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The ranch rodeo comes to Arcadia Sunday, showcasing the skills of working Florida cowboys.

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## DMH moves toward sale

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The DeSoto Memorial Hospital board of directors voted 5-0 last Thursday to pursue the sale of the hospital to a private entity. The move allows hospital administration to begin the process of seeking potential bid proposals under Florida Statute 115.40, which dictates necessary steps a public hospital must take when considering its sale.

During his report to the board, CEO Vince Sica outlined the hospital's current financial situation, noting its net revenue for 2014 so far was down \$1.5 million compared with the previous year and accounts receivable was at \$3.3 million. He added the deficit had only affected DMH's bottom line

by \$150,000 because of extraordinary efforts by the hospital's staff to reduce costs by efforts such as furlough days, reduced spending and other money-saving efforts. "I commend the entire hospital staff for the sacrifices they've made; a majority of the savings we've had is attributed to them," he said.

Noting the low probability of having a sales tax approved via referendum, the reduced payments for services from Medicare/Medicaid and the lack of funding for providing indigent care, Sica suggested the board take a serious look at other ways to increase revenue. "I think the board needs to consider taking action to find other means of generating revenue," he said. Sica said DMH would be attractive to potential buyers because of the amount of

revenue it could generate if it offered cardiology or neurology services. "This is an area potential buyers look at with interest because it's a money-maker that currently is referred out of the hospital," he said.

Sica continued that, although the administration and board had previously talked about the possibility of a sale, lease or affiliation, to legally pursue the option the board had to formally approve a motion to move forward.

### Board explains decision to sell

Board member Rose Polston made a motion for the hospital to move forward

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## Son arrested: DeSoto family tragedy

By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

ARCADIAN EDITOR

A tragic family tale unfolded last Thursday night when George Burnham was killed and his wife, JoAnn, was severely beaten, allegedly by their son, Karl Edward Burnham, according to the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office.

New information from the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office states that Karl Burnham, 49, entered a room in his parents' home in the 2400 block of N.W. Owens Avenue and began attacking his mother, JoAnn Burnham, 72, with a wooden hammer. When her husband, 79-year-old George Burnham, came to her defense, Karl attacked him as well. Karl Burnham then took off with his parents' car, a 2012 Lexus.

According to the affidavit on which the arrest warrant is based, the incident happened around 1 p.m. JoAnn and George were not discovered until around 5 p.m. when their daughter, Tammy Gross, arrived at the home, finding her father lying in a pool of blood and her injured mother on the living room couch. According to DCSO's statement, Gross asked her mother whether Karl had done this, and JoAnn replied "yes."

Gross immediately called 911, reporting her parents' injuries and that the family car was missing. When DCSO detectives arrived, JoAnn was able to talk to them. JoAnn told them Karl struck her multiple times, and when she asked him why, he did not answer. JoAnn yelled to George for help, and he came to her aid, but she

### HOW TO HELP THE FAMILY

A bank account has been established at Bank of America under the name "Burnham Family" for donations to help the family with funeral expenses and medical bills. Anyone wishing to send a card can bring or mail it in care of Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church, 2865 County Road 661, Arcadia 34266, and the church will deliver it. The Rev. Jonathon Booher asks the community to keep the Burnham family in their prayers.

## April Fools' race to help Rotary, DeSoto schools



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN BLACK, photeke@gmail.com

Sevigny Eye Care employees and family members get ready for the April Fools 5K run/walk sponsored by the Arcadia Rotary. Proceeds of the race went to Rotary charities and the DeSoto School District AVID program. • Turn to page 13 for more photos.

## Sun Coast Media Group buys Sebring paper

By GARY ROBERTS

STAFF WRITER

PORT CHARLOTTE — The Sun Coast Media Group, parent company of *The Arcadian*, has purchased the Sebring News-Sun, Highlands County's hometown newspaper since 1927, further expanding its unique brand of local news.

Details of the transaction, which occurred Tuesday afternoon, were not immediately available. But the News-Sun is publishing today under new ownership.

"We think it's been more than 50 years since the News-Sun belonged to a family and we're happy that it's now part of our family," said Sun Coast Media Group president David Dunn-Rankin.

The previous owner of the Sebring News-Sun was Halifax Media Group, a U.S. newspaper company owning more than 30 newspapers in the Southeastern U.S., including the Sarasota Herald-Tribune and the Lakeland Ledger. Halifax purchased the Ledger and Herald-Tribune from The New York Times

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# Foundation seeks to restore Smith Brown Gym

SUBMITTED By **ASHLEY COONE**  
SBCF

Standing before the Arcadia City Council recently, the Smith Brown Community Foundation Board of Directors unveiled an ambitious plan to renovate the Smith Brown Gym. The foundation laid out plans to transform the gym into a community facility. In their vision, the renovated gym will be a safe building for organizations to offer services and activities for everyone from youth to seniors.

The renovation plans are the result of the foundation's yearlong community needs assessment and their past programming in the facility. "There's such a rich history in this building," said Richard "Coach" Bowers, who chairs the Smith Brown Community Foundation. "There are so many kids who started out playing and learning in this



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**Lindsay Turner, left, and Ashley Coone look over some post-Charley plans that included improvements to the Smith Brown Gym. They are working to restore the gym so it can be available for more community uses.**

gym during school, after school, and summers. Many of these kids have become extremely successful adults. We look forward to restoring the gym and providing enrichment services to the

youth of today and continuing a tradition of success."

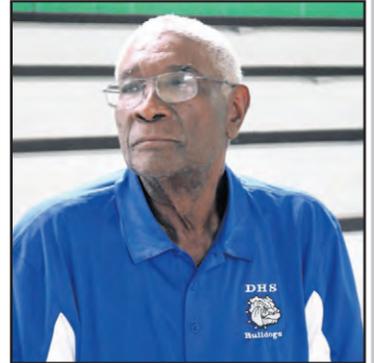
The foundation has a plan to do just that. The initial phase would make the building safe and usable. Long term plans include updating



Forgotten trophies, gathering dust and cobwebs, suggest a time when Smith Brown Gym was a vibrant part of the community. A group of civic leaders hopes to restore it to continue serving the children and others in the community.

fixtures, equipment, adding air conditioning, painting and more.

Nestled in the middle of the Arcadia Housing Authority, the building is adjacent to Redlands Christian Migrant Association. Owned by the city, the facility was built in the 1950s as a gymnasium for the Smith Brown School during segregation. Prior to the building's closure, it had been used for community events, food distributions and more. The foundation



**"Coach" Richard Bowers, chair of the Smith Brown Community Foundation, envisions a time when the gym will serve many community functions and programs.**

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida will consider the adoption of an ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 and May 27, 2014 at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, 103 Administration Building 201 East Oak Street Arcadia, Florida as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA REVISING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, APPLICABILITY, AND EFFECT ON EXISTING LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTIONS OF SPECIFIED REVISIONS TO ORDINANCE 2012-01, INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, MINOR SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS AND MINOR VARIANCES OF SETBACKS, DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY WITH CODE VIOLATIONS, IMPROVEMENT PLANS, USES ALLOWED IN VARIOUS ZONING DISTRICTS, BUFFERING, INTERPRETATIONS, CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS, NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES, REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, PARKING OF VEHICLES AND OTHER MATTERS, PROVIDING FOR REPUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 2012-01 AS AMENDED HEREBY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A complete copy of the draft ordinance may be inspected and copied after April 16, 2014 between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, at the Office of the County Administrator in Suite 201.

Members of the public are advised that if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at a board meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceeding, and that for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record included testimony and evidence upon which, the appeal is made.

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.

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## SFSC alumna finds passion for helping students

PROVIDED By **SUMMER MILLER**  
SFSC

Ashely Coone, 31, South Florida State College graduate and lifelong DeSoto County resident, is the executive director of the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce, bringing a fresh perspective.

After graduating from SFSC in 2002 with an Associate in Arts degree, Coone earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Florida Gulf Coast University and a master's in management and leadership from Webster University.

As executive director, she is a key representative and advocate for business owners and employers in the community. She has the responsibility for management of operations, administration, budget, finance/accounting, building and facilities, chamber development and marketing programs, long-term strategic planning, and oversight of all board-directed initiatives.

Before coming to the chamber, Coone worked as a retention coordinator at Florida Gulf Coast University and then served in the office of Congressman Connie Mack. She was also

appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to chair the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland. Coone was also a student advocate and mentor for Take Stock in Children at SFSC.

She was recently recognized by Florida Gulf Coast University, as a Soaring Eagle. This award honors alumni who are thriving in their careers and giving back to their communities. She credits her education and experience at SFSC for giving her a well rounded foundation for business.

