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Special Olympians bring home awards from area, state events

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## Burned dog struggling to survive

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

A dog that was set on fire in Arcadia March 20 has been transferred to BluePearl Veterinary Partners in Tampa to receive further treatment.

The one-year-old female mixed-breed dog named Hope is under the primary care of critical care specialist Dr. John Gicking, although several other specialists have assisted in treating Hope.

"She is currently in our intensive care unit, and is receiving pain management, treatment for her burns and other care," said BluePearl public relations specialist James Judge.

BluePearl ophthalmologist Dr. Tammy Miller Michau examined the extent of

injury to Hope's eyes Tuesday. Michau says the left eye has a good prognosis, but there is concern with the right eye due to some loss of the corneal structure.

"We're hoping to stop it from progressing with medical therapy," she said. "If it gets any worse, though, we should be able to repair it with surgery."

Dr. Lisa Miller from Companion Therapy Laser saw Hope's story on Facebook, and her company delivered a therapy laser yesterday to assist with Hope's burn treatment. Laser therapy is relatively new and is used to treat burns and wound healing, in addition to treating arthritis, back pain, joint disorders, neck pain and tendon related injuries.

Although Hope is in stable condition, Gicking says, "She isn't out of the woods yet."

### Investigation underway

Both the Arcadia Police Department and state fire marshal's office are investigating the burn incident. According to an report provided by the APD, neighbors noticed smoke coming from a shed and then observed a dog on fire, rolling on the ground attempting to put the blaze out. They also noticed the dog's owner, Larry Wallace, running around the house with water to put the fire out.

According to the report, when APD officers arrived at

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Stephanie Baker, a critical care and intensive care unit technician at BluePearl Veterinary Partners specialty and emergency hospital in Tampa, assists with bandaging Hope, a 1-year-old female mixed breed dog who was found after being lit on fire.

## SIX GUN COUNTRY MUSIC SHOWCASE ROCKS THE RODEO ARENA



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY DANA CLAUSING and JOHN BLACK

Last Saturday's Six-Gun County Music Showcase drew music fans from all over southwest Florida for an afternoon full of classic country tunes. The concert featured Moe Bandy, Janie Fricke, John Conlee, T.G. Sheppard, David Frizzell and Moore & Moore. Seating was provided inside the arena, or under the covered grandstand for a little shade, and some concert goers had the chance to meet the performers in person and get autographs.

It was the first multi-artist concert of this sort promoted by the Sun newspapers. The stars performed the classic songs for which they are best known. Plenty of food and beverages were available. As an added bonus, Lake Placid singer Kaeli Spurlock also performed some of her songs for the first leg of her multi-state tour.

By all accounts, guests really enjoyed the concert and the chance to see so many popular stars in the same venue.



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# Mercury cleanup cost could top \$100,000

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

DeSoto Middle School reopened for students on Monday, after almost two weeks of closure due to a spill of liquid mercury. One student had brought mercury from home — where he found it together with an old scale — and took it to the middle school.

Some of the mercury spilled in the school, resulting in concerns about exposure of students to mercury which, in some forms, can be highly toxic to humans. Parents of the student's classmates were also concerned about their children's exposure.

The school was closed down on March 11 for the rest of the week, and was already scheduled to be closed the week of March 17. The district also provided

scanning of clothing and other articles at the school, so that parents could bring items such as backpacks and shoes to be checked for possible contamination.

The cleanup process extended to the home of the child who brought the mercury, as well as to the child's grandmother's house.

School Superintendent Karyn Gary said the district got the OK from U.S. EPA to reopen the school on March 24. Preliminary estimates of cleanup costs are in the range of \$100,000 but actual costs are expected to be provided within two weeks.

Discipline for the student involved is still under review.

## Science fair

During Tuesday's school board meeting, science teacher Ann Daniel explained



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

**DeSoto County High School student Donny Stiner was inspired by the work of 19th century scientist Nikola Tesla to investigate electromagnets for the 2014 science fair. He will represent the school at the state science fair.**

how 195 students entered the school's science fair this year — compared with only 25

last year. The top 25 students were eligible to compete at the six-county regional level at Avon Park; 14 of those students entered, and of those, two placed first, three placed second and three placed third. Donny Stiner earned the right to exhibit at the state level, with his study involving electromagnetics.

"I was inspired by Nikola Tesla," he said. His exhibit looked at factors that influence the strength of electromagnets. From his experience, he learned, "The scientific method is the foundation that pushes our civilization forward."

Gary noted that the Thunderbirds of the U.S. Air Force will be visiting DeSoto County High School Thursday morning. They are in the area for the 2014 Florida International Air Show in Punta Gorda this weekend,

billed by USA Today as "one of the ten best air shows around the world."

## STEM school

The district will hold another open house from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on April 7 at the former Laurel Oaks Academy in Lake Suzy, 12100 S.W. Academy Drive. The district is evaluating whether to open a free public school for grades K through 8 to focus on science, technology, engineering, arts and math and is seeking input from parents and students. The open house is a chance for parents to ask questions and show their interest in such a school so the district can decide whether enough support exists to go forward. The school would not charge tuition and would be open to any student in the county.

# County approves social media policy

By **STEVE BAUER**  
ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved a social media policy for county employees. The policy limits employees' personal use of social media during working hours, and also restricts

the type of content they post to the Internet when representing the county.

Human Resources Director Don Kesterson said the policy is necessary to protect the county from potential litigation. "This is something we've talked about extensively, and after consulting with the county's labor attorney we believe this is a comprehensive

policy and recommend the board implement it."

Commissioner Bob Miller raised concerns about the restrictions in the policy. "Reading through this, it's almost infringing on my rights as an individual," he said. "Fundamentally I'm against this, although technically I should be for it. This almost makes me afraid to open my Facebook page."

Commissioner Gabriel Quave said he believed the policy was overdue.

"I think this policy is a good start," he said.

County Administrator Guy Maxcy told the board that Utilities Director Eddie Miller had secured connections at the Lettuce Lake RV park and the Oak Haven resort. The two additions will secure approximately 400 new customers for the county.

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# Arcadia Fried Chicken holds grand opening



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Arcadia Fried Chicken celebrated its grand opening this past Thursday with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Members of the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce and representatives from the county were in attendance for the event. AFC owner Holly Incitti (center) is also the owner of Oak Street Deli in Arcadia.

# SURVIVE

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Wallace's residence, they located the shed where the incident had taken place. The report says officers found a large speaker blocking the entrance to the structure so the dog couldn't escape. They also found a five-gallon gas container and reported the shed smelled like gasoline. Hope's rescuers say, however, that the dog had been doused in kerosene.

Neither the APD nor fire marshal's office would comment on whether charges would be filed against Wallace. Several news outlets have reported Wallace is suffering from mid- to late-stage Alzheimer's disease; however,

it is unknown if his illness may have played any role in the incident. The Department of Children and Families also has an open investigation regarding the matter.

## A swell of support

Hope was brought to the Hardee Animal Rescue Team in Wachula by Arcadia resident Margot Ayre, who happened upon the scene and immediately drove the dog to HART.

HART president Leigh Sockalosky says her team brought Hope to the Hardee Animal Clinic, where she was initially cared for by Dr. William Lovett Jr. Once Lovett realized the extent of the dog's burns, she was transferred to an emergency clinic in Bonita Springs, and then brought to BluePearl on Sunday.

Sockalosky says Hope's burns are the worse HART has ever seen, and says doctors have estimated that if she survives, continued treatment and therapy could be a year or longer. She adds Hope's medical costs are approximately \$1,300 or more per day, and says donations to HART have spiked in the past week, with more than \$27,000 in donations so far.

"We're very thankful for all of the public interest in helping Hope in her recovery," Sockalosky said. "Hope's will to survive along with her positive medical assessments made her a prime candidate for treatment and we are hopeful she will recover and have a much happier life."

Anyone interested in donating to Hope's care can make donations directly to HART via its website by



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BluePearl's Dr. Tammy Miller Michau examines Hope's eyes Tuesday. Michau says she is optimistic any damage that occurred can be reversed with therapy or surgery.

visiting <http://hardeeanimalrescueteam.weebly.com>.

# POLICY

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## Commissioners chip in

After approving a proclamation that recognizes this April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, Sandee Woods, coordinator for DeSoto County's Guardian ad Litem Program, told the board 150 children were reported to have been abused in the county in 2013, and asked to place 25 pinwheels near the public library with an explanatory poster. She said each pinwheel would represent five children who were abused in 2013.

Commissioner Gabriel Quave presents a proclamation naming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Approximately 150 children were abused in DeSoto County in 2013, and each will be represented by pinwheels placed on public library grounds next month.

Miller offered to pay the costs of purchasing 125 additional pinwheels so each child would be represented individually. Commissioner Buddy Mansfield said he would split the costs with Miller to purchase the pinwheels.

"I think it's the least we can do," Mansfield said.

The board also unanimously approved a two-year extension with County Attorney Donald Conn. The extension is under the same terms as the previous agreement. Conn has served as the county's attorney since 2010.

Commissioners also agreed to hold a workshop on the city landfill. The meeting is scheduled for April 22 at 1:30 p.m.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

A photo of the Peace River Bridge was donated to DeSoto County by Mac Martin and County Commissioner Bob Miller, who "purchased" it from photographer Rhett Butler at the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council's Art of the River show in February.

The purchase was made with "art bucks" given to donors and sponsors of the art exhibit; and Martin and Miller agreed to donate the photo to the county. From left: Linda Waters, DAHC treasurer, Martin, Butler, Lynnda Butler, Miller, DAHC secretary Karen Smoke and DAHC President Jane Hilton.

The photo will be hung in the first floor hallway of the County Administration Building.



## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

DeSoto County's Community Conversations begin next week, with the first being held April 2 at Nocatee Elementary from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The meetings are designed so county commissioners can receive input from residents regarding their opinions on what the county should place its focus on in the near future. Additional meetings will be held at the following dates and locations:

- April 3—First Baptist Church in Fort Ogden (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)
- April 9—Turner Center Exhibit Hall in Arcadia (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)
- April 10—Kingsway Country Club in Lake Suzy (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)



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## OUR VIEW

### Details, details

**Our view:** Leave no stone unturned in search for next city administrator

And then there were five. The city's Administrator Search Committee has narrowed the field of applicants to five individuals who are seeking to be the city's next administrator.

Now the ball is in City Council's court. They will likely be reviewing the resumes of the recommended candidates (and perhaps looking over some who were not in that final five, as well). They will be conducting some sort of interview, and ultimately choosing whom to hire.

Here are some of our thoughts on how the process should unfold.

First — because three of the candidates are from out-of-state (Wisconsin, Minnesota and California), it makes sense to conduct their interviews by phone. But a lot can be learned by observing someone as questions are asked and answered: Are they nervous or confident? Do they fidget? Is their appearance and demeanor professional and businesslike?

We recommend the city use Skype, Facetime or something similar to interview the out-of-state candidates. It can be done from nearly any tablet or computer with a webcam. It makes a lot more sense than flying candidates in, whether at the city's or candidate's expense.

We also suggest a list of prepared questions to be posed to each of the candidates so we can compare what each has to say. But there will likely be some additional, specific questions to be posed to individuals.

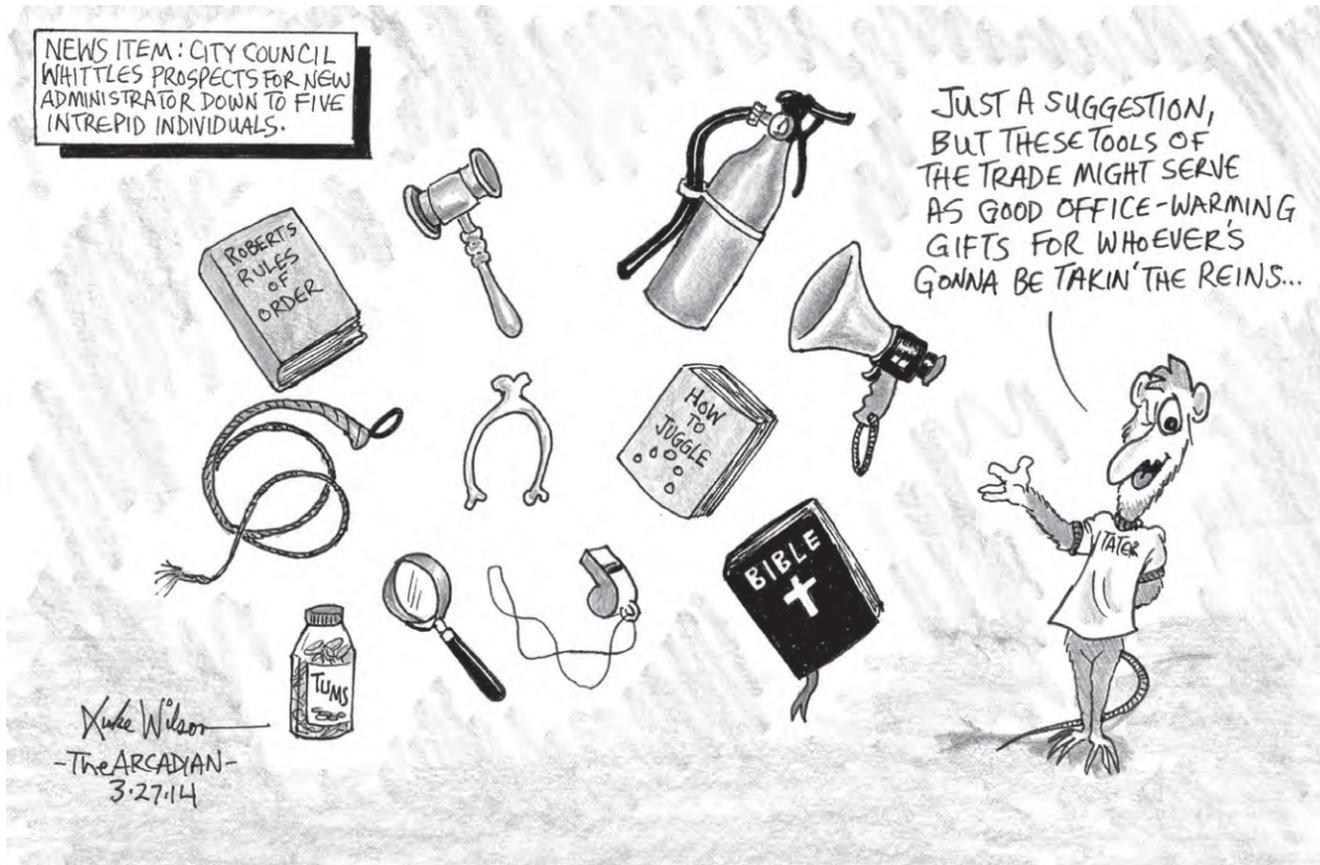
Some of the questions we suggest would be along the following lines:

- What creative ways might you consider in trying to help the city improve its financial position?
- What did you like and dislike about your previous job?
- [If they had lots of jobs ...] Why are there so many jobs in your resume?
- Are there any issues in your background we should know about beforehand? (any skeletons in your closet?)
- Your greatest strength? Your greatest weakness?
- Your biggest accomplishment? Your biggest failure? What did you learn from your failure?
- What changes have you made in working with others to be more effective at work?
- How would you motivate city staff?
- The city has limited financial resources, but many tasks to work on: resurface roads, repair/replace underground pipes, fix sidewalks, etc. Describe how would you decide what the city should spend its money on now, and which things can be postponed? (not specific things, but the process of decision-making)
- Is there any question I haven't asked you that I should?

