memory on this subject are often surprised that he has not only been to these places, but can describe the establishments he's shared his talents in. Not bad for someone who is just two months shy of becoming a centenarian.

He's highly recognizable due to his many performances and publicity surrounding them, but also because people remember how he dresses, talks, carries himself, and treats others, and this can be rewarding. "I go into Wheeler's Café and get some coffee, and there ain't nobody that'll let me pay for that coffee." Laughing about accepting their generosity, he adds, "I'll admit, I'm not getting into them for four tires, or something like that."

Another story about his notoriety is when someone was introducing him to then-DeSoto County Sheriff Vernon Keen, thinking they didn't know each other already. Keen looked at the introducer and simply said, "Mr. Sharp likes his baloney fried."

Back in 1936 he was part of the "last great cattle drive," which followed the trail used by Jacob Summerlin's outfits when beef was herded from the Kissimmee area across Florida's vast plains and across creeks and rivers to Punta Rassa, near Fort Myers. Summerlin lived between 1820 and 1893, and was the wealthiest cattleman of his generation, according to Louise K. Frisbie's 1974 book "Peace River Pioneers." He provided beef for the Confederacy during the Civil War and from Punta Rassa, ship herds to Cuba in exchange for gold doubloons. Sharp remembers the tedious then-open range journey he was part of, including "spending three days in belly-deep water."

He knows of which he speaks when it comes to the cowboy life. He no longer hunts for sport, unless it's with a camera, rather than a gun. The cowboy poet says his eyes aren't as good as they once were, and he'd hate to "wing" something. He has nothing

against those who hunt, claiming, "I'm welcome in any hunting camp because I make good biscuits."

### Politics and poetry

Concerning politics, he quips, "I have no party affiliation — that way, everybody hates me!" A favorite story of his concerns the time he was introduced by then-Senator Lawton Chiles, who told those gathered, "Watch him, he has a black belt in oral karate!" Sharp laughs at that, adding, "Now that's a compliment!"

He has a serious outlook on politics as well. "Seems like in the last 50 years not an honest man goes into politics and stays. Either he does not stay in office, or he does not stay honest. He has a choice, and I'd tell them to their face."

His talents and popularity have taken him to events such as the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, and the Georgia Poet's Society, which predates the Civil War. There, in 1991, he began sharing his poetry at 8 p.m. and at 9:30 the president of the organization asked the 600 writers gathered there at the Mulberry Hotel in Savannah if they were having fun. They wanted more and gave him a standing ovation, so he continued. "I quit at five minutes till three in the morning," Sharp says with a laugh, "I lacked five minutes talking seven hours." He doesn't store anything in a computer because he doesn't own one. Instead, he has an incredible 75 hours worth of poetry committed to memory. Or, in his words, "in the filing cabinet between my ears."

One might wonder where a man like Carl Sharp resides. "I don't live in Hendry County; I exist," he says. "Fort Denaud is so small that it does not have a post office, so I have a LaBelle address. It's so small that it does not have a telephone exchange, so I have a LaBelle telephone. If I had a job in LaBelle and a home in Hell, I'd quit my job and go home!" He loves to joke about where he lives. "It's the perfect place to commit a murder

because the DNA here is all the same. And there are no dental records."

Country songwriter/storyteller Tom T. Hall's 1975 hit "Faster Horses" might be considered by some to be a fair description of Carl E. Sharp. The opening lyrics read "He was an old-time cowboy, don't you understand/ His eyes were sharp as razor blades, his face was leather tan/ His toes were pointed inward from a-hangin' on a horse/ He was an old philosopher, of course."

### Dress for success

Sharp credits a bit part of his success to his long-time partner, Marjorie. He may get his boots custom-made in St. Louis and buy fancy Stetson hats to go with his cost-efficient jeans and shirts, but she's made his fancy, colorful vests over the years — more than 50. His wardrobe never needs adjustment because over the past 60 years, he's gained only four pounds.

"I got a beautiful young girl here — she's only 89. She's a lot better than I deserve, and I'm gonna treat her that way. If I'm in town, she gets her coffee and breakfast in bed every morning. You know that Charley Pride song 'Kiss an Angel Good Morning?' That's what I do."