"SFSC is where it all started," Coone said. "SFSC provided small class sizes, affordable housing, and close proximity to my family. I enjoyed the small campus atmosphere and the close relationships I formed with faculty and staff."

While Coone has a successful career with the Chamber, she discovered that a strong passion for helping students in her community was her true calling. Growing up, Coone's parents fostered children for more than 30 years. This inspired her to start a nonprofit to give students in DeSoto the necessary resources to continue their education and become successful.

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**As Executive Director of the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce, Ashley Coone bears responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the chamber. She also founded Links2Success, helping DeSoto students realize higher education as an attainable goal.**

# Dixon found not guilty on charges

By **STEVE BAUER**  
ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

A 12th judicial circuit judge ruled Arcadia resident Lorenzo Dixon was not guilty of charges of improper exhibition of a rifle and attempt and/or assault.

The charges stem from a July 18, 2013, incident when private process server Zachary Kaufman told Arcadia Police Department officers that Dixon brandished a rifle and pointed it at Kaufman in the driveway as he attempted to serve papers at Dixon's home.

Dixon, whose property is posted with no trespassing signs, told the court his wife had seen someone lurking outside the house and peeking in their windows, and when he opened the front door, he noticed Kaufman was dressed casually and had nothing that indicated he was a process server.

"I jumped up and answered the door, and told the man whoever you are or whatever you're here for we're not interested and to get the hell off my property," Dixon said. "I then slammed the door closed."

Dixon said Kaufman then went to his car and stayed there for two or three minutes. Although Kaufman told authorities he went to his vehicle to call the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office to help him serve papers, it was later discovered he called the Arcadia Police Department to report a rifle had been pointed at him. Dixon says he grabbed a sheathed antique sword and held it at

his side while standing in the doorway, again ordering Kaufman to leave. He denies owning any type of rifle or long gun, and although charges were still filed APD officers on the scene determined no crime had been committed.

The judge in the case, Kimberly Carlton Bonner, ruled that although there are conflicting accounts of what happened at Dixon's residence that day, the server was clearly never "authorized, invited or licensed to enter the Defendant's property." Bonner said that if Dixon's version of the event was correct, Kaufman "disobeyed no less than two orders to leave the premises by first ignoring the 'no trespassing' signs, and then ignoring the verbal command to leave."

Bonner continued that the state had failed to offer sufficient proof Dixon possessed a rifle and that Kaufman's violation of posted property supported Dixon's claim of self defense. She also ruled the state presented insufficient evidence to support its attempt/assault charge.

Dixon says he felt vindicated by the ruling. "We are very pleased with the outcome. We believe the judge has made the right ruling by exonerating me and adjudicating me as not guilty of the bogus charges that the Arcadia Police Department put together," he said.

Dixon's attorney, E. Vernon Douglas, says Dixon's case is distinguishable because of Kaufman's actions when



PHOTOS PROVIDED

**Lorenzo Dixon said a process server who entered his property to serve papers was dressed casually, in flip flops, not in professional attire.**

attempting to serve Dixon. "I think it's important to point out that (Kaufman) was not known to be a process server until the event was totally over," he said. "The server entered posted private property, which he does not have a right to do. In this case you had a perfect storm where a process server, not dressed professionally, with no way of knowing who he was beforehand, is trespassing and peering through windows in casual clothes. It was clear that police had one predetermined target and provided inaccurate information to the state attorney to cause the filing of charges. When government is overreaching its authority citizens like Mr. Dixon have to stand strong against it."

Dixon hinted at a recent City Council meeting of possible actions being taken against the city, but would not elaborate further. Calls for comment to the APD were not returned as of press time.

# Council to meet Monday on administrator search

By **STEVE BAUER**  
ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Arcadia City Council will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. Monday in council chambers to finalize a formal hiring process and gather questions to be asked during interviews with city administrator finalists.

The move came after City Clerk Penny Delaney asked the council for guidance on how to move forward in the hiring process. Several members suggested the first step would be to come up with a list of identical questions for each candidate. "We need to come up with this list first and foremost, and in my opinion the questions should be the same for each applicant," said Councilman Keith Keene. "We're faced with a unique challenge as four of our finalists are currently living outside Florida. I'd like to see us meet separately so we can put a structured hiring process in place."

Mayor Alice Frierson agreed, saying she didn't want the process to drag out

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# McGavic expected to recover fully

STAFF REPORT

Bill McGavic wanted to let the community know his wife, Mitzie McGavic, is expected to recover fully from injuries she suffered in a vehicular wreck on March 24.

"It's going to be a long time," he said, "but her doctors say she has good prospects for 100 percent recovery."

She had back surgery last week, and

surgery on her heel this week. Bill said she would not even be able to put "a little weight" on her right foot for a few months. But he added she is in good spirits and is "ready to tackle the new challenge."

He expected Mitzie might be moved to rehab by the end of this week, closer to DeSoto County.

In the meantime, friends can bring cards and get-well wishes to the Clerk of Courts office in the DeSoto County

Courthouse, 115 E. Oak Street, and they will be delivered to her.

McGavic is the DeSoto County Clerk of Courts and is well known throughout the community for her many volunteer efforts, including active roles in the DeSoto County Historical Society, Book Buddies (in which children read books to dogs at the library) and Team Arcadia. Team Arcadia has been working on a project to renovate Lake Katherine Park for

several months.

In last week's accident, a truck westbound on State Road 70 just where the two lanes merge lost control, and jumped across the median, directly into Mitzie McGavic's eastbound path. Her car struck the passenger side of the truck and was forced toward the lake, ending up nearly submerged in the water before she was rescued. She was taken to Tampa General for treatment.

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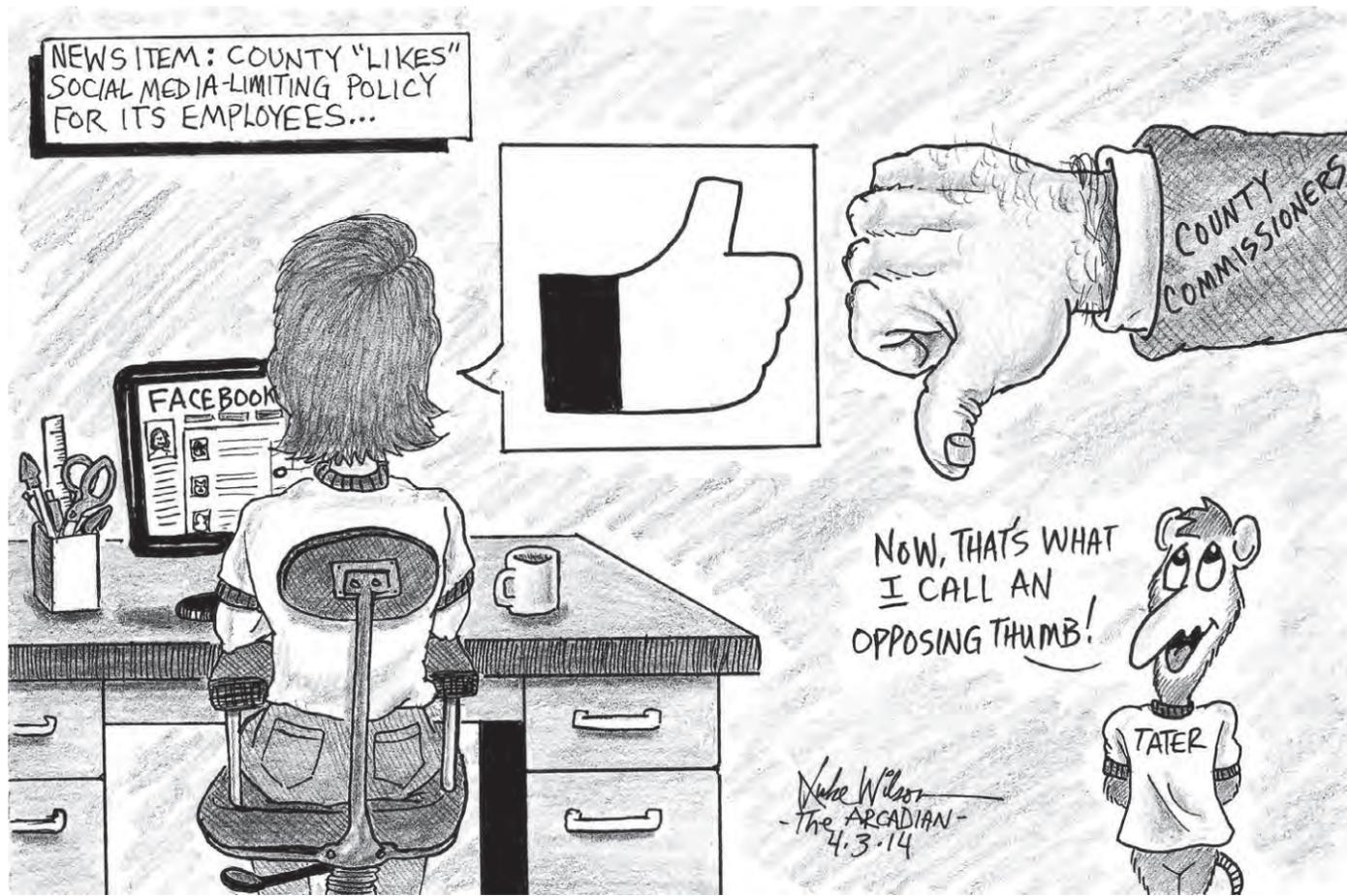


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## GRITS & PIECES

### The progress of man, the regress of humanity

Time changes everything, it is said, and I'd say that's true for most anything there is. But is change always for the better? Not a chance, I decided, after pondering a few aspects of life and the so-called progress we've made.