But the homework doesn't stop there. We strongly urge council to delve more deeply into the finalists' backgrounds. This means more than just a cursory criminal background check. That would show if they have any past criminal convictions or outstanding warrants and the like (and it should go without saying that criminal background checks should be done in all the jurisdictions where the individual has worked).

But there should be more than just a criminal background investigation. Remember

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Airport fans loved our rodeo, too

Editor:

Friends of Arcadia Airport received many letters and emails remarking on the success of the Rodeo Weekend Fly-In. We wanted to share some of them with you.

**From Guy Maxcy, County Administrator:** "Thank you for allowing the County to provide transportation for your Rodeo fly-in participants. ... More of these events are needed because those folks were not only interested in the Rodeo but also the history of Arcadia and DeSoto County. It also gave me an opportunity to plug our city and county with many 'did you know' points of interest. They had many questions and everybody I talked with said they would be

back."

**From Judge Don Hall, Rodeo Association President:** "I want to personally thank you for making this event a reality. I believe that the fly-in will get bigger and bigger. What a huge success. I really want to see this grow and grow ... great start and great job, my friend."

**From Gabriel Quave, County Commissioner:** "I want to give my thanks to the entire Friends group for making the first Rodeo Fly-in Weekend a huge success. Economic development in small communities is crucial and needs support from groups like this. Our Airport is in the first steps of becoming an economic attraction to DeSoto County. Pilots from all over the state came to see us! Pilots look for places to journey and I hope we

continue this momentum into our immediate future. This event is a step in the right direction to doing just that. Keep up the great work. Your efforts are noticed!"

**From Bob Miller, County Commissioner:** "Congratulations on a very successful Arcadia Rodeo Weekend Fly-In. Having over a dozen participants this year is exciting because we know that it will only grow while exposing not only our airport, but our entire community to these pilots and their families. Utilizing Arcadia Airport in such new venues is a great boost to our potential for economic growth. Not only are they spending their money in our community while here, but some may very well see a

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## GRITS & PIECES

### Kooky commercials and outrageous ads

I know that most of us do not like to be inundated with TV commercials, campaign signs, billboards that block our view, or homemade signs about yard sales and lost pets. But in their favor, I will say they do make life a little bit more interesting. And it's the odd stuff that gets our attention faster, right?

I am online sometimes. Well, pretty often. All right, I'd admit it, it's my forwarding address these days. Anyhow, I saw an ad Monday that made me raise an eyebrow. It read "Injured by the Da Vinci



Grits & Pieces

Luke Wilson

troubador55@embarqmail.com

Robot during hysterectomy or prostrate surgery? Get lawsuit help." Now, I'm all in favor of technology advancing and making life easier and better for all of us, but this?!

I want to see a show of hands from those who'd let a robot perform any sort of surgery on them — especially something like this. I think it was safe to say that no hands were raised just now. What if there was a power outage in the middle of it? Or what if the robot went haywire? Now I'm hearing "Danger, Will Robinson! Danger! Danger!" in my head, and picturing stuff I'd rather not. Whoever comes up with such a robot should present themselves

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# DeSoto Special Olympics enjoys special year

SUBMITTED BY KEN CLARK

Last year was special for Special Olympics athletes in DeSoto County. For the first time in several years, local athletes returned to the State Games.

In June the athletes began to practice swimming at the Peace River Campground. The 17 athletes competed against each other in the 23-meter freestyle. The top four athletes made up the four-person 25-meter relay team.

In July, they participated in County Games. They were timed in their swims, and the times sent on to Sarasota where the Area Games were held.

In August, the athletes traveled to Sarasota's Evelyn Sadler YMCA to compete in Area 9 Games against other athletes from Charlotte, Collier, Lee, Manatee and Sarasota counties. The athletes from DeSoto competed with against the larger coastal counties.

Those who won blue ribbons at Area Games were then eligible for State. From DeSoto, the athletes who qualified were Vanessa Byrd, Dennis Carter and Jeff Tomlinson.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

**DeSoto County Special Olympics athlete Jeff Tomlinson competes in the 25-meter freestyle event during the state swimming tournament held at Sebastian Inlet. He won a silver medal in the event.**

In October, Byrd, Carter and Tomlinson went to Sebastian Inlet to compete in the State Aquatics Tournament. They were escorted by head coach Ken Clark, Head Delegate Joyce Collins, and chaperon Lucinda Tomlinson.

At State, the athletes were divisioned based on their area times and competed against athletes with similar times at their area games.

The DeSoto athletes competing in the 25-meter freestyle showed their stuff. Byrd took fourth place with a time of 39.96 seconds, Carter brought home a silver medal with a time of 55.25 seconds. Not to be outdone, Tomlinson also took home a silver with a time of 24.08 seconds.

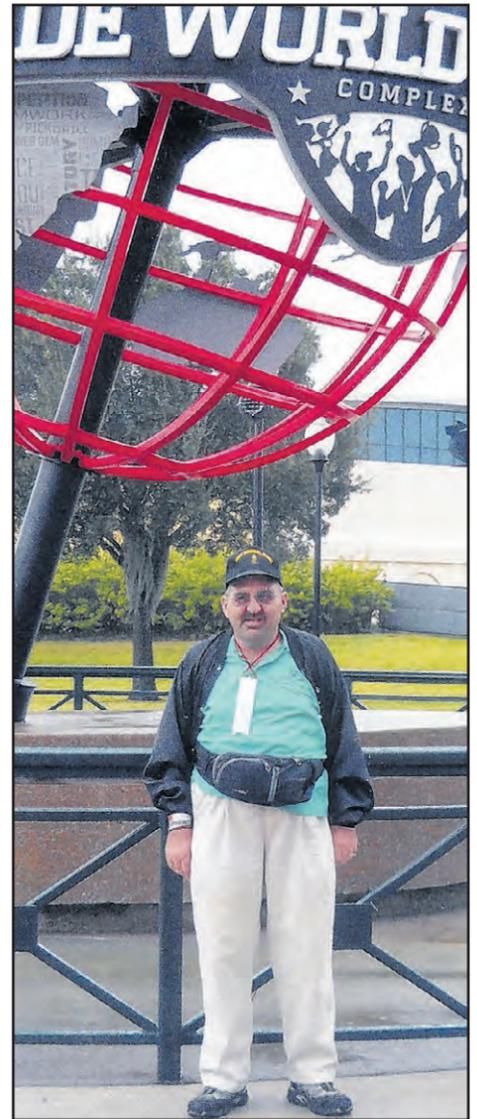
The second event in which they competed was bowling. The athletes traveled to Treasure Lanes in Port Charlotte to practice and compete in the County Games held in August. An average score from practice and county games was sent for each athlete to Manatee County where the Area 9 Games were held.

In September, the DeSoto athletes traveled to AMF lanes in Bradenton for Area Games. Though there were several blue ribbon winners, the one chosen to compete in state games for DeSoto was Brett Swallow.

In November, Swallow, escorted by Collins and Clark, traveled to Orlando to compete at State. He ended up taking fourth place with a total score of 184.

This year, Special Olympics Florida DeSoto County will be adding a new sport. In addition to golf, aquatics and bowling, the athletes will be participating in bocce, an Italian game which has elements similar to lawn bowling and croquet.

Special Olympics Florida DeSoto County thanks Peace River Campground and Treasure Lanes for providing the pool and bowling alley, respectively, and to DeSoto County School District for transportation to practice and county games.



**Special Olympics DeSoto athlete Brett Swallow stands in front of the ESPN Wide World of Sports globe just before closing ceremonies of the Fall Classic in Kissimmee. Swallow won 4th place in bowling held in Orlando.**

**Special Olympics athletes Jeff Tomlinson, left, Dennis Carter and Vanessa Byrd show off the medals and ribbons they won at the state Special Olympics Swimming Tournament in Sebastian Inlet.**



**Chaplain Ken Galloway, pastor of New Day Baptist Church, motivates Special Olympics athletes at Peace River Campground prior to the County Games Aquatics.**



**Special Olympics DeSoto County bowling coach, left, and athlete Brett Swallow won the Inspirational Coach and Inspirational Athlete awards during closing ceremonies of the Fall Classic held at ESPN Wide World of Sports.**

**Special Olympics athlete Dennis Carter shows his excitement at winning a silver medal at the State Special Olympics swimming tournament held at Sebastian Inlet.**



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# Arcadia's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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• DCTA/District Collective Bargaining meeting at School Board Chambers, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. March 27.

• Eric Christensen, South Florida State College physics and astronomy professor, invites the public to a star party nfrom 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.

• AA Second Tradition Anniversary Night is the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St. Open speaker.

• 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.

• Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

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

## ■ FRIDAY

• On March 28, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tour the Lower Peace River: Florida Master Naturalist Rick Fried will lead a paddle past phosphate dock ruins, through alligator habitat, with lunch at the Nav-A-Gator Restaurant and return by a different route. Participants must provide personal flotation device, water craft and be able to swim. The outing is free to the public. Voluntary donations to the local Charlotte Harbor Sierra Club gratefully accepted. By reservation: call Rick at 941-637-8805.

• The AA G.I.R.L.S. Anniversary Night is at 6 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Oak St.

• City Takers for Christ will be giving away free meals on the last Friday of every month, starting at 12:30 p.m. until everything has been distributed, at 607 S.

Orange Ave.

• 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

• Team Arcadia is having a baking contest March 29, 11a.m. to 2 p.m. \$4 for public to taste and judge winners in three categories (Cake-Pies-Other) at the pink building downtown Oak street. \$50 grand prize, \$25 in each category. Entries must make enough for 200 bite size tastes. Call 494-2038 or 303-4032 to enter.

• Arcadia Rotary is holding an April Fool's 5K Run/Walk starting at 8 a.m. March 29 at Morgan Park. Entry fee is \$20/person (by March 24) to guarantee your shirt size; \$25 after Mar. 25 and on race day. \$10 for kids 12 and under. Proceeds will go to DeSoto Schools AVID program and Rotary charities. For details call Ron at 414-3850 or email [ronald7e@gmail.com](mailto:ronald7e@gmail.com).

• Women of Worship Ministry invite you to the "One Nation Under God" worship service at 4 p.m. March 29, at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.

• The Greater Mt. Zion AME church board of trustees invites the public to its annual Spring Fashion Show, at 6 p.m. March 29 at the church, 256 S. Orange Ave. The show features a variety of fashions including casual wear, church fashions and formal wear. For details, call 558-1167.

• DeSoto County Animal Services offers low-cost vaccinations for cats and dogs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center, 2048 N.E. McKay St. Canine DAPPC \$8, 1-yr, rabies \$7, Puppy parvo/distemper \$5, and only \$9 to microchip.

• DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. 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

• A memorial gathering will be held for Remus Griffin starting at 2 p.m. March 30 at DeSoto Veterans Memorial Park. Friends and family are encouraged to bring any photos, stories and memories they want to share.

• Ivey Chapel AME Church is holding a Women's Day Service at 11 a.m. at 2895 S.W. Terrell St. Guest speaker is Prophetess Anita Richo, cofounder of Broken Pieces Ministry. Theme is "Praying, Powerful Women of Virtue Walking in the Promise of God." At 4 p.m., the Hazel McKinney Missionary Society worship service will have guest speaker Sis. Blanche Ancrum of St. Paul AME in Foprt Meade, with the theme "Missionaries Walking in the Light of God."

• Telephone Reassurance and Friendly Visitors available to those over 55 and homebound. Phone Senior Friendship Centers at 863-494-5965 to sign up for these free services, staffed by trained volunteers who have had background screenings. Phone also if interested in becoming a volunteer for either program.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.

## ■ MONDAY

• AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.

• Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.

• A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. on Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at

St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.

• Al-anon, offering help for families of alcoholics, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit [www.district13sofal-anon.org](http://www.district13sofal-anon.org).

• The DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1425 Martin Luther King St. The center provides referrals for mainstream resources, elderly food stamps (by appointment) and computer service. Salvation Army has office space on Wed. by appointment. For more information, call 491-5683.

• Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

## ■ TUESDAY

• April Fools!

• Arcadia City Council meets at 6 p.m. at the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia.

• Peace River Audubon Society will hold a Walkabout at 8 a.m. at Shell Creek Preserve. Take U.S. 17 to Washington Loop Road, go 5 miles passing Hathaway Park, turn at Shell Creek Preserve sign onto Trails End Drive; go 2 miles to entrance. For details call Dave at 586-214-0203 or email [DJL8339@comcast](mailto:DJL8339@comcast).

• A workshop on revisions to the county's current LDRs will take place at 9 a.m. April 1 at the County Commission chambers, 201 E. Oak St.

• 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.

• 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.

• ACCESS office is open from 9 a.m. to noon today at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Call for appointments at 494-0320.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

• Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

• 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

• DeSoto County Commission "Community Conversations" will be held from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on April 2 at Nocatee Elementary School.

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

• The AA Serenity Group Business Meeting is held at 7:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church, 1004 W. Oak St.

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

• The Retired Law Enforcement Association of Southwest Florida meets first Wednesday monthly at the Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 23300 Harper Ave., Port Charlotte. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting is at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 941-423-0902.

• Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.

• AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.

• The Arcadia Eagles, 150 S. Polk Ave., now offers Bingo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak Street.

• "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.

• Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

## ■ THURSDAY

• DeSoto County Commission "Community Conversations" will be held from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on April 3 at First Baptist Church in Fort Ogden.