Reflecting back over his century of living, he'll tell you, "If I had my life to live over again, I'd do the same things — only more of 'em!" Retirement is out of the question. Instead, he says he's going to change his job description and direction. "Downhill," he says, "I'm not going to 101; I'm going back to 99, 98, 97 and so on."

When asked if he has plans for May 21, the day he hits 100, he says, "Definitely. She and I will be celebrating it where not a soul knows who we are." No disguises, he says. "I can run a covert operation; no problem."

Sharp served as Grand Marshall at the rodeo parade earlier this month, and will make another appearance in Arcadia on Saturday at the Six Gun Country Music Showcase, featuring many famous artists, at the Arcadia Rodeo Arena.

# DeSoto shooter aims for national contest in Nebraska

By **SUSAN HATCHER**

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB

The Desoto County 4-H Shooting Sports Club was represented by 10 members at the State Rifle Match on March 1, in Brooksville at the Hernando Sportsman's Complex. Four new members went this year and DeSoto County was well represented by Seniors Emily Hatcher, Lauren Hatcher, Ricky Hatcher, and Steve Newberry and Intermediates Colton Peaden, Luke Hatcher, Brant Alley, Cole Finley, Justin Simcic and Aaron Spicer.

There were two events: the Civilian Marksmanship program and NRA Three Position match.

In the CMP event, seniors Emily Hatcher placed 3rd, Steve Newberry 7th, Ricky Hatcher 8th and Lauren Hatcher was 10th. Intermediates Luke Hatcher placed 5th, Colton Peaden 9th and Brant Alley 10th.

In the NRA three-position event, seniors Emily and Ricky Hatcher tied for 5th, Steve Newberry was 8th and Lauren Hatcher was 9th. Intermediate Luke Hatcher was 2nd.

In team events, both Intermediate and Senior teams placed 2nd.

The top five seniors at the State Rifle Match earned a spot on the Florida 4-H National team. By placing third among all seniors in the event, Emily Hatcher won a prestigious spot



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**Emily Hatcher earned a spot on Florida's team for the national competition in Nebraska by placing third in the state match.**

on the National Team. The match will be held in Grand Island, Neb. in June. She was surprised and excited to make the National Team, because she was using a back-up rifle instead of the one she normally used. She now has to focus on the ACT, graduation, college, training for the competition and getting to Nebraska.

Emily now has to raise money to get to Nebraska. A spaghetti dinner is planned for March 26 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the 4-H Extension Office, 2150 N.E. Roan Street. Dinners will include spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert for \$7, with



**The 2014 DeSoto County 4-H Shooting Sports members—Back Row: Coach Ric Hatcher, Justin Simcic, Lauren Hatcher, Ricky Hatcher. Middle Row: Club leader Susan Hatcher, Brant Alley, Steve Newberry, Luke Hatcher, Colton Peaden. Front Row: Aaron Spicer, Cole Finley, Emily Hatcher.**

beverages \$1. You may eat there or take out; call the 4-H office at 863-993-4846 for details.

Donations can also be made at the 4-H office; call Kristie Popa at 863-993-4846 or mail checks to Desoto County 4-H, 2150 N. E. Roan St., Arcadia

34266. Write "National Rifle Competition" in the subject line.

The club thanks the board and members of the DeSoto Gun Club for permission to shoot at the range and for supporting the kids financially. Thanks also to the Friends of the

NRA for giving the club a grant this year. The grant helped with rifles and equipment.

Finally, thanks to coach Ric Hatcher, range assistant Oby Baucom and all the parents and grandparents who bring the kids to the range.



**The Intermediate Team of Colton Peaden, Brant Alley and Luke Hatcher came in second place.**

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# Old-fashioned spirit lives at Pioneer Day



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Adrian Valdovinos learns to squeeze an orange the old-fashioned way at Pioneer Day.



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Patty Brant introduces her newly published mystery novel, "Bitter Secrets." She had a table among other writers and artists at Pioneer Day.



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Levi Champney drives his grandfather, Neil Butts, around the park in a early model Bolens Husky garden tractor. Later that day he was giving all the kids rides at Pioneer Day, sponsored by the DeSoto County Historical Society.

Two members of the "Boca Boys" team from Boca Grande Fire and Rescue pose with their trophy.



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The captain of the "Bottoms Up" team from Tice Fire and Rescue accepts third prize in the BBQ Rib Cook-off.



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