Used to be, the whole family would pile into the station wagon and go to the drive-in movie with homemade snacks and the kiddies in their pajamas, and enjoy a couple of family-friendly movies. These days, if you edited out all the bad language, some would be silent, and if you cut out the nasty scenes and violence, some would last only a half hour.

Television is basically in the same boat. When a large percentage of viewers is suddenly appalled when members of an actual family come together to ask the blessing on their meals, and then never bats an eye at the blatant vulgarity and violence they've been happily watching for years on countless other prime time programs, I have to wonder just what kind of destructive tailspin we're in now. Also, I'm beginning to think that even some commercials should come with parental advising. Just ask yourself this — how'd we go from Shirley Temple to Honey Boo Boo?

We've gone from family and friends sitting on the front porch, leisurely sharing news of the day while the sun went down, to texting and tweeting on the fly. This is getting so crazy that pretty soon, the phone will be nothing but an app, as that gizmo that you can't turn loose of does so many things that there's not time to use it for a phone. When I tell young folks about how we had party lines, they look at me as though I may as well be telling them we communicated with smoke signals. And I guess a form of the old party line still exists — with the NSA. Big Brother has got your number, quite literally.

Victory gardens were once the thing, but most of today's generation



## Grits & Pieces

Luke Wilson

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couldn't even grow sandspurs and weeds, let alone something fit to eat. Today we rely on lots of processed food that comes with lists of ingredients that we don't recognize, and we'd simply starve to death if we couldn't run to the nearest big box store and buy some. Alas, freshness has fallen to convenience and laziness.

Just look at marriage. Once upon a time, vows were taken seriously. Now, the meaning of "Til death do us part," has morphed into, "I'll stick around 'til it ceases being all kicks and giggles." Nobody gets rainbows without the rain, and nobody gets roses without the thorns. Too many young folks refuse to suck it up and deal with it, and choose to give it up and move on to the next patch of greener grass. Something I've always told my kids — the grass may be greener on the other side, but it's just as hard to mow.

When was the last time your family all sat together around the dinner table for a home-cooked meal, and took turns sharing the events of their day? The way schedules conflict, families are coming and going at different times, and even if they're home, often they settle for eating in the living room so they can watch TV, instead of having to communicate. And who cooks from scratch anymore? Today's version of a meal from scratch is more like scratching around in your purse or vehicle ash tray for change so you can afford a sack of food at the drive-up window.

Used to be, this nation had a very admirable work force. These days,

jobs aren't as scarce as they are unwanted, and the work force can't be forced to work. But they sure do like to eat and receive subsidies. If the government has to pay you just to exist, I'd say that pretty much relegates you to the parasite and pariah category.

I wonder sometimes, how many baby boomers who grew up watching TV Westerns and playing with cap pistols and stick ponies actually grew up to be armed-to-the-teeth whackos who shoot up shopping malls, movie theaters, and schools? Seems to me that this particular spawn of humanity cut their teeth on violent video games and in-your-face horror movies. And now an elementary school student can't even point his finger and say "Bang!" without being vilified, expelled, whisked off to therapy, and plastered all over the 6 o'clock news.

And one that is really getting old is that the Golden Rule of "Do unto others what you would have them do unto you" has become "Do unto others before they can do unto you." What we're seeing a lot of in the progress of today's so-called advanced society is more like "Do unto me unless I decide it offends me for whatever reason, and then expect to hear from my lawyer and be labeled whatever I decide to call you."

I just shake my head sometimes, wishing I could be back on the front porch of my good old days, listening to elder family members talk about the times they considered to be their good old days. Are we as humanity evolving or dissolving? Think about it, and act accordingly, neighbors.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Story was not placed appropriately

Editor:

Really! ... Big headline and front page of unacceptable abuse toward a dog. Yes, I am as much an animal lover as the next guy. I also was revolted by the news report.

However, I am also a long-time friend of one of our community's most dedicated and hard-working citizen in DeSoto County. Sorry, but I have to question your judgment of obscuring the news report of a loving, loyal community champion to the position in the paper where it landed. For those of us finding it, we now must pass the word for prayers to Mitzie, her family and all that are privileged to know her, for a speedy and complete recovery.

Jo Rider  
Arcadia

### Thanks to Treasure Alley

Editor:

I would like to thank Renee and Tim Kilkelly and Libby Roller of Treasure Alley. My name is Charlotte Holcomb. I am Team Captain for Relay for Life at Toby's RV Park.

On March 22, I was given a spot in front of Treasure Alley to raise money for Relay. I collected \$89.

Treasure Alley is a big help to me in collecting money for Relay. They also allow me to put a coin can in the store on the counter.

Thank you again.  
Charlotte Holcomb  
Arcadia

### Voters should not just follow party lines

Editor:

Why is our electorate, meaning those who vote, more interested and wrapped up in their loyalty to their particular political party, than the country in which they live?

As a former Democrat, I have no interest in being either Republican or Democrat. I personally will vote for whichever candidate falls within my personal idea of what a solid American citizen should be.

This present administration is slowly destroying this country and everything it stands for. I do not mean to imply that all Democrats now in office are tarnished, but they are placing party loyalty first, and in doing so, they are paving the road to oblivion.

Obama is criticized for not knowing what he is doing, but contrary to popular belief, he knows exactly what he is doing and he is getting away with it. I would like to think I am wrong, but as my grandmother pointed out many years ago, "Ignorance is bliss." But it's not limited to either political party.

In 2012 Obama said he was going to "reform the government of the United States," and he is on his way to succeeding.

George Pratt  
Arcadia

# Arcadia Village helps high school concert band



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY JOHN BLACK, photeke@gmail.com

The trumpets blare the melody as the DeSoto County High School band entertains Arcadia Village residents.



The DeSoto County High School concert band delivered a crowd-pleasing performance Thursday for residents of Arcadia Village.

Gerry Stewart of Arcadia Village hands a check to DeSoto County High School concert band director James Mock. Residents raised the donation for the band over the past year.



The tuba section adds heart to the performance by the DeSoto County High School concert band Thursday at Arcadia Village.

Sydney Whitman, percussionist for DeSoto County High School's concert band, keeps the beat in a performance for Arcadia Village residents.



Renaë Krause teamed up with Herb Rose to collect money for the DeSoto County High School Concert Band by running a 50/50 drawing all winter. Proceeds were given to band director James Mock.



Gerry Stewart thanks Herb Rose and Bob Bowman for donating their 50/50 winnings back to the DeSoto County High School Concert Band.



Arcadia Villagers enjoy the sweet sounds of the DeSoto County High School concert band on Thursday evening.

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## ■ TODAY

- 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. This month it will be at the offices of Mosaic in their Community Room. Park in the empty lot at Volusia and Oak and walk to the meeting site at 222 E. Oak St.
- The 4-H Stitch in Time sewing club meets every first Thursday at 5 p.m.
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- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

## ■ FRIDAY

- St. Paul's Knights of Columbus will hold its Lenten Fish Fry fundraiser from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 4 and April 11, at St. Paul's Catholic Church Parish Hall (next to Burger King). Open to the public. For details, call 444-0082.
- 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 desotoartsandhumanities@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 at \$10 online at 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.
- DeSoto School District/DCTA Collective Bargaining meeting will be held 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 4 at the School Board chambers.
- Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.
- Square Dancing classes are held at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, from 7-9 p.m. every Friday. Robert at 813-601-1834 or Mary at 941-380-5336 494-2749 for information.
- Friday Night Live - the City Takers for Christ presents "Friday Night Live" with Rev. Troy Rowe, every Friday. Come and experience what God is doing in this season through His word and praise and worship. 37 W. Magnolia St. (across from SunTrust drive-through). For information call 244-4341.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- Sabbath service begins at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Oneg Shabbat follows.