• The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council Board of directors meets on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m., at The Arcadian, 108 S. Polk.

• Chamber of Commerce Early Bird Breakfast is at 8 a.m. the first Thursday monthly. Each month's location will be announced.

• The 4-H Stitch in Time sewing club meets every first Thursday at 5 p.m.

• 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.

• Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

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

## ■ COMING EVENTS

• DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council will take a field trip April 4 to the Museum of Florida Arts and Culture, South Fla. State College, Avon Park. Meet 10:30 a.m. at The Arcadian parking lot, 108 S. Polk Ave. to car pool. Lunch on your own at the Jacaranda Hotel. Return to Arcadia by approximately 5:30 p.m. Call 863-703-0373 and leave a message for more information and to RSVP, or email [desotoartscouncil-info@gmail.com](mailto:desotoartscouncil-info@gmail.com).

• The film "Cowboys of Florida" will be screened at 7 p.m. April 4 at the Charlotte County Cultural Center Theater, with a 6 p.m. meet-and-greet with director Victor Milt and producers Mac Martin and George Pratt. Tickets ate \$10 online at [www.theculturalcenter.com](http://www.theculturalcenter.com) or at The Cultural Center Box Office, 2280 Aaron Street in Port Charlotte. Call 941-625-4175 ext. 221 for more information.

• The Relay for Life is scheduled for April 5 at Veterans Memorial Park.

• The Working Ranch Cowboy Association Ranch Rodeo takes places on April 5.

• The DeSoto County School District will hold another open house from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on April 7 at the former Laurel Oaks Academy in Lake Suzy, 12100 S.W. Academy Drive. The district is evaluating whether to open a free public school for grades K through 8 to focus on science, technology, engineering, arts and math and is seeking input from parents and students. The open house is a chance for parents to ask questions and show their interest in such a school so the district can decide whether enough support exists to go forward. The school would not charge tuition and would be open to any student in the county.

• Nature Walks: Environmental Learning Lab, 8:30 a.m. April 8. Free.

• DeSoto County Commission "Community Conversations" will be held from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on April 9 at the Turner Center Exhibit Hall; and April 10 at Kingsway Country Club, Kingsway Circle in Lake Suzy.

# Mosaic, MOSI and MES

**SUBMITTED By DALE WOLGAST**  
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Thanks to the efforts of Mosaic, the Museum of Science and Industry in Tampa was able to bring "MOSI in Motion: The Mobile Science Lab" to the fifth grade students of Memorial Elementary. For an entire week, students participated in hands-on science lessons provided by one of the leading organizations in science today. Activities included robotics, the exploration of the systems of animal and human bodies, and experiments in geology. The demonstrations were truly inspiring to students. The unique setting — a converted bus — in which the lessons were taught added to the high level of interest. Students loved the atmosphere of knowing something special was being presented.

Thanks go out to the MOSI instructors for making the experience so remarkable: Sara Turner, team leader, Charly Stinson, Hannah Raney, James Baio, Leslie Rosado, and JonPhillip Reganaa. Additional thanks go to Mosaic for making it possible to bring "MOSI in Motion" to M.E.S.



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Pictured are MOSI instructor Leslie Rosado, left, and team leader Sara Turner outside the mobile science lab made available through funding by Mosaic.

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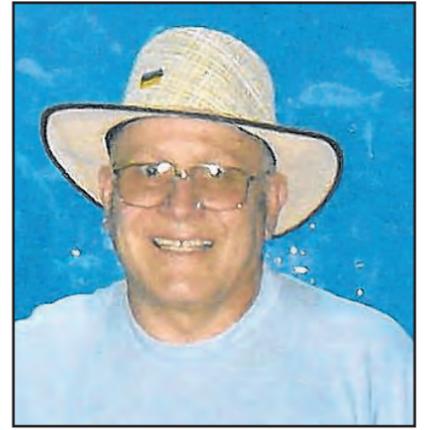


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Clarence (Sonny) McLaughlin

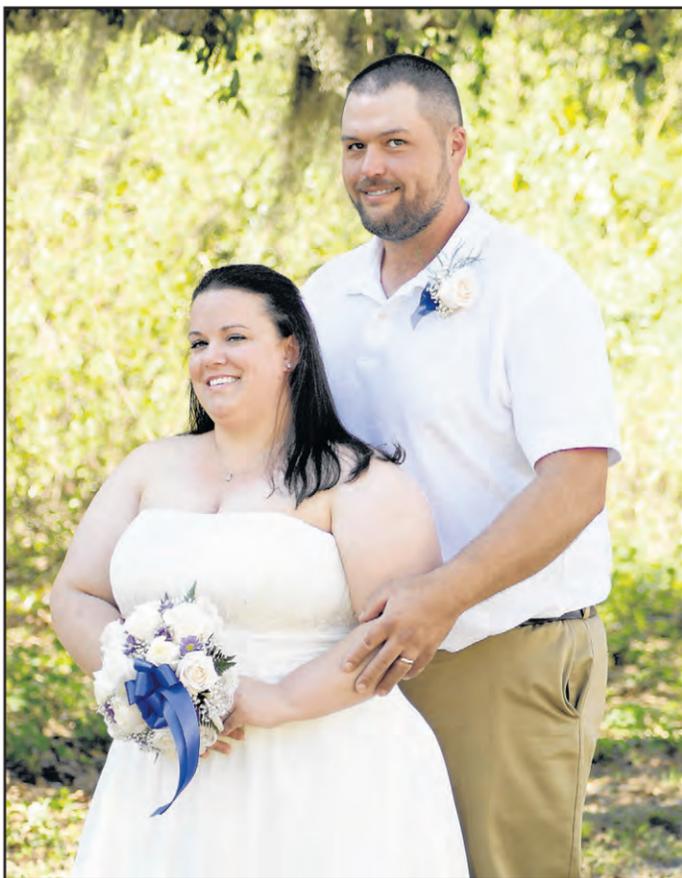
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My husband, our father, grandfather and great-grandpa, who left us one year ago. God came and took him home to live in heaven so quickly, he must have had an opening in heaven's wood workshop and knew Sonny was the right person. He was in his shop every day. Now it is just a quiet place.

My tears have not stopped flowing. We miss seeing you and your smiling face each day.

Missed and loved by your wife Joann, daughter Teresa and Mike Harmon, son Terry and Patricia and granddaughter Hannah McLaughlin, and grandson Shawn and Mandy, and great-granddaughters Neveah and Chloe Harmon.

## Wedding bells



Jennifer Whitmore and David Gebeau are pleased to announce their marriage on March 8, 2014.

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# Man charged with two thefts

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office reported the arrest of Guillermo Alvarez Garcia, 20, on charges of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, grand theft between \$300-\$5,000 and dealing in stolen property. He was jailed on \$11,000 bond.



GARCIA

According to the arrest reports, Guillermo, of the 3800 block of Knollwood Drive, Arcadia, lived across the street from a residence being fixed up by a new renter. The renter had left his tools and other items in the residence while he was in the course of making the repairs, and spent the night somewhere else.

A few days later, the victim returned to find several items missing, and as he went through the house, he found the back door open. Among the items were an air compressor, drill, electric shaver, tool box, shoes, a 42-inch TV and a flashlight. He called DCSO and crime scene techs were able to lift some prints.

The victim said the man across the street, Garcia, had seemed suspicious. The victim said he caught Garcia looking in his windows, and Garcia said he had only come over to bum a cigarette.

Upon questioning by detectives, Garcia reportedly admitted to the theft, saying he was addicted to methamphetamine and stole the items to support his habit. He said he sold the TV to a stranger in a parking lot and traded other items for drugs.

He also admitted to stealing items from his uncle. According to the report, Garcia was helping his aunt and uncle pack up and move. In the course of doing so, witnesses saw him take items from inside a safe, including a bracelet, rings and some coins stored in a pill bottle.

He later admitted to DCSO he had pocketed the coins, but denied taking the bracelet and rings.

## Wreck sends one to DMH

Florida Highway Patrol reported that a single-vehicle wreck on Monday sent the driver to the hospital with unspecified injuries.

According to FHP, a semi-tractor loaded with pallets of sod was involved in a wreck around 5:15 p.m. Monday on County Road 760-A. The driver, 41-year-old Juan Medina, was taken to DeSoto Memorial Hospital. The road was blocked until close to 9 p.m.

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

- Wade Lee Brown, 21, Punta Gorda. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

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## POLICE BEAT

The information for Police Beat is gathered from police, sheriff's office, Florida Highway Patrol, jail and fire records. Not every arrest leads to a conviction and guilt or innocence is determined by the court system.

- Deckita R. Cowell, 38, Port Charlotte. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$3,802.

- Jharai Linwood Files, 28, 1100 block of S.W. Melody Drive, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$2,611.22.

- Matthew Dilon Giddens, 22, 5600 block of N.W. Pineridge Drive, Arcadia. Charges: carrying a concealed weapon (electric weapon) and driving without a valid license. Bond: \$1,120.

- Jose Carlos Hernandez, 25, 600 block of Magnolia St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- James Wallace Harrell, 62, FCCC, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- John Lester Lowe, 60, 6100 block of S.W. Sable Ave., Arcadia. Charges: producing methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$11,120.

- Trevor Steve Mathews, 26, North Port. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Cris Michael McLean, 48, 6100 block of S.W. Sable Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,120.

- Jeffery Allan Morrison, 25, Port Charlotte. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Jill Marie Nair, 54, 6100 block of S.W. Sable Ave., Arcadia. Charges: producing methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$6,000.

- Byron Tremayne Peterson, 27, Tampa. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$2,759.71.

- Gabriel Garcia Resendez, 42, 1600 block of Carnahan Road, Arcadia. Charges: battery and violation of domestic protection order. Bond: \$3,000.

- Jessica Yvonne Small, 30, 800 block of S. Monroe Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and DUI with VAC .15 or higher or with person under 18. Bond: \$1,620.

- William Melvin Vogt, 78, FCCC, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- Tiffany Francis Barfuss, 27, 1900

block of S.E. West Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$5,000.

- Calvin Maurice Brown, 30, FCCC, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- Roosevelt Camble Jr., 37, Stone Gate Apts., Arcadia. Charge: felony domestic battery by strangulation. Bond: \$10,000.

- Christopher Edward Comtois, 42, FCCC. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

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

- Justin Orlando Luna, 23, Wauchula. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: not stated.

- Scott Roberson, 45, FCCC, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- Robert Lee Ankrom, 18, no address, Arcadia. Charges: one count of unarmed burglary of an occupied structure, two counts of unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure, two counts of petty theft and one count of violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Joshua Benjamin Dean, 30, Springhill, Fla. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,000.

- Rodolfo Herrera, 48, 1100 block of E. Maple St., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$120.

- Deron Johnson, 19, Fort Lauderdale. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- Antoin Darren Milner, 25, 300 block of N. 16th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: grand theft auto. Bond: \$7,500.

- Tolton Stephon Nunnally, 51, first block of Booker T. Washington Road, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Charles John Romano, 32, 6300 block of S.W. Shores Ave., Arcadia. Charges: two counts of felony battery, and one count each of unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure and grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$12,500.

- Jeremiah Lawtom Blount, 37, 800 block of W. Magnolia St., Arcadia. Charge: possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$120.

- Jeremy Bernard Daniels, 25, 1800 block of 2nd Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$120.

- Jamie Scot Johnson, 38, 300 block of N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and grand theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$25,000.

- Rogerio Maldonado, 39, first block

of Robinson Court, Arcadia. Charges: battery and criminal mischief with under \$200 property damage. Bond: \$2,620.

- Dashon Jamar Rivers, 28, 1300 block of N.E. Oak St., Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$120.

- Alfredo Martinez Rodriguez, 23, Shady Oaks Drive, Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, grand theft between \$5,000-\$10,000, possession or use of drug equipment, possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver, and dealing in stolen property. Bond: \$13,120.

- Hugo Salvador, 27, 1300 block of N.E. Oak St., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

- Cecil Garrett Scalf, 30, Lakeland. Charge: hit and run, leaving the scene of a crash with property damage. Bond: \$500.

- William Melvin Vogt, 78, FCCC. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- Caroline Ann Williams, 35, 400 block of W. Palmetto St., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.

- Danny Gene Wright, 31, no address, Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,120.

- Richard Lewis Mink, 32, no address, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,500.

- Warren Sylvester Payne Jr., 35, 1300 block of N.E. Hickory St., Arcadia. Charges: resisting an officer with violence and battery on an officer, firefighter or EMT. Bond: none.

- Clarence Pelham, 49, 1300 block of N.E. Childress, Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment, resisting an officer without violence and two counts of failure to appear. Bond: none.

- James Lee Brady, 29, 1300 block of E. Cypress St., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-state fugitive. Bond: none.

- Alma Trinidad Palafox, 39, 1300 block of E. Cypress St., Arcadia. Charge: hit-and-run leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. Bond: \$500.

- Bobby Lee Young Jr., 35, 800 block of S. Monroe Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-state fugitive. Turned over to Highlands County.

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

- Austin Lee Durie, 26, Jacaranda Trails Apts., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

—Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

## Slick conditions lead to crash

STAFF REPORT

DeSoto County's Clerk of Courts Mitzie McGavic was injured in a collision Monday morning when the driver of a tractor-trailer lost control of his vehicle and crossed the median on State Road 70-West.

According to a report by the Arcadia Police Department, Bobby Joe Layman, 43, of Okeechobee, was

driving a semi westbound on State Road 70 near Lake Katherine when he lost control of his vehicle. It was raining that morning and roads were wet. The truck crossed the median and into the path of an eastbound Mazda driven by McGavic. The Mazda struck the semi on the passenger side, then traveled at a right angle to the roadway, ending up partially submerged in Lake Katherine. A Ford van

behind her, driven by William Andrew Greene, also struck the semi on the passenger side and ended up partially submerged in the lake.

Layman and Greene said they were not injured, but McGavic was transported to DeSoto Memorial Hospital and was reported to have had surgery Tuesday for some of her injuries.

Layman was cited for failing to use due care under special hazards.



PHOTOS BY JOHN BLACK, photeke@gmail.com

A semi truck heading west on State Road 70 Monday morning lost control and skidded across the median, striking two vehicles in the process.



Mitzie McGavic's Mazda was partially submerged after it struck a skidding semi Monday. McGavic is being treated at DeSoto Memorial Hospital.

## OBITUARIES

### Donald R. Wilt

Donald R. Wilt, 86, passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2014, in Englewood, Fla.