## ■ SATURDAY

- The Relay for Life is scheduled for April 5 at Veterans Memorial Park.
- The Olde Town Market and Main Street Farmer's Market are held the first Saturday every month in downtown Arcadia from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh produce, pickled products, jams, jellies, homemade granola bars, baked goods, fresh and dried herbs, arts, crafts, woodworking, quilts, sewing, plants and other goodies. For vendor info call the Arcadia Main Street office at 494-2020. This is the last Olde Town Market for the season.

- Boaters Get-Together meets at 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month at Nav-A-Gator Grill, 9700 S.W. Riverview Circle (off Kings Hwy/C.R. 769). For more information, call 941-627-3474.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. The first Saturday of every month is Book Buddies, when children read to dogs. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Palace Promenaders meet for square and round dance from 7-9 p.m. every Saturday at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle. Art Miller, caller, and Jennie Martin, cueing. Call Jennie at 494-2749 or Mary at 941-380-5336 for information.
- Sabbath service begins at 9:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Kiddush will follow.

## ■ SUNDAY

- The Working Ranch Cowboy Association Ranch Rodeo takes places on April 6.
- The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 304 W. Myrtle St., invites you to help them celebrate the 104th anniversary of the church. On April 4 at 7 p.m., Pastor Troy and City Takers. April 6 at 3:30 p.m., Pastor Norris and Shiloh Baptist Church. On April 18 at 7 p.m., Pastor Greene and Mt. Pilgrim. April 27 at 3 p.m., Pastor Taisin of Mt. Zion AME Church.
- On April 6, the Nav-a-Gator Grill & Marina hosts Sunrise Kiwanis Shoes for Kids Project. Donate a pair of new athletic shoes, which all are given to Charlotte County Kids. Then spend the day with great music by Gary & Kerri 2 p.m.-5 p.m. For details call 941-627-3474
- 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

- 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.
- 4-H county council, leaders and volunteers meet at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the DeSoto County Turner Center extension office.
- The AA G.I.R.L.S. business meeting is held the first Monday at 7:15 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.
- The Arcadia Garden Club meets at noon on the first Monday of each month Oct. through June at its office, 1005 W. Magnolia St. Bring a covered dish to share.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.
- A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. on Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Al-anon, offering help for families of alcoholics, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit www.district13soflal-anon.org.
- The DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1425 Martin Luther King St. The center provides referrals for mainstream resources, elderly food stamps (by appointment) and computer service. Salvation Army has office space on Wed. by appointment. For more information, call 491-5683.

## ■ TUESDAY

- Nature Walks: Environmental Learning Lab, 8:30 a.m. April 8. Free.
- DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 9 a.m. at the County Administration building, Room 103, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- DeSoto County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board meeting room of the DeSoto County School District, 530 La Solona Ave., Arcadia.
- Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- Every Tuesday night, line dance class at the Palace Dance Hall (17N). Beginners welcome. \$3 donation. For more info, call Jennie Martin at 494-2749.
- Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1509 E. Oak St. For details visit www.weightwatchers.com and "find a meeting" or call 800-651-6000.
- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday (except the third Tuesday) of the month, on the 147.075, W4MIN repeater with a pl of 100. All amateurs are invited to participate.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- DeSoto County Library holds story time at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.

## ■ SPECIAL

- Free Spanish-English class, Monday through Thursday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Nocatee United Methodist Church, 4502 S.W. Welles Ave. For information, call 494-3881.
- Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers the first week in April to help lay tile at the new home for Tonya Jackson and sons on Myrtle St. Call Junior at 303-3913 to volunteer. The home will be dedicated April 10.

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

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

## ■ WEDNESDAY

- 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.
- Nature Talk: Mike Rhodes shares information about beautiful but dangerous exotic plants, 10 a.m. on April 9 at DeSoto County Library. Free.
- The Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet at 9:30 a.m. April 9 at DeSoto County Commission chambers, 201 E. Oak St. For more information, contact Patricia M. Steed, Executive Director at psteed@cfrpc.org or 863-534-7130 ext. 130.
- Been There Rancher's and Farmers' Club meets every second and fourth Wed. through April at 1 p.m., first clubhouse inside South Entrance Arcadia Village Country Club. North of Walmart, State Road 70. Call Max R. Fitzpatrick at 863-494-6257. Free. Tours, speakers, conversation, friends, fun - all welcome.
- The DeSoto County Ministerial Association will meet at 8:30 a.m. for prayer and 9 a.m. for the meeting at the SunTrust Building on W. Oak St., second floor conference room. Pastors or representatives of all denominations and churches are invited to attend as we address community challenges and coordinate worship services to serve county residents.
- Narcotics Anonymous meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Arcadia Oaks Multipurpose Room at 1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia. Open to the public.
- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Monday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- The Arcadia Eagles, 150 S. Polk Ave., now offers Bingo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak Street.
- "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.

## ■ THURSDAY

- The DeSoto County Economic Development Advisory Committee will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday, April 10 at the DeSoto County Extension Office, 2150 N.E. Roan St.
- TEAM Arcadia meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Avenue. The purpose of TEAM Arcadia is to unite community organizations and coordinate community improvement efforts.
- DeSoto County Historical Society meets at noon every second Thursday monthly at the Family Service Center annex, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia. Lunch is available for \$6 at 11:30 a.m.
- Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity meets at 6 p.m. second Thursdays monthly at the Habitat ReStore, 111 N. Polk Ave. Call 494-4118 or desotohabitat@embarqmail.com for more information.
- American Red Cross Youth Corps of DeSoto County meets second Thursdays monthly from 3:30-5 p.m. at DeSoto County High School. For more information, call at 494-2348.
- Gastric bypass support group meets at 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays monthly at Mardis Citrus on U.S. 17 S. For more information, call 990-0082 or 494-5700.
- Relaxation Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m.-5:15 p.m., registration and yoga tea; 5:15-6:15 p.m., yoga class. Come enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept., conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
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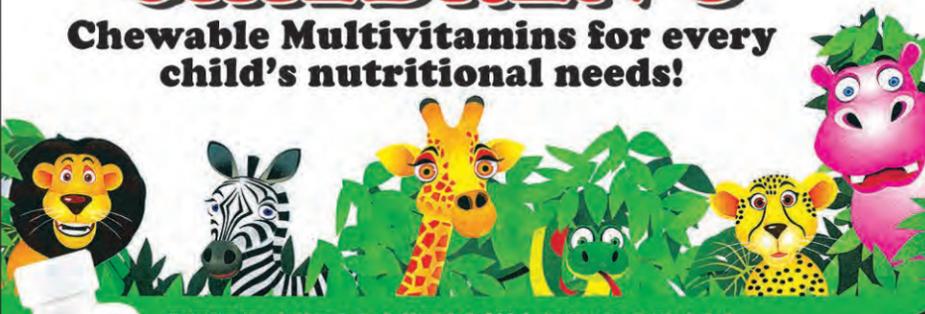
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# Family Album

## FAMILY ALBUM PHOTOS

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

### Toby's RV Park helps Senior Center



PHOTO PROVIDED

Special thanks to Toby's Recycling Committee and the residents for a \$1,000 contribution to Senior Friendship Centers of DeSoto County's Home-Delivered Meal Program. This donation represents a year's work by the committee of collecting, smashing, and selling 100 pounds of aluminum and 1,999 pounds of cans – the equivalent of 58,795 cans or 4.63 miles if laid end-to-end. Pictured, from left, front: committee members Tom Nelson, Fred Zerwitz, Bill Payne, SFC Director Karen Blanchette, committee chairman Bill Conant, Dave Colven, Joe Loverne, Wayne Crandal, and Toby's RV Park Manager Matt Cohen. Residents of Toby's who helped by providing the aluminum cans are pictured in the background.

### Sweet treats are downtown winners



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN BLACK, [photeke@gmail.com](mailto:photeke@gmail.com)

Skye Dyer, Rose and Sadie Carroll, Thersea Fairweather, Erin Kilkelly and Renee Otto display the tasty treats offered in Saturday's bake-off, sponsored by Team Arcadia.

### Craig's RV Park crowns prom king, queen



PHOTO PROVIDED

Snowbirds Gary and Linda Hagy from Brownstown, Ill. were crowned king and queen at Craig's RV Park Senior Prom on March 21.

### CITY PARK HONORS STAFF

On Friday, March 14, the residents of the City Mobile Home Park held a carry-in luncheon for Rick Huckaby, the park's groundskeeper, in recognition of all he does for the residents of the park. After the meal, several residents held a "roast" for Ricky. He was also given a plaque and a gift. He has been the groundskeeper for the park for 17 years. Carol Anderson, park manager, was also honored with a bouquet of roses.

## CareerSource Heartland: Committed to the Community

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# Williams sentenced to 12 years for bilking elderly woman

Erma Jean Williams, 61, was sentenced to serve 12 years in prison with another 15 years of probation for defrauding an elderly person of more than \$100,000.

Williams, who was convicted by a jury in February, was sentenced Monday, said Lisa Chittaro of the State Attorney's Office who prosecuted the case.



WILLIAMS

Williams, of the 7200 block of S.W. Liverpool Road, Fort Ogden, was arrested in 2010 on charges she bilked an elderly woman, for whom she was a caretaker, of her money, possessions and property. An investigation report stated Williams had first been a caregiver for the victim's husband, and continued to work for the woman after her spouse passed away in 2005.

The arrest report details a complex series of steps Williams allegedly undertook to convince the woman she cared for to give her a \$65,000 Cadillac, to revise her will and leave her home and all her possessions to Williams, and to set up numerous bank and credit accounts from which several payments were directed to Williams.

The sheriff's report said Williams was believed to have obtained money, goods and benefits from the woman in excess of \$200,000, secured in part by coercing, threatening and isolating the victim.

The victim died prior to Williams' conviction and sentencing.

Chittaro said, "I am happy she will be serving prison time for these crimes, and that she will no longer be allowed to work in caring for the elderly."

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

- Stephen Richard Benning, 29, 11000 block of Welch Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Christina Marie Bevilacqua, 31, Port Charlotte, Fla. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Fabian Castro, 46, 1100 block of S. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$1,000.
- Ausencio Villanueva Garcia, 47, 200 block of S. Hernando Ave., Arcadia. Charges: disorderly public intoxication and trespass. Bond: \$370.
- Manuel Manzano Lopez, 45, 4200 block of DeSoto Ave., Arcadia.

## 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.

Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.

- Antonio Martinez, 57, no address, Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.

- Justin Matthew Rettel, 28, 6400 block of S.W. Pensacola Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Oscar Ramirez Villalobos, 46, no address, Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.

- Cheryle Darlene Whidden, 54, 6400 block of S.W. Sable Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and destroying, tampering with or fabricating evidence. Bond: none.

- Jose Huan Carranza, 43, 1300 block of 1st Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- Joshua Benjamin Dean, 30, Springhill, Fla. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$180.

- Jameka Latrice Ezell, 35, Port Charlotte. Charge: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$1,000.

- Byron Keith Hartsfield, 46, 21800 block of Beverly Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$3,000.

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

- Christina Lee Lemacks, 28, 6200 block of N.E. Ranch Drive, Arcadia. Charge: fleeing to elude officer. Bond: \$2,000.

- Richard Lewis Mink, 32, no address, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: released on recognizance.

- Marisol Padron, 34, 1200 block of S.E. Maple Drive, Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is expired more than 4 months. Bond: \$120.

- Jamie Lee Prusinski, 32, 3000 block of N.E. Buddy Drive, Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$120.

- Cory Elton Quattlebaum, 22, Lexington S.C. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.

- Katrinia Tynise Smith, 39, 1100 block of S.W. Rainbow Ave., Arcadia. Charge: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$1,000.

- Roberto Tito Frazier, 20, 1600 block of N.E. Eastling Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.

- Otis L. Jackson, 59, FCCC, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

- Frank Herbert Olmstead II, 48, 3600 block of S.W. Turkey Trail, Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,120.

- Jessica Picard, 23, 300 block of W. Oak St., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.

- Laura Liliana Valle-Pineda, 29, 1900 block of S.W. Duke St., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

- Danny Long Floyd, 59, 100 block of S. Luther Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery on a person 65 or older. Bond: \$2,500.

- Christopher King, 44, 12600 block

of S.W. Suzy Ave., Lake Suzy. Charge: producing or selling marijuana. Bond: \$5,000.

- Michael Adam Thorpe, 28, 11500 block of S.W. Courtley Manor Drive, Lake Suzy. Charges: producing marijuana, possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$6,620.

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

- David Rivera, 25, 2600 block of S.W. Beard St., Arcadia. Charge: two counts each of possession or use of drug paraphernalia, possession of less than 3 grams of a synthetic cannabinoid. Bond: \$10,000.

- Aysa Michelle Smith, 25, 300 block of N. 14th Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of under 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$5,000.

- Brandy Michelle Stone, 31, 10500 block of Park Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.

- Anthony Ricardo Dominguez, 23, 500 block of 9th St., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$1,000.

- Timothy Ray Phelps, 31, 2400 block of N.W. Howard Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Jose Juan Carranza-Cocino, 43, 1300 block of 1st Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation or community control. Bond: none.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

## ROADWATCH

**U.S. Highway 17 from south of S.W. Collins Street in Fort Ogden to County Road 760A south of Nocatee** — Work is under way to expand US 17 to four lanes. Work includes clearing land for two new travel lanes and drainage activities. Expect intermittent lane closures on SW Beard Street east of US 17 while crews are working. Motorists should be aware of work vehicles entering and exiting the roadway during the week. Motorists should also observe the posted speed limit and drive with caution. Project completion is

expected at the end of 2015.

**US 17 from Magnolia Street to Hickory Street** — Crews are cleaning storm drains. No lane closures are expected. Motorists should use caution and expect possible delays.

**State Road 70 east of Turkey Hammock Road** — Crews are constructing a left-turn lane. There will be eastbound and westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the duration of the project. Motorists should use caution while in the area and expect possible delays. Florida Safety Contractors is the contractor.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Airport group gets nonprofit status

Friends of Arcadia Airport Inc. is a State of Florida nonprofit corporation authorized to solicit charitable donations. The group has just received 501(c)(3) tax status from the IRS. This will allow them to apply for grants that may be used for improvements that are not covered by the FAA and FDOT airport funding process. This also means that your donations to Friends will now be fully tax deductible.

The group's mission is to support Arcadia Airport and general aviation by hosting events that promote the airport and local economic development. All funds raised will be spent to support that mission. Friends of Arcadia Airport is an all volunteer group.

To join or volunteer, email FriendsOfArcadiaAirport@gmail.com.

### Radio program for Nam vets

On March 22, Wilbur Little, who has been a resident of Arcadia since he was 12 years old, was interviewed by Mack Payne, host of the Internet radio program Vietnam Veteran News.

Wilbur served in the US Marines in the early days of the Vietnam War.

## Hope continues her road to recovery



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Doctors from BluePearl Veterinary Partners specialty and emergency hospital in Tampa say Hope, the dog that was set on fire in Arcadia March 20, is doing well with her healing and recovery. Doctors gave Hope an antiseptic wash this week, which helped with the removal of dead skin and bad tissue. She was also given her sixth laser therapy treatment and remains in BluePearl's intensive care unit. "So far Hope is doing very well in response to our treatment plan," said BluePearl surgeon Dr. Helga Bleyaert. "I'm still a little concerned about her eyes, but we should know more this week when our ophthalmologists take another look at them."

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**OBITUARIES**

**Gary Gammad**

Gary Gammad, 52, passed away Friday, March 21, 2014, at St. Paul's Catholic Hospital, Tuguegarao, Philippines.

He was born Dec. 1, 1961, in Long Beach, Calif.

Gary retired as a sergeant for the Hardee Correctional Institution, where he worked for 26 years. He was an avid Oakland Raiders fan. Gary enjoyed spending time with his family. He was of the Catholic faith.

Gary is survived by his beloved wife, Maria Gammad of Arcadia, Fla.; son, Gary Gammad Jr. of Arcadia; three daughters, Courtney Gammad and Heather Gammad, both of Arcadia,

and Ashley Morgan of Wharton, N.J.; brothers, Anthony, Gerald, Ryan and Rodney Gammad, all of Sacramento, Calif.; mother, Remedios Gammad of Philippines; and one grandchild, Kason Hodges of Arcadia. He was preceded in death by his father, Vicente Gammad; and a sister, Vicky Lee Dukes.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2014, at the Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home Chapel, 50 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia, Fla. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Jerry Waters officiating. Online condolences may be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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**THIS WEEK IN DESOTO HISTORY**

**1974:**

• Donna Jo Cline, wife of Sheriff Frank E. Cline, won two awards: a medal for highest overall score among the women and a medal for highest overall score for women who competed during the 3rd Annual Tri-County Combat Pistol Meet. Some 38 shooters from eight law enforcement and related law enforcement agencies battled each other and the wind on Saturday.

• Terry Lynn Treadwell will be learning about government and politics by participating this June when she attends "Girl State" in Tallahassee. Miss Treadwell, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Treadwell. A junior at DeSoto High School, she is a varsity cheerleader and a member of The Grawl staff and the Sub-Debs.