He was born March 30, 1927, in Sedalia, Madison County, Ohio.

Donald grew up in Jeffersonville, Fayette County, Ohio. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Military Police in Italy. After service to our country, he worked for International Harvester dealers in Jeffersonville, Mount Sterling, Chillicothe and Washington Court House — all in Ohio. Donald moved to Arcadia, Fla., in 1976, and took a position with South Florida Motor Co. of Arcadia. He retired in 1992 from there.

Donald is survived by three children, daughters, Melissa J. (Gire) Hill of Parrish, Fla., and Jennifer (Paul) Stefano of Rotonda, Fla.; and son, Dr. Stephen R. (Gail) Wilt of Lafayette, La.; along with eight grandchildren, Kelly and Ben Wilt, Brandi Nolette, Jessica Jenkins, Zach DeStefano, Kari Tichaeck, Amber and May Hill; and three great-grandchildren, Madison, Aylia and Dillon. He was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Barbara Jo Hidy Wilt; parents, Hugh T. and Edna Brill Wilt; and one sister.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 24, 2014, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia, with the Rev. Jim Wade of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Military honors were presented by the U.S. Army Honor Guard. Online condolences can be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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

### Thomas F. Romano

Thomas F. "Tom" Romano, 78, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2014, surrounded by his family.

He was born Aug. 15, 1935, in Troy, N.Y.

Tom served in the U.S. Marines as a Sergeant from 1953 until 1956. He was a Korean War Veteran. Following his return from Korea, he attended Delhi University in New York, and received his degree in food service. While at Delhi, he was also an accomplished collegiate basketball player. He moved his family out to the Midwest to begin his food-service career with Howard Johnson. In a few short years, he was chosen to open the first Ground Round restaurant in Norridge, Ill. In 1971, Tom was asked to relocate his family to Western, N.Y., to oversee the opening of several Ground Round restaurants. Tom quickly became the regional director, and became known as "Mr. Ground Round." He continued to work in the food-service industry until he retired in 1998. Soon after his retirement, he and his wife Margaret relocated to Arcadia Village in 2002. Tom picked up where he left off and helped with food services for holiday and special-occasion events at Arcadia Village.

Tom was one who liked to talk, and never was at a loss for words. He could meet you and, within minutes, you felt like you knew him a lifetime. Because of this, he was often referred to as "The Mayor of Arcadia Village." Tom's mornings started by having a cup of coffee that could make most people sprout hair on their chest. He then would read the paper twice, while watching the news on television. If you were fortunate enough to have coffee with him, he would enthusiastically tell about what was going on in the world, so that you didn't have to read the paper. Tom always expressed how much he enjoyed playing shuffleboard with his friends. He was passionate about woodworking, and making arts and crafts. It gave him

great joy to make something for his children, but he saved his best for his grandchildren. Tom couldn't wait to surprise them with something so that he could see the look on their faces and feel their excitement. In the end, with his family at his side, he passed away as he lived, by exhibiting a sense of strength and toughness as he took his last breath.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Margaret Doty Romano of Arcadia; sons, Michael (Sharon) Romano of Orlando, Fla., Patrick Romano of Lakeland, Fla., and Dr. James (Patricia) Romano of Johnson, N.Y.; daughter, Marcy (Jeff) Kral of Irving, N.Y.; brother, Frank (Judy) Romano of Georgia; grandchildren, Tiffany (Andres) Aguado, Michael (Lynn) Romano, Taylor Romano, Connor Romano, Joseph Kral, Jake Romano and Jeremy Kral; and great-grandchildren, Bryson, Mia and Luke. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Anna Romano; and his sister, Frances Jewett.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Tom's name to: Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Online condolences can be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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

### Margie Lee Provau

Margie Lee Provau, 85, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Friday, March 21, 2014, with her loving family by her side.

She was born Sept. 1, 1928, in Dade City, Fla., to Francis Archie and Madge (nee Mickler) Tucker.

When she was 2 years old, the family moved to DeSoto County, Fla. Margie used to say that one thing she would never

do was marry an ole Nocatee boy. On Aug. 16, 1946, she did just that, by marrying the love of her life, Elbert Provau. The following year they started their family. Over the years, she held various part-time jobs, including administrative work at Arcadia General Hospital, and retail work for Madge's Dress Shop and Schlossberg's Dress Shop, but she took most pride in being a homemaker. Not only was she a loving wife and nurturing mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Margie also was the matriarch of the family, the backbone, the rock, the glue that kept the family together and well-grounded. She was a very instrumental part of her grandchildren's lives. Margie was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She was a kindred spirit, and will be loved and missed by many.

Margie is survived by her son, Mike (Pat) Provau of Arcadia; daughter, Doris Kathryn Phillips, of Sebring, Fla.; grandchildren, Lisa (Charles) Myers, Lew Provau and George R. Morris; great-grandchildren, Cullen Drymon, Dylan Brown, Elbert Lynn Conner, William George Conner and George William Morris; and great-great-grandchild, Lexi Conner. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Elbert Provau; her infant daughter, Sheila Marie Provau; son, Archie Irving Provau; granddaughter, Dee A. Conner; brother, Francis Archie "EA." Tucker; and her parents.

A celebration of life was held Sunday, March 23, 2014, at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Arcadia. The Memorial service followed, with Pastor Wayne Cooper officiating. Online condolences can be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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## OBITUARY POLICY

Obituaries are accepted from funeral homes only. There's no charge for publishing an abbreviated death notice. Full obituaries and repeat death notices will be subject to an advertising charge.

Obituaries must be submitted to the Charlotte Sun; call 941-206-1000 for details. Please send e-mails to [obituaries@sun-herald.com](mailto:obituaries@sun-herald.com). The American flag accompanying an obituary indicates a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.



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Sunday: Life Groups - 9:30 AM  
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5104 NW Oak Hill Ave.  
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Pastor Dr. Howell Upchurch  
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### St. Edmund's Episcopal Church

327 W. Hickory Street  
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863-494-0485  
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View Service at: [trinityarcadia.com](http://trinityarcadia.com)

May the Lord fill your heart with love.

# An oldie ... but goodie

Apples are our favorite fruit and a large bag of them is usually a regular part of our weekly grocery order; they are a frequent luncheon dessert. There are a large variety of apples from which to choose, but the crispy Galas from Michigan seem to best satisfy our appetites.

So, when I was looking for a special dessert for Sunday dinner, I checked out my apple offerings, and came up with one we hadn't had for a while but always enjoyed — a simple to make (after the apples are peeled) treat: spicy apple bars.



## From a Senior Viewpoint

Lois Hendricks

loistom@embarqmail.com

Blend ¼ cup softened oleo with 1 cup packed brown sugar; beat in 1 egg and ½ teaspoon vanilla, then add 1 cup flour (1 you can use half whole wheat), ½ teaspoon baking powder, ½ teaspoon

nutmeg, and ½ teaspoon cinnamon. Finally, stir in 2 cups finely chopped, peeled apples and ½ cup chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans).

Spread in a sprayed 9x13 inch baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for about 25 minutes. Let cool and then top with a very easy but decorative spread: sprinkle a tablespoon (or two) of powdered sugar over the cooled dessert and spread with a vegetable brush to cover; quickest "frosting" you'll ever make.

Cut into serving pieces and you have a very tasty apple dessert. Enjoy.



Roger Campbell

rcministry@ameritech.net

## When faith falters

Six words changed Martin Luther's life and gave him a distinguished place in history: "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17). Biblical writers repeated those words in three other texts, underscoring their importance.

Luther learned that the life that counts not only begins but continues in faith. His discovery of this principle, appearing in his writings, later brought faith to John Wesley, who birthed the Methodist church and through him to millions of others. When Wesley heard a reading of Luther's description of faith he had already studied for the ministry and had even traveled to America to do missionary work but kept failing in his efforts to serve God until faith became a vital personal experience to him.

Faith moves mountains.

But sometimes trouble causes faith to falter.

Job's wife had no difficulty in trusting God while her husband and children were healthy and happy. There is no record of even one negative word from this good woman when her children were healthy and doing well. But her faith faltered when trouble came and disrupted their luxurious lifestyle.

One day storm clouds moved in on Job's family causing Job and his wife to lose everything, including their children. Finally, Job became so ill that it seemed he would never recover. Overcome by her losses, this grieving woman blurted out her infamous cry for Job to curse God and die but Job responded to his wife's faltering faith tenderly, telling her she was out of character and talking like those who were faithless and foolish.

Then he explained that their changed circumstances had not changed God. This is an important lesson for all to learn.

Faith understands that God is faithful even when our castles are tumbling and everything we've valued seems to be crashing down around us.

When our faith falters, God doesn't.

In his moving book "And There Are Those Who Weep," Louis Paul Lehman urged his readers to nourish their faltering faith in times of trouble by reading the Bible.

Lehman said it so well: "Examine the records someday. They will strengthen your faith. The decree of Pharaoh cannot touch Moses; Goliath's laughter cannot frighten David; the flames of the furnace cannot overcome the Hebrew children; Herod's soldiers cannot touch the Babe in the manger; the storm cannot capsize the boat in which rides the Pilot of Galilee. Take hold of this knowledge. Hang on to it. You will need to know in some dark hour that God is still our God, and this truth will be a lamp to show that shadows are only made of thin images and are blown away with the dawn."

What good words for our trembling times!

Trouble comes to us all. But when we have passed through these storms, our faltering faith has often become stronger than before it was tested.

When we feel our faith faltering, it is time to believe our beliefs and doubt our doubts.

God never abandons those who place their faith in Him.

## New scams, old warnings

As I have written before, even though I have been involved with sharing information about scams and frauds with you for several years now, I am still surprised when I learn about new ones that spring up. The clever minds of the criminals out there determined to get our money are always a source of amazement to me.

For example, recently credit card users have discovered unauthorized charges of \$9.84 on their statements. The fee was listed as "customer support" and because the amount is small, many people simply paid it, just as the criminals hoped they would. If customer did access the website provided on the statement, they were given a phone number to call. When they did call, they were told the charge would be removed.



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DeSoto County Sheriff's Office



Phyllis Schwartz

Even though it may not seem like an amount of money worth worrying about, it emphasizes the importance of reviewing monthly statements carefully for ANY unauthorized charge and contacting the card issuer immediately to report it. If you feel the card has been compromised, you can always request a new card.

The IRS is warning us about criminals telephoning individuals claiming to be representatives of the agency

demanding payment for supposed unpaid taxes. They demand payment be wired or by money cards. Call recipients are threatened with additional fines or even jail if they do not pay.

This is an obvious fraud on many levels. As the IRS tells us, their agents never telephone, especially demanding payment or threatening punishment. Any time payment for anything is limited to wired funds or money cards, or the payment demand is by credit card only, the transaction is most certainly fraudulent.

When this happened to one of our own local residents recently, she did exactly the right things. She did not respond to the calls, but did contact the IRS directly as well as reporting it to the Sheriff's Office.

You may be aware of the many advertisements for Medical Alert devices that especially older people are encouraged to wear. In the event medical attention is needed and the person is alone, activating the device triggers assistance. While this is certainly a worthwhile purchase to consider, as with so many things out there for us seniors, do your homework first.

One scam to watch for is the one where the device is offered for "free." While it may be free, the monthly charge could be quite high. Often, the purchaser unwittingly provides bank information and the fee is deducted from a checking account.

In another related scam, the individual is told a relative or friend has purchased the device for them and now the individual is responsible for the monthly payments. Should you be approached with this "deal," refuse to do or sign anything until you have checked with supposed purchaser of the device.

While this last scam is one I have written about before, it has increased in frequency recently all along the west coast of Florida from Tampa down to the Naples area. It involves the retrieving of credit card information as people are paying for gas at pumps using cards.

As I have urged, if you can, the safest way to pay is cash. If you must use a card, a credit card is safer than a debit card. Always check the pad before inputting numbers and the area in general for anything that appears out of the ordinary. Report your concerns to someone in charge at the station. And, of course, check monthly statements for any unauthorized charges.

The Communities Against Senior Exploitation (CASE) Program is a partnership between the community and the DeSoto Sheriff's Office to protect the financial resources of all our residents. To report any suspicious activity related to a scam or fraud or to learn more about the CASE program, call Sheriff Will Wise or Lt. Curt Mays at 863-993-4700; they will be happy to help you.

## Community Conversations



We Need To Hear From YOU!

### 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 Ogdan
- **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.

For more information, please visit [www.desotobocc.com](http://www.desotobocc.com).

# Garden Club impressed by versatility of caladiums

By **JAMIE PIPHER**  
ARCADIA GARDEN CLUB

“For instant color to your landscape, caladiums are your answer” was the message from Darlene Phipers, a member of the third generation family operating Happiness Farms, the largest family owned commercial caladium grower in the world. Phipers told the Arcadia Garden Club at its March 3 meeting that caladiums bring your home garden to life by accentuating flower beds, hedges, mailboxes, and fences with an explosion of color.

Caladiums were made popular in the mid 1900s in Central Florida by F.M. Joyner. By the mid 1960s, nearly 25 growers were involved in caladium growing. In 1964, the Phipers family entered the caladium business. Paul Phipers is credited with developing the Galaxy, one of the 50 varieties of caladiums sold commercially. Currently about a dozen growers, primarily family owned businesses,

work the 1,200 acres of lake bottom land in the Lake Placid area. This land has 30-40 inches of muck and is ideal for caladiums.

Caladium bulbs are rated by size. The more eyes on a bulb, the more leaves it will have. They are divided into three groups: dwarf leaf, strap (Lance) leaf, and fancy leaf. All groups have red, pink, and white varieties.

To plant a caladium bulb, place it smooth side down about 2 inches below the surface and spaced about 6 inches apart. Soil should be light and well drained. Fertilize once for the growing season. Little water is required until the leaves appear, then water routinely. Caladium plants look their best for three to five years. Phipers suggested replenishing the garden with one-third new bulbs each year. In Desoto County, start planning by the end of March.

Caladium leaves can also be used as cut flowers. They will keep up to two weeks in a floral arrangement.

“Research is essential for the long

range cultivation of caladium,” Phipers reported. Happiness Farms works with the University of Florida by contributing 40 cents per box sold for research.

The 2014 Caladium Festival in Lake Placid will be July 25-27. For details visit [www.VisitLakePlacidFlorida.com](http://www.VisitLakePlacidFlorida.com)

A silent prayer was offered for the family of Edna White who recently passed and for two hospitalized members, Gloria Dupree and Mary Zeeders. Guest Peggy Lovejoy was introduced Hazel and Russell Stromsness were congratulated for 41 years of marriage. The Girl Scouts were thanked for their volunteer work at the Garden Club. March 31 from 10 a.m. to noon is an onsite work day at the club.

Maureen Kratzer spoke about genetically modified /engineered foods. A recent Harvard Business Review article said they “hold great promise that they may provide one of the solutions to help feed growing world populations. But there are also

potentially large and often not well understood risks from GM technologies to the environment in general and to biodiversity.” The article said GM foods may damage the environment by promoting the use of certain pesticides associated with GM crops. Kratzer provided handouts, saying, “We must educate ourselves” about the food we eat.

University of Florida’s Gardening Calendar says it is now time to plant day lilies, add nasturtiums to your herb garden, plant warm season crops such as beans, cantaloupes and okra. Add mulch to prevent weeds. Monitor landscape plants for aphids and divide clumps of bulbs to expand your garden or pass along to a friend.

The next meeting will be at noon on April 7 at the Garden Club building. Sandy Kavouras from Fort Myers will demonstrate floral design under water, designs in glass containers and fun things to do with things you find at a grocery store.

## OUR VIEW

FROM PAGE 4

Markae Rupp?

Had someone delved into her background before she was hired, her history with cities where she formerly worked might have been discovered – from the claims that she used her city credit card for personal business and then didn’t pay the money back, to

the scathing memo she left when she resigned one job, calling the city and its officials a “festering sore.”

Had someone asked where she earned the MBA she claimed, they might have found out it was issued by a school that is not accredited by the United States or any state. Don’t you wonder what might have been learned if someone had called the schools and workplaces she listed?

It’s one thing to follow up with a candidate’s references – of course,

they are going to choose people who will give them the most positive feedback – but there’s no reason to stop there. Reach out beyond and see what you find out.

Consider hiring someone who is very skilled with Internet research. Much of Markae Rupp’s background was discovered online. The city should be diligent to find out what it can before job offers are extended.

We recommend these steps be done before the interviews. That way,

if there is anything questionable or odd in the candidate’s background, council can ask about it directly.

Since Judith Jankosky’s resignation in October, the council has taken its time to get to this crucial point in the administrator hiring process. Now is not the time to take shortcuts in properly vetting and interviewing its finalists, but instead to use any and all available resources to ensure the city’s administrator merry-go-round comes to a merciful end.

## DEATHS

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### Richard Edward Callahan Sr.

Richard Edward “Cal” Callahan Sr., 66, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Thursday, March 20, 2014, in Sarasota, Fla.

He was born Dec. 13, 1947, in Camden, N.J., to John Joseph and Antoinette (nee Giggliotti) Callahan.

Cal served our country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, and received a National Defense Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal, a Vietnam Campaign Medal and an Expert Rifle Shot Medal. In 1971, Cal married his true love, Donna Knapp. He went on to become a Lieutenant for the Camden County Sheriff’s Office, and retired after 25 years. In 2000, Cal and Donna moved to Arcadia. Cal worked security for the Peace River Campground, and met many friends, who became his Florida family. He enjoyed traveling throughout New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania in their motor home. Cal was an avid gun collector, and loved animals. Above all, he was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years, Donna Callahan of Arcadia; sons, John (Metta) Callahan of Barrington, N.J., and Richard Callahan Jr. of Levittown, Pa.; brothers-in-law, Ken Knapp of Elmira, N.Y., and Phill Knapp of Bristol, Va.; granddaughter, Delaney Callahan; grandson, George Callahan; and his Florida family, George and Jonica Lempenau, Bob and Cindy Hickey, and other Peace River Campground residents. Cal also leaves behind his black Lab, Starr.

A gathering to celebrate Cal’s life was held Sunday, March 23, 2014, at the home of George and Jonica Lempenau at the Peace River Campground. In lieu

of flowers, donations may be made to the Survival Outreach Sanctuary, 22005 Bowman Road, Spring Hill, FL 34610. Online condolences can be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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

### Richard Stasi

Richard “Rich” Stasi, 82, of Lake Suzy, Fla., passed away Sunday, March 23, 2014.

He was born July 12, 1931, in Elizabeth, N.J.

Rich served in the U.S. Army. He was the owner/operator of Broad Drugs for 30 years in Irvington, N.J., and retired from Med-Co Containment Services. Rich was a baseball enthusiast and loved the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Mets. He loved his four girls, especially his only granddaughter, Brynn Marie.

He will be greatly missed by his wife of 57 years, Marylin; daughters, Maureen and Laura Stasi; granddaughter, Brynn Marie Goldate; along with many nephews and nieces, especially Donnie and Andrea. Rich was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Frank, Louis, John, Etta, Ida, Ada, Elo, and Tillie.

A memorial service to celebrate Rich’s life will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 27, 2014, at Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services. Memorial donations may be made to American Diabetes Association. To express condolences to the family, please visit [www.Ltaylorfuneral.com](http://www.Ltaylorfuneral.com) and sign the online guestbook.

Arrangements are by Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services.

### Words of Comfort

Death is the end of a lifetime,  
not the end of a relationship.  
- Mitch Albom



For more Words of Comfort, go to [www.inheavenshome.com](http://www.inheavenshome.com)

*Charlotte Hosie Nymark*  
**Nymark**  
*Author of Portrait of Evil*

**MEET THE AUTHOR MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, AT 3PM**  
Join local author Charlotte Hosie Nymark at the  
Oak Street Deli - 26 W. Oak St., Arcadia

*Portrait of Evil*

*Portrait of Evil* tells tale of one woman's history of evil in a small Florida town as she slides through cracks in the corrupt legal system - until justice is finally served.

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# Southwest Florida entertained by country greats at Six-Gun concert



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DeSoto athletes take a break from their busy spring schedules for some fun and games.

## Bayshore downs Dawgs 10-4

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

"If you're waiting around for one of those things, you might be waiting for a long time. That only happens once in a career." Those were the words of DeSoto County coach Trey Hill as he talked about the comeback the Bulldogs had against Bayshore Feb. 25. The Bulldogs trailed 9-0 in the fifth inning and came back to win 11-10.

Hill's comments came after his Bulldogs squad had just lost 10-4 to the Bruins March 20. The Bulldogs fell behind early as the Bruins touched starter Casey Rittenburg for five runs in the first inning. Bayshore picked up a run in each of the next three innings and two in the fifth, and were held scoreless in the final two innings by relief pitcher Tony Lalonde.

You really couldn't ask for anything more than what the Bulldogs' offense did in the game. They banged out seven hits and Corey Omar was hit twice by pitches. Omar and Brad Roberts



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

**Outfielder Corey Omar rounds third on his way home in the 10-4 loss to Bayshore. Omar scored on a two-run single by Wesley Georges. DeSoto County has a 7-8 record and will host Booker tonight at 7 p.m.**

drew the only free passes in the game for DeSoto County. That, plus a couple of Bruins' errors put 13 runners on base in the seven-inning game.

The defense also played flawlessly, and the keystone combination of

Roberts and Luke Womack turned two double plays.

### Pitching woes

Rittenburg settled down after the first inning but was replaced after throwing 60 pitches in just three innings. "I was hitting my spots, but they just hit everything I threw," Rittenburg said.

"Take away that first inning and it's a completely different game," Hill said. Lalonde finished the final four innings, allowing three runs.

"I can't do much about the game. I went out to talk to Casey in the first inning and asked him if he was hitting his spots or leaving it out over the middle. He said he was hitting his spots, and that's all I can ask him to

do," Hill said. "So all you can do is tip your hat at them (Bayshore) and say 'you got the best of me today.'"

Rittenburg had good stuff and everything the Bruins hit went to the opposite field because they couldn't catch up to his fastball. The balls just found holes and fell in for hits.

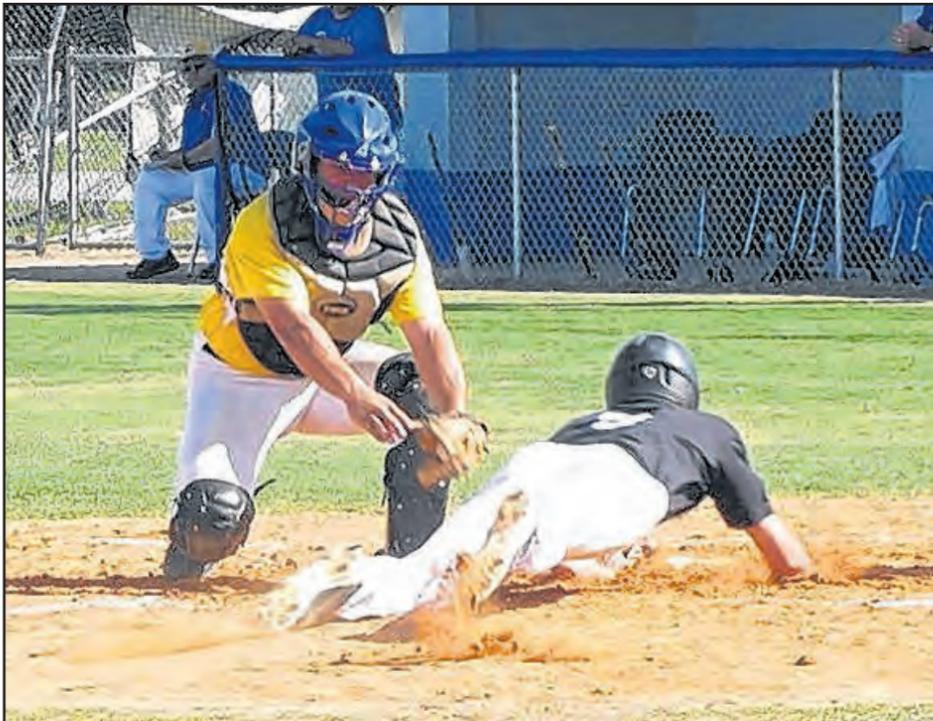
"Bayshore made a couple of nice backhand catches in the outfield that could have dropped in and changed the game around. They seemed to get all of the good hops, maybe I dragged the infield too well," Hill joked.

The Bulldogs scored a run in the second inning on a leadoff single by Javier Zamora. After Omar was hit by a pitch, both runners advanced on a bad pickoff throw by the Bruins catcher. Rittenburg singled in Zamora but Omar was cut down at the plate.

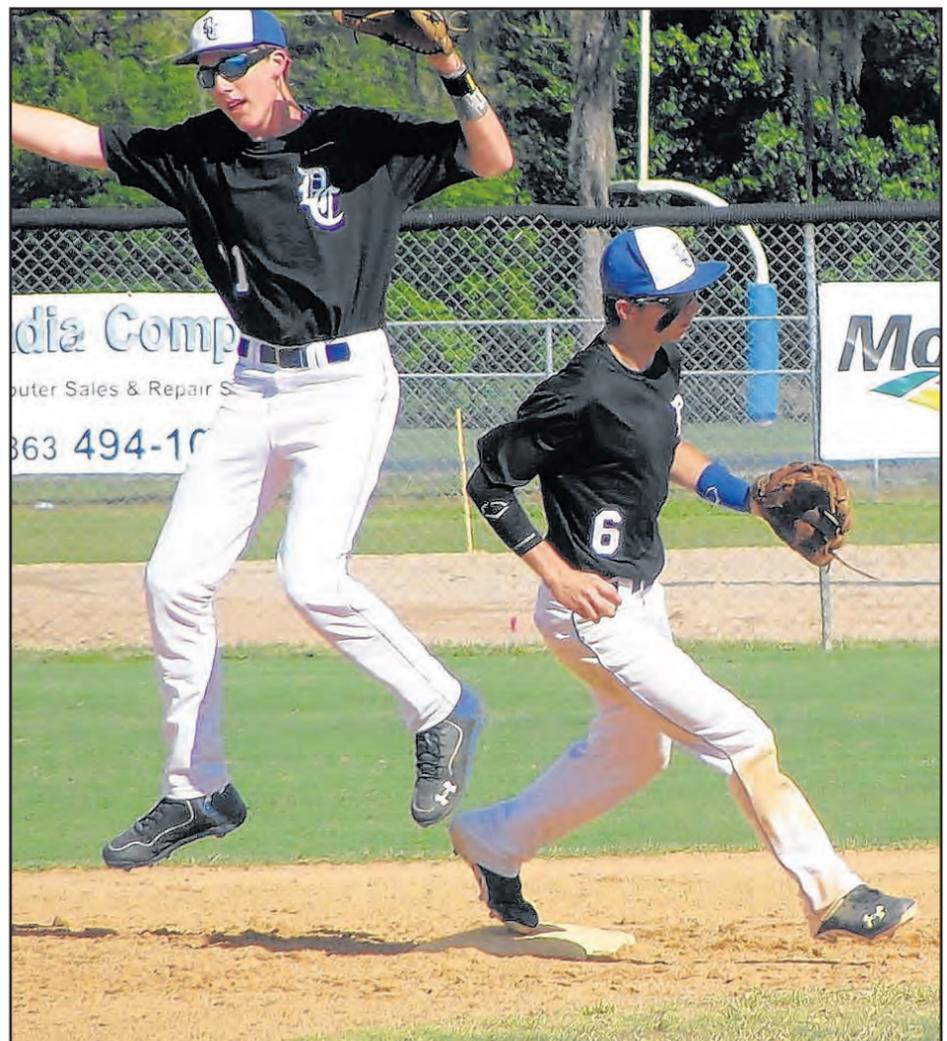
DeSoto tried to get back into the game, coming up with three runs in the fourth to cut the Bruins' lead to 8-4. Omar was hit by a pitch for the second time with one out. Singles by Rittenburg and Levi Oscela loaded the bases for third baseman Wesley Georges. Georges responded with a single to score two. Roberts walked to reload the bases and an error by the Bruins shortstop on an easy ground ball scored the final Bulldog run.

The Bulldogs traveled to Booker the next night and picked up a 6-2 win behind the excellent pitching of freshman Robb Adams. Adams went five innings, allowing two hits and fanning six. Omar pitched the final two innings and struck out the side in the seventh inning.

The win gives the Bulldogs a 7-8 record for the season with a 6-3 mark on the road. They host Booker tonight at 7 p.m.



The Bulldogs' Corey Omar makes a head-first slide at the plate but is cut down in the second inning against Bayshore. Omar was the only Bulldog to reach base three times, as he was hit by a pitch twice and drew a base on balls. In the fourth he scored the second DeSoto County run.