• The Reverend Jimmie Collins and his family will be honored by their congregation this coming Sunday. This special event is to give recognition to the Reverend and his family for their outstanding contribution to the community. Mr. Collins and his family moved to Fort Ogden in September 1969 and have since that time earned the respect of the community as a result of their involvement in local affairs.

**1979:**

• The DHS baseball team has a score so far of 7-4 our favor. In conference games we have a score so far of 2-0, undefeated. The line-up is Greg Stroman, John Attardi, Bart Evers, Tom Boehm, Bobby Gambrell, Kevin Cross, Sam McCloud, Pete Boehm and Danny Neads.

• Betty Provau, a long-time employee of the DeSoto County School Board and an aide at Nocatee Elementary, has recently been named Queen for a Day and Chieftain of the Aides by her

co-workers. "Betty is a valuable employee at Nocatee Elementary School. She serves as aide, doctor, nurse, seamstress, police woman, custodian, cafeteria monitor, bus patrol, duplicator machine operator and repair woman. We're sure she's exhausted by the time she returns to her husband, Fred."

• The curtain will open next week on "Rashomon," to be presented by the DeSoto High School Drama Club. The assistant director of this year's annual spring production is Marsha Hilston. Joe Blackburn will play the bandit, Sal DeBella is the husband, Susan Johnson is the wife, Greg Strickland is the priest, Wayne Hayden is the woodcutter and Dutch Mann is the wig maker.

**1994:**

• Miss Laurel Padget was crowned as the 1994 DeSoto County Junior Miss Wednesday night at the county fair. Her court is comprised of 4th runner-up Sarah Burtscher; 3rd runner-up Kristie Sorrells; 2nd runner-up Carla Morgan; and 1st runner-up Arah Show.

• DeSoto County High School Senior Miss Traci Hines was crowned as Miss DeSoto County 1994 Monday night at the DeSoto County Fair. Miss Jamie Hollingsworth was named as first runner-up. She is also a senior at DeSoto High.



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# Needed: A truce in the worship wars

What's the primary cause of dissension in churches today? New styles of worship. And this is especially true relating to music.

At one time, orders of worship in most churches were marked by sameness: singing hymns, Bible readings, prayer, an offering, a sermon, sometimes followed by an altar call and a benediction.

Then the worship revolution arrived. This development, for the most part, rejected congregational singing not addressed to God. Songs or hymns about God or His work in our lives began to be spurned as not worshipful, giving birth to the writing and singing of praise choruses, many of which are truly great expressions of worship.

Why has this created a problem? While singing praise choruses exclusively and focusing on a fresh way to worship has brought new life to some churches, it had divided others into groups with conflicting tastes in music



Roger Campbell

and built barriers between members, often according to age. Many churches once known for their growth, love and unity, have become divided and attendance has dwindled due to continuing worship wars.

Have churches ever gone through changes in worship music before? Yes.

At one time, congregations worshiped by singing Psalms or songs taken from other Biblical texts. Moves to change this pattern met with strong opposition but were finally successful, ushering in an era of singing what we now call the great hymns of the faith.

When these new songs were introduced, some thought them too light, too loud or too fast. Still they endured, having developed the faith of many, including some who are now eager to relegate them to the past, depriving current generations of their life changing power.

Paul's call on music stressed the need for great variety and heartfelt singing.

In his words, church music was to include Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs that enabled those in the congregations to make melody in their hearts to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19).

He recommended blended church services that had no age barriers.

Making worship and music styles acceptable to all ages and preferences requires love and mutual understanding but achieving harmony in a congregation is worth the effort.

People who love one another can learn to appreciate a broader range of lyrics, beat and style. Focusing on the

use of worship music recommended in the Bible should enable people of all ages to call a truce on preferences and be united in love.

As to the need for a truce on volume, consider the advice of two respected ministers of the past. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist church, said, "Sing lustily and of a good courage. Beware of singing as if you are half dead or half asleep but lift up your voice with strength."

And more than a century ago, the still highly regarded English minister, Charles Spurgeon, established the following parameters for music in his church that would end most worship wars today: "No chorus is too loud, no orchestra too large, no Psalm too lofty for praising the Lord."

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## A panorama of a Florida morning

As the fog cleared, a brilliant sun took over the east horizon, enticing me into my mile-long morning exercise walk. Exiting the house, I paused before going down the steps, surveying the landscape, especially the pasture that borders our lot. It contains a variety of grazing cattle, but sometimes, visitors – three deer – join them.

No deer this morning, but there is a loud honking bird demanding attention. As it repeated its call, I smiled; it sounded like a mother trying to get her sleepy children out of the nest.

Continuing on my walk, in the next grove of trees there's a veritable chatter of birds ... must be gossip time or perhaps plan-making for the new day. And to add to the good morning vista, some warblers join in; I smile at the effort and the ear-pleasing sounds.

Then a new sight emerges: two sand hill cranes, with their impossibly thin legs and long, arched necks, slowly cross my path with their slow-paced gait. They head for a small, grassy mound, where bread crumbs are often scattered for an early morning treat. But this morning, the big birds have been out-manuevered; two bushy-tailed squirrels are hurrying down the



### From a Senior Viewpoint

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opposite side of the little knoll, indicating that the treats have already been harvested, but the cranes still climb and peck at the grass — perhaps there are some crumbs left — before they continue their slow progress. A pair of rabbits sit on their haunches, watching them.

All the park's animals are making their morning rounds, but I didn't see any turtles; they, too, occasionally make a slow journey, crossing the road to the lake. Seeing all the animals, I'm happy management has posted several "Drive Slowly" signs to protect the crawling and hopping residents.

Continuing, I greet several of our pet-walking neighbors. Then, as my morning exercise nears an end, I head for home where a cup of tea and the day's crossword awaits ... a new day has dawned in Florida.

## Mormom conference to be aired this weekend

SUBMITTED BY CINDY SIEGEL

The First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles invite all members and friends of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to participate in the 184th Semiannual General Conference this weekend, April 5 and 6.

Messages will be given by the First Presidency, members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and other General Authorities and general officers of the Church.

President Thomas S. Monson said at the close of a recent conference, "We face many challenges in the world today, but I assure you that our Heavenly Father is mindful of us. He loves each of us and will bless us as we seek Him through prayer and strive to keep His commandments.

"We are a global church. Our membership is found throughout the world. May we be good citizens of the nations in which we live and good neighbors in our communities, reaching out to those of other faiths as well as to those of our own. May we be examples of honesty and integrity wherever we go and in whatever we do."

General Sessions will be broadcast live from the Church's Conference Center in Salt Lake City on Saturday at noon and 4 p.m., and can be viewed at the local chapel at 1761 S. Gibson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. Two more general sessions will be broadcast on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.; the morning session includes the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's broadcast of Music and the Spoken Word.

## SEARCH

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further. "We should be speedy with this, and I think we should meet Monday to address this issue," she said.

Councilman Joe Fink expressed concerns over the council having an identical set of questions for each candidate, saying each individual comes from a different background and questions should be tailored to each situation. "I don't like the constraint we're putting on ourselves; we need to be able to ask questions outside of a pre-approved list," he said.

Keene disagreed, responding, "If we're not going to commit ourselves to an approved list, then that's a problem for me."

During the discussion, City Attorney T.J. Wohl told council members that follow-up questions will ensure the council can "go off script" if needed. "Everyone will have the opportunity to follow up with questions as the need arises," Wohl said. "With that in mind, there should be little concern that a specific question won't get asked."

The council also agreed that any candidates who wish to interview in person would need to pay their own expenses. "If you're interested in the job, then get on a plane and get here at your own expense," Councilman Bob Heine said.

Dick Fazzone, a member of the now-dissolved Administrator Advisory Committee, said the committee failed to conduct background checks or discover salary expectations of each finalists, which was laid out in the resolution

that formed the committee. The council agreed that the backgrounds and salary issues would be ferreted out during the hiring process regardless, but thanked Fazzone for the notification.

In other business, the council heard from Mike Cross of Miss DeSoto Softball seeking approval of a five-year contract with the organization to lease the softball fields on Arcadia Avenue.

Cross said his organization had already spent \$18,000 on renovations to the fields and surrounding areas, and they would be hesitant to invest any more money in the facility unless they were assured the city would agree to a long-term lease.

Council members were quick to praise the efforts of the organization, saying the agreement was a win for both the city and Miss DeSoto Softball. "We have a chance to enhance what has already been a great partnership with Miss DeSoto, and I'm all in favor of extending the contract," Keene said.

Frierson agreed, saying, "I don't think five years is too much to ask; I absolutely support this idea."

Wohl said it was important that the city ensure the fields are available to the public, and city staff would need to meet with the organization and any other groups affected by the lease to ensure there is access for everyone.

The council also unanimously approved final lease agreements for a new vacuum truck and two garbage trucks. Public Works' Steve Underwood said the new vehicles would be delivered in the next 60-120 days. Underwood said the city had six garbage truck breakdowns last week alone, and the new vehicles will greatly improve the efficiency of garbage pickup.

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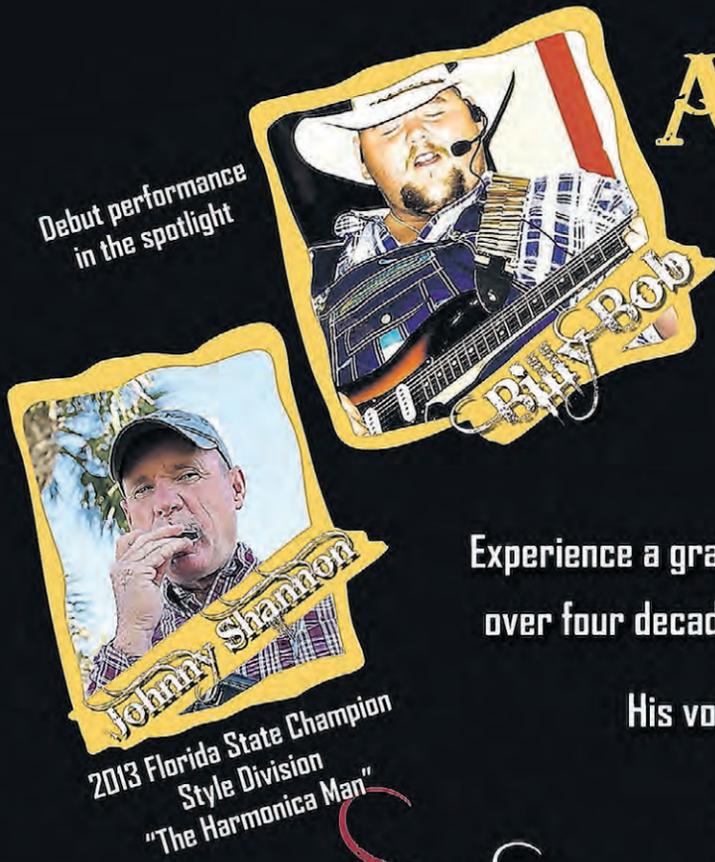
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# Community honors Confederate veterans



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The Southern Cross of Honor is a military symbol placed on the graves of Confederate veterans to designate their honor and service during the Civil War. A reenactment, including authentic uniforms, was held Saturday at Oak Ridge Cemetery, with a dedication and memorial service to place the Southern Cross of Honor at the graves of the following: Pvt. E. Seth A. McCullers, Pvt. Peyton Pearce, Pvt. Emmerson Pooser and Capt. Atkinson Pooser, C.S.A. Troops attending the event include the Confederate Cow Cavalry SVC #2818, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Emeline Piggot, Order of the Confederate Rose, Cpt. John W. Whidden, and United Daughters of the Confederacy. Seated in front are members of the Pooser family.



The Color Guard stands at attention proudly in their gray uniforms to honor Confederate Army veterans at Oak Ridge Cemetery on Saturday.



Commander Leon Arthur gives a hug to Frances Pooser.



Clinton Howerton unveils the Southern Cross of Honor at the grave of Pvt. E. Seth A. McCuller.



Ladonna Perry of the Confederate Rose Society is dressed in a traditional mourning dress from the past.



Confederate soldiers execute the traditional 21-gun salute at Oak Ridge Cemetery on Saturday.

# Jester opens April Fools' 5K race at Morgan Park



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Angie Harrell, Cathee Ford, Micaela Hall and Amber Walker get ready to run the 5K race at Morgan Park on Saturday.



The April Fools' 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by the Arcadia Rotary Club, had an appropriate mascot to welcome runners and walkers at Morgan Park on Saturday.



Rotary President-elect Rhonda Mixon congratulates Lisandro Disneros for his win with a time of 19:55 in the 5K April Fools' Race held Saturday at Morgan Park.



Kristen Spahr, right, and Jackie Manget from DeSoto Memorial Hospital check in for the April Fools' 5K run.



Brad Lawrence ran the April Fools' 5K race, sponsored by the Arcadia Rotary Club, in 23.22. His family — Braden, baby Harlan and mom Cassie — are very proud of Dad's run.

## TRAGEDY

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does not remember anything after that.

According to the warrant, George was not breathing and paramedics pronounced him deceased at the scene. JoAnn was transported to DeSoto Memorial Hospital, and later was taken to Blake Medical Center. DCSO called on other law enforcement agencies to help find Karl Burnham, who lists his parents' Owens Avenue home as his residence. A warrant for Karl's arrest was issued and officers from several agencies were seen watching traffic Thursday night in DeSoto County, looking for the Lexus.

DCSO was contacted around 9 p.m. by the Orange County Sheriff's Office advising Karl had been arrested near Orlando, reportedly driving the Lexus. Orange County deputies said a wooden hammer was found in plain view in the car's back seat, according to the affidavit. Karl Burnham was brought back to DeSoto County late Friday afternoon and was charged with first degree murder, attempted murder and grand theft of an automobile. He remains in the DeSoto County Jail without bond.

### Trying to cope

The family has been deeply shaken, and JoAnn is still recovering from her physical injuries. The family asked not to

be contacted at this time, and only immediate family and their pastor, the Rev. Jonathon Booher of Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church, are permitted to visit. Booher said JoAnn's health is improving and she hopes to be released in the near future.

The Burnhams have attended Mt. Ephraim for more than 30 years, and Booher said JoAnn has a "wonderful ministry" in the church. She makes beautiful handmade cards, he said, which she gives to other members of the congregation for special occasions or to cheer them up. "These are not just ordinary cards — they are works of art," he said. She also does the church bulletin.

"This is an unbelievably tragic loss for the Burnham family," Booher said. "This is a praying community, and we ask that you all keep them in your prayers."

Funeral arrangements for George Burnham have not yet been announced.

### No stranger to the law

Karl Burnham is no stranger to law enforcement. He has arrest records dating to 1985 in Manatee County, with charges including forgery and grand theft auto, according to Florida Department of Corrections records.

Karl again was arrested in Orange County 1988 — this time on charges of second-degree murder, unarmed robbery and grand theft auto — for which he was sentenced in 1989 to 22 years in prison,

according to the Department of Corrections. An Orlando Sentinel story from November 1988 mentioned Karl as a suspect, along with two other men, in the killing of a vacationing 43-year-old Natick, Mass., man, whom authorities found suffocated in a motel room in Orlando. The victim's credit cards, cash and rental van had been stolen, the Sentinel story states.

Karl was released in 2004, back in custody in 2006, released again in March 2010, and back in custody by October of that year. He was released nearly 16 months later in early 2012.

DCSO records show his parents called the Sheriff's Office in August 2010, when they discovered Karl had taken their debit card and obtained \$100 in cash advances two days in a row, then took the couple's truck without permission. They also found he had taken two 9 mm handguns. Karl had told them at the time he needed the truck because he was scheduled to pick up medication from the DeSoto County Health Department. However, they later learned he was not scheduled to pick up his medication for four more days, according to the arrest report.

He was charged with grand theft auto, grand theft of firearms, and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon. However, DeSoto court records show that case was dropped in October 2010.

Karl was charged in January



PHOTO PROVIDED

JoAnn Burnham's Facebook page shows a photo of her with her husband, George, around the time of their 50th wedding anniversary. The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office alleges their 49-year-old son, Karl, beat George to death Thursday, and critically injured JoAnn. Karl later was taken into custody after he and the couple's Lexus were found in Orange County, Fla.

of this year in DeSoto with disorderly public intoxication and criminal mischief, with less than \$200 in property damage. He pleaded no contest to those charges, was found guilty, and was assessed costs.

Facebook postings from the family's pages indicate George and JoAnn Burnham celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year. George retired at the rank of major from the DeSoto Road Prison. JoAnn worked for many years at G. Pierce Wood mental hospital and, according to Facebook postings, was well liked by her colleagues.



SUN PHOTO BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

The Burnham home, on the 2400 block of Northwest Owens Avenue in DeSoto County, was marked off with crime scene tape Friday morning. George Burnham was discovered dead Thursday, and his wife, JoAnn, with critical injuries, allegedly at the hand of their son, Karl.

## Lady Bulldogs rusty in 12-1 loss

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The last time the DeSoto County softball team battled the Lemon Bay Mantas was March 7. It was a good game but the Bulldogs just couldn't get the a big hit to get the team going and they lost a close 3-1 game.