DeSoto County second baseman Luke Womack (left) gets out of the way of shortstop Brad Roberts as Roberts makes the final out of the inning on a force at second. The duo turned two twin killings for the strong DeSoto defense. Bayshore won the March 20 game 10-4.



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# Bulldogs compete at Tarpon Invitational

By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County track and field team participated in the Tarpon Invitational March 22 and came away with some impressive performances. The team finished 13th out of 20 schools.

Alfredrick "Keeper" Tyson set a new personal record for himself on his second long jump of the meet, as he flew 19' 11." His highlight of the meet came on his third and final jump, as he again set a new record for himself by

going nearly a foot farther with a jump of 20' 8."

Senior Ladeja Dennis waited until her final attempt of the day to set a new personal record in the triple jump, with a mark of 30' 7." That easily shattered her former best of 28' 2."

Tajahs Jackson took second out of 36 jumpers in the triple jump as he flew 44 feet. He also finished seventh out of 58 contestants in the 100-meter dash. Jackson suffered a slight pull in his right leg after the first heat, which bothered him in the finals of the 100-meter event.



Bulldogs assistant coach Darrell Nicklow congratulates Ladeja Dennis after she scored a new personal best in the triple jump.



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Bulldog DaWayne "Pooh" Hearns gets a lot of height on his long jump at the Tarpon Invitational last Saturday.



Senior Ladeja Dennis sticks her landing on her final triple jump attempt of the day at Charlotte High School March 22. This jump was her personal record as she leaped 30' 7."



DeSoto County's KeAndra Blocker concentrates before letting the shotput fly at the Charlotte Tarpon Invitational meet March 22.



DeSoto County's Shatterica Luther is all business as she gets into the blocks for the 100-meter hurdles at the Tarpon Invitational March 22.

## DeSoto teams bring home the hardware

By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County High School trophy case is starting to burst at the seams as the Bulldogs' athletic teams continue to do well in district action.

In the fall, the boys' cross country team earned the district runner-up trophy and the girls' volleyball team won their district and advanced into regional play.

Both the boys' and girls' golf teams had players advance into regional play. The winter sports season did well,

too, as the boys' weightlifting team won the third-place trophy at the tough LaBelle invitational.

The soccer teams did very well. The Bulldogs have not had a soccer team for as many years as other schools in the district, yet are becoming known as a soccer hotbed. The girls' team finished second in the district, while the boys' team won it all by winning the district title!

District tournaments for spring sports are right around the corner and hopefully there will be a few more trophies to fill up the trophy case.



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Trophies shown here are for boys' cross country district runners-up, volleyball district championship, boys' weightlifting invitational trophy from LaBelle, boys' district soccer championship and girls' soccer district runners-up trophy.

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# Williams signs with Southeastern University

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

Kari Williams is on fire! Not just yet, but he will be as one of the newest football recruits for Southeastern University in Lakeland. The Fire will have their inaugural football season starting this fall and Williams will be a part of their first season on the gridiron.

The NAIA school is building a new football stadium as they start their program. Williams said, "I chose this school because I loved the atmosphere of the school and because it's not too far from home or too close either."

Williams will major in sports management. As far as playing football, he knows he will have to battle for a starting position. "I'll just have to wait till practice and beat the next guy to start and work my way up the depth chart," he said.

DeSoto county football coach Matt Egloff said, "He's a great kid first of all. He has a big upside since he played for us and we're not known as a passing team so the amount of knowledge he will get in college and the improvement he will make is tremendous. In his four years here he has grown into a real leader and has shown great signs of maturity."



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**Takeshea Hoskins watches her son, Kari Williams, as he signs his letter of intent to attend Southeastern University next fall.**

Williams has always had a strong arm and has shown great personal growth as a player and as a young man. He broke all of the passing records at DeSoto County High School including touchdowns, yardage and completions for his career, along with season and game records. That's what he says he will remember most about his time playing for the blue and white.

Williams also was a star on the basketball court as he averaged 26 points

per game, and for the first half of the season was averaging 31 points for the Bulldogs. DeSoto County basketball coach Richard Koonce said, "He has shown great growth as a player and as a leader. He has matured and is a young man of integrity. He is one of the all-around best players I have coached both on and off the court."

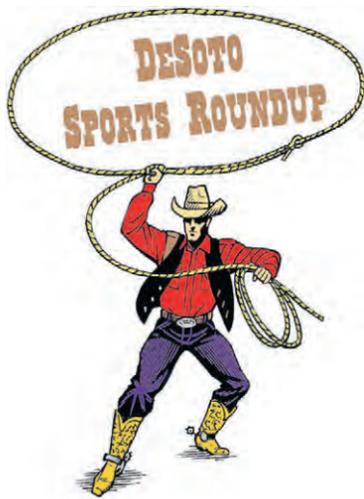
Williams said he hopes to play for the Fire basketball team. They have an excellent team that just finished their season at 27-7.



**Kari Williams is also a star basketball player and averaged 26 points for the DeSoto County team in his senior season.**



**Kari Williams on the sidelines in a game against Lake Region in 2013.**



By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

- The varsity baseball team lost its first two games during spring break to Avon Park 7-5 and Bayshore 10-4. The squad finished the week with a 6-2 win over Booker.

- The junior varsity baseball team lost 11-7 to Avon Park.

- The track and field team finished 13th at the Tarpon Invitational tournament last Saturday. The two distance runners for the Bulldogs, Steven Ochoa and Lisandro Cisneros, both had personal bests in the mile and two-mile events. Ladeja Dennis and Alfredrick Tyson had personal best distances in the long jump, too.

- The softball teams were rained out at Charlotte.

## Upcoming games

- The track and field team will run at 2 p.m. in North Port today in the final invitational before districts begin April 16.

- The JV baseball team will host Sebring tonight at 6 p.m. and travel to Community Christian April 1. (Directions: Take Kings Highway to Veterans Boulevard and then turn left onto Peachland. Then make a left turn onto Loveland, and turn at Harold Avenue. The fields are on the right side of the recreation complex.) The game time for



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**Tajahs Jackson finished second on this triple jump with a distance of 44 feet at the Tarpon Invitational track meet last Saturday. Jackson also finished seventh in the 100-meter dash after pulling a muscle in a preliminary heat.**

their April 10 game has been moved up to 4:30 p.m.

- The varsity baseball team hosts Booker tonight after beating them on the road last week. Next Thursday the Bulldogs will host Hardee at 7 p.m.

- The softball teams will play at Charlotte April 1 and then home April 3 against Hardee. They will be home against Port Charlotte

April 4 and will play Lake Placid April 7. Their final game before districts is April 11 against LaBelle. That is also senior night for the Bulldogs.

- The boys' weightlifting team has its district meet April 8 at Avon Park.

- The middle school volleyball teams are at Hardee tonight and Lake Placid next Thursday.

## LETTERS

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business opportunity here, or perhaps just fall in love with our friendly little town and decide to come and join us."

**From Mandy Hines, County Coordinator:**

"Thank You for your support of tourism in DeSoto County. By supplying 50 tickets to the Arcadia All-Championship Rodeo 2014, you encouraged forty pilots to not only participate in the Fly-In at the Arcadia Airport, but to experience more in DeSoto County. When a community works together to complement all of the assets, we start to build wonderful things. Thank You again to you and the Friends of the Arcadia Airport for all you do to support exposing our community to others and encourage taking advantage of visiting us!"

**From Wes Whitley, Satellite Beach, Fla.:**

"I was fortunate enough to fly-in/camp at the Arcadia airport this past weekend. And what a Fun and Memorable experience it was! The Friends of Arcadia Airport group were our hosts and they made the whole event work. They provided our Recreational Aviation Foundation flyers with the necessary camping basics, they fixed delicious meals, got us rodeo tickets, and rounded up evening entertainment, — these guys did it all! What a great group and an asset to the airport and community. ... Arcadia has been stamped in my travel log as 'The Friendly City' in Florida!"

**From Jack Tyler, Florida State Liaison, RAF:** "Friends

of Arcadia Airport all deserve an attaboy, to be sure. And from our perspective, I think everyone genuinely had a great time. This was one of the best RAF events I've experienced when judged by how folks felt while being there."

**From Bill, High Springs, Fla.:**

"It was a pleasure to fly with you also. Had a good trip home and now unpacking the camper. We sure did appreciate Friends hospitality down there at Arcadia airport."

**From Eric Davis, RAF Georgia State Liaison, Atlanta:**

"On behalf of the Georgia members of the RAF, I want to thank you all for the very special time this past weekend. We certainly enjoyed ourselves and look forward to visiting again. For me, this was an especially fun time as it was 'my first rodeo.' It's so very encouraging to see folks doing what you all are to help keep the interest in recreational aviation strong and vibrant."

**From Wayne Whitley, Inverness, Fla.:**

"I thoroughly enjoyed the Fly-in your team hosted this past weekend. ... I was grateful for the opportunity to join in with ... the Nocatee singers on Saturday night and share our music. I want to thank Guy Maxcy for not only driving us to and from the Rodeo, but also for providing a ticket to the "sold out" Rodeo so that a late arriving pilot could attend. Just one of many examples of your positive "team" effort."

To see a video of the fly-in, including the rodeo and the Nocatee music circle, visit <http://youtu.be/jTX7CYZcNy0>.

George Chase  
Friends of Arcadia Airport

# Bulldog athletes enjoy spring break

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

Most of the spring sports had last week off for spring break week. The varsity baseball team played three games but most of the other teams had the week off.

At Brewer Park last Thursday night, many current and former athletes were seen enjoying the fun that sports can bring. Several soccer players such as Rosario Zavala, Lucero Perez and Adriana Olvera along with at least a dozen others were on the pitch and honing their skills. Others participated in sports that they don't usually play during the school year.

Football star Deionte Turner was an example of the latter as he played basketball and then went to the tennis court for a match against Mariah Noble, who plays on the basketball team.



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Football and soccer player Rosario Zavala gets a good workout while playing in a soccer game during spring break at Brewer Park.



Mani Wesley (left) and Tajahs Jackson follow the flight of the basketball as it goes through the net in a pickup game at Brewer Park.

DeSoto County football player Jonshea Reed has his hands full with Jamera Edwards (left) and Mariah Noble while on the tennis court. "After you left they beat me up with tennis rackets," Reed joked.



Volleyball and soccer star (and Charlotte Sun All-Area player) Lucero Perez doesn't let her past accomplishments go to her head as she ties teammate Adriana Olvera's shoe before they play in a pickup soccer game.



All-area football star Deionte Turner tries his hand at tennis as he plays against Mariah Noble while he waits to get back on the basketball court.



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# A pioneer who gardened for sustenance and soul

This past Saturday's "Pioneer Day" celebration by DeSoto County Historical Society prompted us to reread a favorite book offering a unique view of life in Florida in the late 1800's.

"Come to My Sunland: Letters of Julia Daniels Moseley from the Florida Frontier 1882-1886" was edited by a granddaughter, Julia Winifred Moseley, and Betty Powers Crislip, who grew up in the area where the Moseleys settled.

Charles Scott Moseley was an executive with the Elgin Watch Company in Illinois. He was 22 years Julia's senior, a widower with two teen-aged children. Both he and his children suffered from asthma and he desired to spend winters in Florida's balmy climate. The company purchased a large tract of land east of Tampa (known as Fort Brooke then), for the purpose of establishing a winter colony surrounded by orange groves.

At the time the Moseleys moved to Florida, Scott had left the company and worked as a consultant to other watch manufacturing companies. He traveled much of the year, leaving Julia alone in Florida with his two children and the two sons she bore him.

They bought five acres and an existing log cabin that had been used as a home, a school and a church. The area was known as Limona, from the Spanish word for lemon, and today is a part of Brandon.

Julia kept up a prodigious correspondence with a dear friend up north, her husband when he traveled, and several others. She copied excerpts from her letters into a journal, "to be saved for our children Karl and Hallock." The journal was saved by the stepdaughter from a fire that destroyed the original house. Today the rebuilt home which dates from 1886 is the private home of Julia's granddaughter.

Julia was educated, an avid reader and an artistic soul. She edited the letters to the parts she wished to be remembered by her children. From her writings, one quickly realizes her love of beauty was a driving force. In contrast to many of the writings that survive from that era, there is little mention of the hardships, drudgery and repetitive tasks that left little time for enjoyment and recreation. Julia was an efficient time manager. When she does write of mundane tasks, she boasts of dispensing with them quickly and thoroughly so that she could have time for her artistic pursuits. She even scheduled individual time with her children!



Over the Garden Gate

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Julia delighted in exploring the new land and discovering what secrets nature held. She was an avid gardener, though she does not mention growing vegetables. Her interest was in creating a beautiful home, both inside and out. She took pride in converting the crude log cabin into a comfortable home, decorated with her artistic efforts and always, fresh flowers gathered from her garden and nearby woods.

Although she lacked formal training as a botanist, she pressed flowers and artistically mounted them on large

sheets so that she would have something to show people when they said "Florida has no flowers."

They planted orange, lime, lemon, grapefruit, fig, plum, peach, persimmon and pomegranate. She surrounded her home with plants chosen for their beauty, including bamboo, magnolia, umbrella tree (schefflera), oleander, castor beans and crepe myrtle. The garden was surrounded by a decorative fence over which she grew passion vine, trumpet vine and red honeysuckle. A fern garden on the northeast side of the house was always a cool retreat.

She grew roses, and gathered them for her inside displays. During the summer, she would fill the hearth of the huge chimney with palm fronds and every flowering bough she could find. Her tables were decorated with morning glories and bowls of water lilies. She would pluck a newly unfurled banana leaf and creatively arrange the unusual banana blossom on it. She wrote: "It makes no difference if we have much to put on the table or not. It is always a merry meal ... the table is always so pretty ... the flowers are never forgotten."

Although the area was sparsely populated, Julia regularly visited and received neighbors and developed a

circle of friends she could rely on both for sustenance and to feed her soul. She bought eggs, milk and chickens for slaughter from neighbors. She writes of neighbors bringing her baskets of flowers with fruits and vegetables tucked beneath. She wrote: "No matter how many [flowers] I might have, I always love to have people bring them to me." The older children were often dispatched to a nearby lake to catch fish, which were "cooked so brown and crisp."

On walks she regularly admired air plants, magnolias and tangles of vines. She writes of climbing a tree to snatch a particularly handsome air plant and then being startled on the way down as a snake climbed out of it. She was not afraid of snakes, and wrote an article on snakes for the "Home Journal." She prepared the skin of a rattlesnake and fashioned a handbag out of it.

On the breezeway between rooms she had a large box elevated on palm trunks that she called her hanging garden. It was filled with moist sand in which she arranged palm fronds and anything brought back from her walks in the woods, changing the display as the contents withered.

She gathered the soft mats of fibers from palmetto plants and worked hours at covering an entire wall with pieces carefully arranged and stitched together. A sample of her wall covering handiwork was exhibited at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair in the Florida exhibit at the Agricultural Building.

When the mud and stick chimney of the log cabin caught fire one cold and blustery December morning, she wrote to Scott: "Do not despair ... it is only the house we lived in." A small building that was her private retreat remained. From it the next day she wrote: "I have already ordered new lumber and planned the addition ..." Three months later she wrote: "We have a little garden started on the south and east. Morning glories, passion vine, ferns, lilies and other things. Pomegranate and crepe myrtle set out for it couldn't seem a home until it has a garden."

For a delightful look into the life of the "lady of Limona," check out this book from DeSoto County Library. Visit <http://turnofthecenturies.blogspot.com/2009/10/come-to-my-sunland-brandon-florida.html> for a 2009 photo tour and write-up about the home by Kirsten Sparenborg Brinton.



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The fiber mats from around the buds of the saw palmetto plant were used in the 1880's to make a wall covering by Julia Daniels Moseley, an early settler of the area now known as Brandon. A sample of her handiwork was exhibited at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair in the Florida exhibit at the Agricultural Building.

## GRIT & PIECES

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as guinea pigs for surgery. And vasectomy surgery would be a good way to ensure that the design and performance was flawless, wouldn't you agree?

Advertising does sell, especially if it's something that gets into your head that you can't forget, even after decades. The mere mention of some slogans brings it all back to us, no matter how old we are. Here are a few: "I can't believe I ate the whole

thing!" "I'd rather fight than switch!" "Does she, or doesn't she?" And who can forget "Take it all off. Take it all off ... with Noxema." Or, "What would you do for a Klondike Bar?" See what I mean?

Remember those TV commercials for Taster's Choice coffee? There was a storyline between a man and woman that continued from ad to ad, and kept viewers tuned in as though it were a soap opera, to find out if they'd ever become involved. I forget how it ended with them, but I wish the company would pick it back up where it left off so we'd know what was going on with them these days. On second thought, though, by now they'd likely be hawking products like Geritol, Poligrip and Depends, stuff that inquiring minds really don't want to know!

Not all TV ads are in the best of interests. Or tastes. Heaven help you if you are battling insomnia and turn on your boob tube after midnight and start channel surfing during commercial breaks. They advertise some scary stuff out there that is definitely not meant for young minds and eyes. Same goes for the

fainthearted. Sometimes it's an entire infomercial that's dedicated to something that'll have your hair standing on end. And after seeing that, you can forget going back to sleep. Not gonna happen.

Advertising is a clever strategy. Probably the best example I saw firsthand was somewhere in a tourist trap town in the mountains. On the wall outside this one shop was a hole, about two inches in diameter, maybe 40 inches from the ground. Above it was a little sign that read "Don't look in this hole." Of course, nearly everybody had to bend over and do it. Then once they went into the shop and walked around awhile, they discovered a video screen showing images from a camera posted outside that was capturing people live as they looked into the hole. And of course the view was from their "better side." Clever and comical!

If advertising wasn't so popular and successful, there'd be no companies paying over a million dollars for a 30-second ad during the Super Bowl. Now those are classics, to the point that some people watch the game only for the commercials.

I've always thought it would be fun to work in advertising like that, coming up with catchy, crazy stuff. One of my ideas many years ago was to use that old 1963 Surfariis song "Wipeout" as a theme for a particular product that I'm sure you can guess. Here's your hint: hopefully you have rolls of it handy in your bathroom. If only I'd submitted that idea, I might be rich by now. Alas, the road not taken.

Let me finish with another ad I saw Monday, on my CenturyLink home page that has scrolling tidbits of what they consider news, including entertainment (if it can be called that). There was a photo of aging pop diva Madonna as one of the selections for those scrolling the Internet that could be opened to find out more about her. What was the headline they used as bait, you ask? "Madonna shocks with armpit picture."

Yeah, like I'm gonna click on THAT! Anyhow, we'll be inundated with crazy, shocking advertising until the day we die, which makes me wonder just how nice it would be if we could have selective literacy.

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DENSEL RAY DEES (deceased), MARY ANN DEES (deceased), CHARLES E. NORRIS, CRAIG T. DEES, LINDA G. DEES, JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

**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 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 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 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

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 131159 3011090

**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@eewj.com  
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Florida Bar No. 0794971  
Eugene E. Waldron, Jr., P.A.  
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Rochester, New York 14619  
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 14-2010-CA-000708  
DIVISION: 02  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ATHENA L. PEEL, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 11, 2014 and entered in Case No. 14-2010-CA-000708 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, is the Plaintiff and ATHENA L. PEEL; DEMPSEY B. PEEL; BANK OF AMERICA, NA; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 at 11:00AM, on the 24th day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: **LOTS 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 AND 20, BLOCK 2, AND ALL OF BLOCK 1 OF H.L. AND Z.S. HOLLINGSWORTH ADDITION TO BROWNVILLE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 5, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO, THAT PORTION OF VACATED STREETS LYING BETWEEN BLOCKS 1 AND 2 IN SAID SUBDIVISION. LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 9 AND 10, AND ALL OF LOT 11, BLOCK 1, AND PART OF A FORTY FOOT STREET DIVIDING BLOCKS 1 AND 2, SAID STREET NOT ABANDONED, ALL BEING A PART OF H.L. AND Z.S. HOLLINGSWORTH ADDITION TO BROWNVILLE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 5, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 11, THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST, 85.02 FEET; THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST, 120.03 FEET; THENCE SOUTH**

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122**

20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST, 128.70 FEET; THENCE EAST 127.65 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, LESS PAVED COUNTRY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ON EAST AND SOUTH SIDES, ALSO LESS THAT PORTION OF VACATED STREET LYING EAST OF LOT 12 IN BLOCK 2 AND LYING EAST OF UNNUMBERED LOT IN SAID BLOCK 2. ALSO LESS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 11, BLOCK 1, H.L. AND Z.S. HOLLINGSWORTH ADDITION TO BROWNVILLE AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 5, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN NORTH 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST, 85.02 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE THE SAME LINE 148.51 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 70 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST, 119.61 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST, 147.61 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 70 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST, 120.03 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LOSS PAVED COUNTRY ROAD RIGHT OF-WAY ON THE EAST SIDE. A/K/A 7195 NE HIGHWAY 17, ARCADIA, FL 34266 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 14, 2014. Mitzie McGavic Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ B. Wynn Deputy Clerk  
**\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act\*\* If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Ms. Ann Olson P. O. Box 48927 Sarasota, FL 34230 Phone: 941-861-4813 Fax: 941-861-7810** Published 3/27/14 & 4/3/14 234766 3020458

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2013CA000296AXMA JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. MONICA T. ALLISON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MONICA T. ALLISON; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 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.

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. Submitted by: Kahane & Associates, P.A. 8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000 Plantation, FL 33324 Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380 Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com Published 3/20/14 & 3/27/14 221363 3017337

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 14-2013-CA-000208 SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH L. JETER A/K/A DEBORAH LADANE JETER, JOSEPH MICHAEL KOZLOWSKI, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed February 21, 2014 entered in Civil Case No. 14-2013-CA-000208 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Arcadia, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the south door of the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL. 34266 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 17th day of April, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit: Lot 5, Block 2, Section 10A, Sunnybreeze Harbor, as per map or plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for DeSoto County, Florida, in Plat Book 6, Page 84. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 21st day of February, 2014. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 As Clerk of the Court BY: /s/ B. Wynn Deputy Clerk  
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance: Please contact DeSoto County Jury Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. Telephone: (863) 993-4876. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. Published 3/27/14 & 4/3/14 338116 3020127

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2013CA000296AXMA JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. MONICA T. ALLISON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MONICA T. ALLISON; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO: 2013CA000228AXMA BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff vs. LORENZO A. RAMIREZ A/K/A LORENZO ALFARO RAMIREZ, et al., are the Defendants, DeSoto County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in DeSoto County, Florida, described as: LOT 5, BLOCK "H", EL DORADO PARK SUBDIVISION, as per map or plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Clerk, of Circuit Court in and for DeSoto County, Florida, in Plat Book 5, Page 71. Together with a 2008 Nobility Homes King Doublewide mobile home with Identification #'s N813414A and N813414B and HUD Label numbers FLA 802925 and FLA 8021924, Model #40C3H. Which by intention of the parties and upon retirement of the certificate of title as provided in 319.261 FLA. Stat., shall constitute a part of the realty and shall pass with it. at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 33821 at 11am, on the 17th day of June, 2014. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 14th day of March, 2014. DeSoto County 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 a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance: Please contact DeSoto County Jury Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. Telephone: (863) 993-4876. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. Published 3/27/14 & 4/3/14 276862 3020215

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2013CA000732 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 OF FORECLOSURE 3122**

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°38'02" 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 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 SALE 3130**

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CENLAR FSB Plaintiff, vs. JEREMY SPEAKMAN, ALISHA ALLEN AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants. Case No. 14-2012-CA-000829 Division 2

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on March 17, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, The Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in Desoto County, Florida described as: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, AND RUNNING NORTH 283 FEET; THENCE EAST 295 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 45 'EAST 270 FEET; THENCE EAST 132 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 19 DEGREES 45' WEST 270 FEET; THENCE WEST 132 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. and commonly known as: 345 W WINIFRED ST, ARCADIA, FL 34266; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on front steps of the DeSoto County Courthouse, on May 20, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.. Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 17 day of March, 2014. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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 OF SALE 3130**

Mitzie W. McGavic By: /s/ B. Wynn Deputy Clerk Published 3/27/14 & 4/3/14 101348 3020116

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO: 2013CA000228AXMA BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff vs. LORENZO A. RAMIREZ A/K/A LORENZO ALFARO RAMIREZ, et al. Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a UFJ dated March 13, 2014, entered in Civil Case Number 2013CA000228AXMA, in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and LORENZO A. RAMIREZ A/K/A LORENZO ALFARO RAMIREZ, et al., are the Defendants, DeSoto County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in DeSoto County, Florida, described as: LOT 5, BLOCK "H", EL DORADO PARK SUBDIVISION, as per map or plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Clerk, of Circuit Court in and for DeSoto County, Florida, in Plat Book 5, Page 71. Together with a 2008 Nobility Homes King Doublewide mobile home with Identification #'s N813414A and N813414B and HUD Label numbers FLA 802925 and FLA 8021924, Model #40C3H. Which by intention of the parties and upon retirement of the certificate of title as provided in 319.261 FLA. Stat., shall constitute a part of the realty and shall pass with it. at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 33821 at 11am, on the 17th day of June, 2014. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 14th day of March, 2014. DeSoto County 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 a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance: Please contact DeSoto County Jury Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. Telephone: (863) 993-4876. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. Published 3/27/14 & 4/3/14 276862 3020215

**TAX DEEDS 3132**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Notice is hereby given that TC TAMPA 1, LLC PNC CUS TC TAMPA 1, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 1545 Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011 Tax Deed File #: 14-10-TD Description of Property: LOTS 8 AND 9, DESOTO ACRES SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 9.

**Names in which assessed:** OSWEGO ENTERPRISES 4556 SE BROWN RD ARCADIA, FL 34266  
 All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be

The public sale will be conducted at Easy Mini Storage, 4599 N.W. Hwy. 70, Arcadia, Fl. 34266, at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014. Units will be sold to the highest bidder. Open door sale, cash only. A cleaning deposit will be taken. (863) 993-2220. Published 3/27/14 & 4/3/14 222020 3020132

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 OF SALE 3130**

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

**TAX DEEDS 3132**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Notice is hereby given that TC TAMPA 1, LLC PNC CUS TC TAMPA 1, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 1545 Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011 Tax Deed File #: 14-10-TD Description of Property: LOTS 8 AND 9, DESOTO ACRES SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 9.

**Names in which assessed:** OSWEGO ENTERPRISES 4556 SE BROWN RD ARCADIA, FL 34266  
 All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be

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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**

**TAX DEEDS 3132**

sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on APRIL 23, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

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**SUN** NEWSPAPERS

# DeSoto 4-H unveils new teaching kitchen

**SUBMITTED By BRITTANY ROWAN**  
4-H ASSISTANT

From pancake breakfasts to fresh fruits and vegetables, DeSoto County 4-H members will now be able to prepare and preserve their own food.

We live in an era where there is a disconnect between the farm and the consumer. DeSoto County 4-H, through a grant from the Mosaic Company, will address this issue through the new teaching kitchen at the County Extension Office. This kitchen will allow youth to work with supportive and knowledgeable adults to learn life skills ranging from making healthy lifestyle choices to teamwork and marketing skills as they work together to prepare, preserve and consume foods that are healthy for them as well as those around them.

In addition to learning about preservation and preparation, youth will build an understanding of where their food comes from as they are immersed in DeSoto County Agriculture. This type of hands-on education has the ability to impact youth for many



PHOTOS PROVIDED

**County Commissioner Elton Langford gets a big helping of scrambled eggs as students try out the new 4-H kitchen at the County Extension Office. The kitchen will help 4-H members learn about healthy food choices and food preparation.**

years to come and bridge the gap youth are experiencing today.

For more information on 4-H and the new teaching kitchen, call the



**Pyper Skinner, in the foreground, helps prepare breakfast in the new 4-H teaching kitchen. Members had a chance to serve breakfast to county commissioners and school board members for the opening of the new kitchen facilities.**

DeSoto County Extension Office at 863-993-4846.



**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**

A difficult challenge lies ahead, Aries. Save up your energy for the next few days, and keep socializing to a minimum for the time being.

**Taurus - Apr 21/May 21**

The path you have been taking seems more stable, Taurus. This is a good way to go for a while. You will find others are looking to you more for advice. It's a role you enjoy.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**

Gemini, a string of bad luck is not as bad as it seems. Like most things, this, too, shall pass. Keep your chin up, and hang out with friends to keep your mind busy.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**

A great opportunity presents itself this week, Cancer. Focus your energy on making the most of this opportunity, and you will be glad for having done so.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**

Leo, speak a little louder to ensure your voice is heard on an important issue this week. Your input is valuable, and those around you will be glad you spoke up.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**

Virgo, a new career opportunity is coming your way soon. Make the most of this opportunity if change is something you feel you need at this point in your career.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**

Extra spending leaves you a little light in the wallet, Libra. Look for ways to generate some extra income or curtail your spending in the months ahead.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**

Scorpio, a bumpy road will soon give way to greener pastures. Ride out this rough patch with a smile on your face, and it will pass quickly without wreaking any significant havoc.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**

Sagittarius, a relationship is blossoming and you're not sure in which direction it should be going. Trust your gut instincts, and things will work out fine.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**

You are tougher than others suspect, Capricorn, and you will prove your mettle with a difficult task that requires all of your focus and energy to master. Others will be impressed.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**

Things are changing, but it's for the best, Aquarius. Instead of going against the tide, let the waves take you where you need to go. Surprises are in store.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**

Think about moving in a new direction, Pisces. Change can be a good thing, and you will benefit from embracing change this time.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**

- MARCH 23**  
Jason Kidd, Athlete (41)
- MARCH 24**

- Jim Parsons, Actor (41)
- MARCH 25**  
Elton John, Singer (67)
- MARCH 26**  
Jennifer Grey, Actress (54)
- MARCH 27**  
Nathan Fillion, Actor (43)
- MARCH 28**  
Lady Gaga, Singer (28)
- MARCH 29**  
Jill Goodacre, Model (49)

**LIVESTOCK SALES**

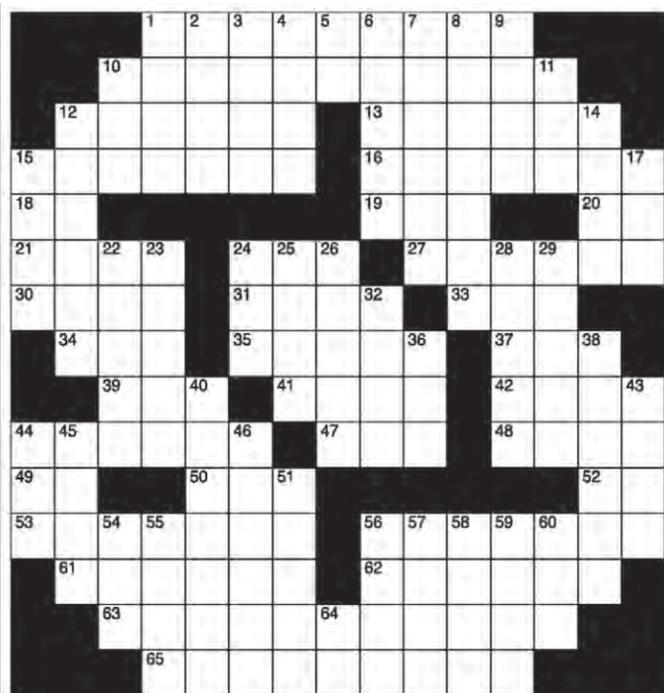
Reported by the Arcadia Stockyard for the week of March 19

Weight	Price per cwt.
<b>Steers – Medium and Large Frame</b>	
175-275	\$300-355 (avg. \$315.96)
275-350	\$275-302.50 (avg. \$281.89)
350-425	\$240-275 (avg. \$250.20)
425-500	\$220-242.50 (avg. \$230)
500-575	\$175-212.50 (avg. \$186.71)
575-700	\$155-175 (avg. \$162.75)
<b>Steers – Light and Medium Frame</b>	
175-275	\$275-310 (avg. \$291.71)
275-350	\$235-275 (avg. \$259.59)
350-425	\$210-245 (avg. \$231.63)
425-500	\$190-225 (avg. \$208.82)
500-575	\$155-175 (avg. \$167.08)
575-700	\$117-160 (avg. \$137.68)
<b>Heifers – Medium and Large Frame</b>	
175-275	\$255-300 (avg. \$269.90)
275-350	\$227.50-255 (avg. \$234.77)
350-425	\$210-237 (avg. \$219.61)
425-500	\$200-227.50 (avg. \$202.58)
500-575	\$170-202.50 (avg. \$189.44)
575-700	\$150-185 (avg. \$161.07)
<b>Heifers – Light and Medium Frame</b>	
175-275	\$235-260 (avg. \$247.81)
275-350	\$205-230 (avg. \$220.21)
350-425	\$190-215 (avg. \$203.05)
425-500	\$175-200 (avg. \$188.14)
500-575	\$145-175 (avg. \$164.17)
575-700	\$132.50-152.50 (avg. \$144.55)

**Slaughter Classes**

Cows:	
Boners 1100-1900	\$105-119 (avg. \$109.68)
Lean 850-1200	\$91-105 (avg. \$98.16)
Low Dressing: 800-1100	\$84-102 (avg. \$93.03)
Shells: 650-800	\$52-76 (avg. \$67.95)
Bulls:	
High Dressing: 1300-2000	\$125-136 (avg. \$129.91)
1000-1299	\$109-127 (avg. \$118.55)
Low Dressing: under 1100	\$105-123 (avg. \$114.30)

**Totals:** – 1,708; calves – 1,266; cows – 380; bulls – 62  
Slaughter cows were steady to \$2 higher. Slaughter bulls were \$10 to \$12 higher. Feeder steers and heifer calves under 425 pounds were steady to \$2 higher. Feeder steer calves over 425 pounds were \$3 to \$5 higher. Feeder heifer calves over 425 pounds were \$8 to \$12 higher.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Recapture the past
- 10. "Tosh.0" and "South Park" are two
- 12. Military greeting
- 13. Passenger ships
- 15. Can't move
- 16. Any omission of a part
- 18. 43rd state
- 19. Compassionate nursing care
- 20. Pa's partner
- 21. Dutch cheese
- 24. London radio station
- 27. Perfumed powder bag
- 30. Liquid body substances
- 31. Expresses pleasure
- 33. Escape from prison
- 34. Long-wave hue
- 35. Bleated
- 37. Male swan
- 39. Head cover
- 41. Fewer calories
- 42. Teal duck genus
- 44. Inspire with love
- 47. Grab
- 48. Cruel inhuman person
- 49. 6th musical tone
- 50. Indigenous tribe of Indonesia
- 52. Megabyte
- 53. Headpin in bowling
- 56. Light, fitful naps
- 61. Precede
- 62. Greek and Turkish Sea
- 63. Pot 'o gold location
- 65. Was in disagreement

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. A player's part
- 2. Ratites
- 3. Distribute
- 4. 15th day of March
- 5. Empire State
- 6. Small island
- 7. Con or swindle accomplices
- 8. Oasts kiln shape
- 9. Female sheep
- 10. Motor vehicle
- 11. \_\_\_ Lanka
- 12. More melancholy
- 14. Not all
- 15. Apple, pumpkin or a la mode
- 17. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician
- 22. Palms with egg shaped nuts
- 23. Mistress of a household
- 24. Founder of Babism
- 25. Semitic fertility god
- 26. Connected links
- 28. Chocolate tree
- 29. Miao-Yao is their language
- 32. Moss capsule stalk
- 36. Young society woman
- 38. Bartenders
- 40. Buried port city
- 43. One point S of SE
- 44. Cervid
- 45. Inexperienced (var.)
- 46. Exercises authority over
- 51. Handles
- 54. Neither
- 55. Alumnus
- 56. Sunrise
- 57. Cease exertion
- 58. Double curve
- 59. Maneuver
- 60. Not happy
- 64. Old English

**CRYPTO FUN**  
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to vision. Each number corresponds to a different letter. (Hint: 11 = a)

A. 14 18 22 12 5 11  
Clue: Transmitted eye part

B. 13 19 13 26 3  
Clue: Dark matter swirling

C. 25 5 11 22 7  
Clue: Mammal

D. 3 11 7 2 5 7  
Clue: Vision impairment

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**PUZZLE SOLUTION**

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- Auto Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank \_\_\_\_\_
- Barber Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Carpet Cleaning \_\_\_\_\_
- Caterer \_\_\_\_\_
- Cellular Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Check Cashing \_\_\_\_\_
- Child Care \_\_\_\_\_
- Computer Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Hairstylist \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Law Firm \_\_\_\_\_
- Lawn Care \_\_\_\_\_
- Mail/Shipping \_\_\_\_\_
- Nail Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Pest Control \_\_\_\_\_
- Pet Grooming \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumber \_\_\_\_\_
- Realtor \_\_\_\_\_
- School \_\_\_\_\_
- Services \_\_\_\_\_
- Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Tax Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_
- Window Tinting \_\_\_\_\_

### HEALTH & FITNESS

- Assisted Living \_\_\_\_\_
- Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_
- Dietitian \_\_\_\_\_
- Dance Studio \_\_\_\_\_
- Dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- Doctor (family) \_\_\_\_\_
- Doctor (pediatrician) \_\_\_\_\_
- Doctor (specialty) \_\_\_\_\_
- Exercise/Gym \_\_\_\_\_
- Hearing \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Health Care \_\_\_\_\_
- Message Therapy \_\_\_\_\_
- Nursing \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

### SHOPPING

- Antiques \_\_\_\_\_
- Appliance Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Bookstore \_\_\_\_\_
- Boutique \_\_\_\_\_
- Bridal Boutique \_\_\_\_\_
- Clothing Store (men's) \_\_\_\_\_
- Clothing Store (women's) \_\_\_\_\_
- Convenience Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Electronics Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Feed/Ranch Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Gift Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Hardware Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Jewelry Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Liquor Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Produce \_\_\_\_\_
- Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Sporting Goods \_\_\_\_\_
- Storage Sheds \_\_\_\_\_
- Thrift Store \_\_\_\_\_

### ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

- Artist \_\_\_\_\_
- Band (local) \_\_\_\_\_
- Golf Course \_\_\_\_\_
- Live Music Venue \_\_\_\_\_
- Camping \_\_\_\_\_
- Canoeing \_\_\_\_\_
- Photography \_\_\_\_\_

### EATS & DRINKS

- Bakery \_\_\_\_\_
- Bar \_\_\_\_\_
- Bar & Grill \_\_\_\_\_
- Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
- Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Buffet \_\_\_\_\_
- Cheap Eats \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese \_\_\_\_\_
- Coffee \_\_\_\_\_
- Deli \_\_\_\_\_
- Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
- Family-Friendly Eats \_\_\_\_\_
- Fast Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Fried Chicken \_\_\_\_\_
- Hamburger \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Italian \_\_\_\_\_
- Lunch \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican \_\_\_\_\_
- Seafood \_\_\_\_\_
- Steak \_\_\_\_\_
- Sweet Tea \_\_\_\_\_

**Have category suggestions?  
Let us know!**

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### CONTEST RULES

1. You must be at least 18 years or older to enter.
2. You may only submit one completed ballot, additional submissions will automatically disqualify you from voting in the contest.
3. The questionnaire must be 50% completed or it will be disqualified.
4. All entries must be received in our office by April 30, 2014 at 5 p.m.
5. The winner will be chosen by random drawing.
6. The Readers' Choice Winners will be determined by the highest number of votes from the entries.
7. Contest results do not reflect the views of the Arcadian.

### ENTRY FORM

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Planting resumes as rain slackens

FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 16

## Weather Summary

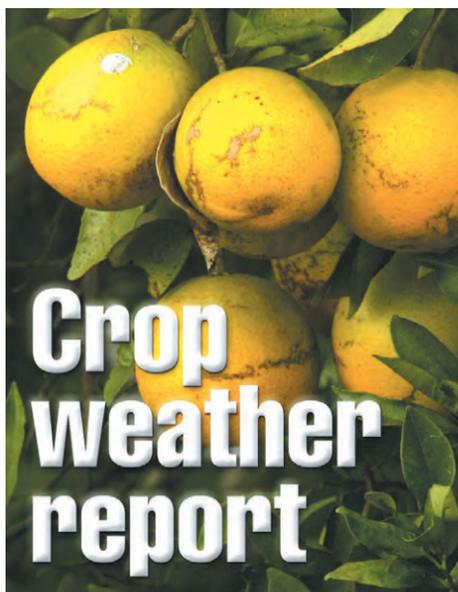
According to Florida's Automated Weather Network, over half of the state received between one and four inches of rain. Bronson (Levy County) received the most rain with 4.06 inches. Maximum temperatures were in the upper 70s to 90 degrees, with the highest temperature in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) with 90 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the state ranged from 32 degrees in Quincy (Gadsden County) to 63 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County).

## Field Crops

Field corn planting has started in Jackson County. Some farmers in the Panhandle are two weeks behind on preparing for planting due to rain. Levy County farmers hope to start planting peanuts. Sugar cane harvest was nearing its finish.

## Fruit and Vegetables

Flagler and Putnam farmers have finished planting potatoes and continued to harvest cabbage. Dixie and Suwannee county farmers have



some pasture remains wet in the Panhandle from recent heavy rain. Pasture in the southwest was aided by timely rains and warm temperatures. The cattle condition for the state primarily ranged from fair to good but the pasture condition was mostly fair.

## Citrus

Rain was widespread in the citrus area this past week. Sixteen stations recorded more than an inch of rainfall. Nine recorded more than two inches. All stations received at least a trace of precipitation. The most recorded was in Citra (Marion County) at 3.63 inches. Daytime temperatures were unseasonably warm, reaching the mid 80s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated March 18, no drought exists within the citrus growing area

Grove activity included irrigating on several days during the week, hedging, topping and spraying. Growers were continuing to plant new trees in existing groves. Full bloom was evident in all areas on both oranges and grapefruit. Some trees were bearing very small fruit already for next season's crop.

Several processing plants have closed temporarily and are waiting

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

	Mar. 9	Mar. 16	Mar. 23
Early/mid oranges	55	47	9
Valencia	558	1,888	3,090
Navel oranges	3	3	2
White grapefruit	231	382	170
Colored grapefruit	650	571	473
Temple	70	46	23
Tangelos	6	3	0
Sunburst tangerines	4	0	0
Honey tangerines	85	89	48
Total	1,662	3,029	3,815

for Valencia oranges to start coming in. A few plants were running grapefruit only. All but four packing houses were open and were shipping fruit in limited quantities; some have transitioned to gift fruit packing only.



started planting watermelons, and Levy County has finished planting watermelons. Miami-Dade County farmers were harvesting green beans, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes. Vegetables coming to market in the southwest were beets, collards, cucumbers, eggplant, green beans, peppers, radishes, tomatoes and specialty items.

## Livestock and Pastures

Warmer temperatures have improved pasture quality, however,

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