Just before spring break there was a

game at Charlotte that was rained out. Then the game right after spring break at home against North Port was also canceled because of the weather. When the Lady Bulldogs took the field at Lemon Bay March 25, it meant DeSoto hadn't been tested in action for 17 days. No matter how much you practice between games, there is nothing like facing another team to keep your skills sharp.

The second meeting of these district rivals turned out much differently than the first contest. Lemon Bay is a solid team that makes few mistakes and will capitalize on the mistakes of their opponents. They did that against the Bulldogs.

### Bad inning dooms Dawgs

The Mantas' Ashton Werden struck out the side in the first inning. Hayden Lipe had a two-out single but didn't get past first. Shelby Cross led off the second with a single and was sacrificed to second by DeSoto's starting pitcher Amber Reid. Another strikeout (second one caught looking) and a ground ball kept the Bulldogs off the scoreboard.

Trailing 2-0 in the top of the third, Makayla Greene led off with a free pass and after yet another strikeout, freshman Taylor Day laid down a nice bunt. The third baseman and Werden collided as Werden made her throw to first and the ball ended up against the fence down the right field line.

Greene scrambled all the way around the bases as Day motored into third. Lipe hit a fly ball to right that was held up by strong winds and after it was caught, Day was doubled up trying to score on a close play at the plate.



Miss DeSoto Softball's eight-and-under team wouldn't let a loss to North Port put a damper on a great season full of fun.



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Taylor Day works on her bunting in pre-game warmups. Her successful bunt led to the only Bulldog run in DeSoto's 12-1 loss to Lemon Bay.

Lemon Bay then proceeded to pick up ten runs in the bottom of the third to put the game away. It started out the way many bad innings do, with an error. Six walks, three singles, one hit batter, three errors and a mental error later, the Bulldogs were looking at the short end of the 12-1 score.

The Bulldogs were fortunate that one out was recorded when the runner missed the sign and was easily thrown out at second on a steal attempt, and another runner was forced at second on a ball hit into short center field. There

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DeSoto County catcher Hayden Lipe drills a two-out first-inning single into center field for one of three Bulldog hits in the 12-1 loss at Lemon Bay March 25.



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## Bulldogs hang on for second home win

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The DeSoto County varsity baseball team apparently likes long bus rides to their games, as they had won only one game at home in six tries before the Booker Tornadoes came to town March 27. The Bulldogs' 5-3 win wasn't pretty, taking a game that should have been a blowout and turning it into a close contest.

Freshman Robb Adams was unhit-table on the mound for the first four innings. The Tornadoes couldn't get a grip on the southpaw slants as he held them hitless and struck out four and walked one. The only other runner came on a hit batter.

Meanwhile the Bulldogs offense was in the process of banging out 13 hits, with a two-run single by first baseman Javier Zamora putting the Bulldogs on the board first in the third inning.

A fourth-inning leadoff single by Corey Omar, the second of his three hits in the game, followed by Casey Rittenburg's second hit set up a two-run single by Tony Lalonde. Will Nelson plated Lalonde and the Bulldogs were out in front 5-0.

Adams came out of the game after throwing 59 pitches and Lalonde took the hill. Adams wanted to continue his no-hit bid, but it was a cool and windy night. He is just a freshman and since the game was a non-district contest, it made sense not to take a chance on his arm and possible injury.

Lalonde did a nice job going three innings and giving up just two hits and striking out three, but he also allowed all three Booker runs in the fifth inning. He didn't get a lot of help from his defense, as the inning was stretched

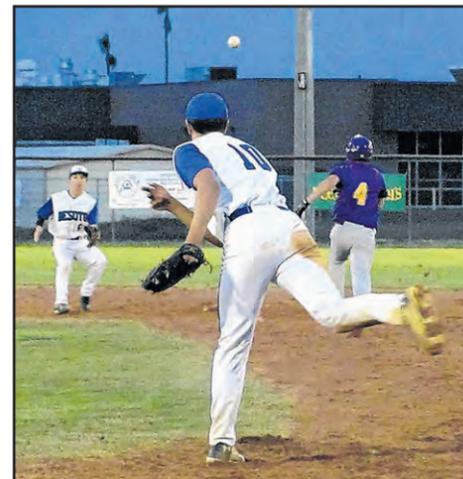
out from errors and plays that weren't made. There were two errors, a mental error and a wild pitch that all contributed to the Booker comeback.

Neither team could score after the top of the fifth, with the final 5-3 score giving the Bulldogs their second home win of the season. Omar and Nelson had three hits each while Rittenburg added two more. Lalonde knocked in two and scored twice, along with getting the save in the game.

Nelson said, "We went through a little rough patch there in the fifth and didn't play as a team. We have to work together."

"We let them slip back into the game and one error led to another and it

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Bulldog pitcher Tony Lalonde picks off a Booker runner as Javier Zamora fires to Brad Roberts to try and throw out the player. DeSoto County won the game 5-3 for their second home win of the season.

The Bulldogs' Jonathan England started on the mound against Sebring in the DeSoto County game March 28.



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# JV boys lose offensive showdown

By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The scoreboard operator was the busiest person at the game when the junior varsity Bulldogs hosted Sebring March 28. Sebring failed to score in the first inning but scored every inning after that. The Bulldogs, meanwhile, scored in the first three innings, including a seven-run third to pull back within a run, but were shut out in the final two innings. The end result was an exciting

19-10 DeSoto loss.

The Bulldogs scored first on a two-run single by Peyton Smith. The Bulldogs had runners on second and third with one out but failed to pad their lead, as a strikeout and ground out ended the threat. Sebring scored seven times in the second to take a 7-2 lead going into the bottom of the second.

Trailing 11-3 in the third, the Bulldogs didn't quit and scored seven times on four walks, a hit batter and three singles. Catcher Hunter Browning knocked in

the final two with a single, but again a strikeout and ground out kept the Bulldogs from tying the game.

That was the end of the scoring for the Bulldogs, as the Blue Streaks brought in their ace pitcher to cool off the DeSoto bats. A disastrous fifth inning led to seven more runs for the Blue Streaks on three Bulldog errors, four walks and three hits.

Every player in the DeSoto lineup got on base at least once, with Jonathan

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## Track teams prep for district, regional meets



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The DeSoto County track and field team will have its last meet tomorrow before districts as they travel to Berkeley Prep for a 1 p.m. meet. They will have the district meet at Booker on April 11 at 11 a.m., and regionals at Berkeley Prep on April 16 with another 11 a.m. start.

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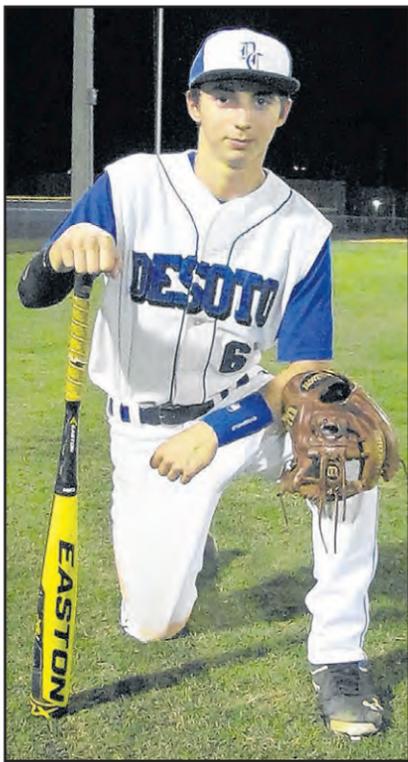
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# Roberts named player of the month



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Senior Brad Roberts has been selected as the DeSoto County Player of the Month for March. Roberts had a hit in every game except the final game as he hit .500 for the month. Roberts is a four-year varsity letterman and is a member of the National Honor Society.

# Smallest of the Lady Bullpups enjoy game

By STEVE KNAPP  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

The eight-and-under division of the Miss DeSoto softball teams played a game at North Port last Saturday and even though they lost by a run, you couldn't tell it after the game. They play for the fun of the sport and have a 3-3 record on the season.



Taysia Zieschang puts on her catcher's equipment during her team's game in North Port last Saturday.



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The eight-and-under 'Lil' Bullpups just after their game at North Port March 29.

Julie Barber, a 6-year-old student at Nocatee Elementary, gives me pointers on how to bat as she waits for her turn at the plate in the game at North Port March 29. When asked where she plays, she pointed to the field and said, "Out there," which makes sense.



The 'Lil' Bullpups have a strong bond as a team. When one of the girls in the front row lost her balance, she took the rest of the row with her as they never unlocked their arms and landed face-first in the grass. Now there's a team that sticks together!



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England, Luke Womack, Smith and Casen Cross each getting two hits to pace the Bulldogs' 10-hit attack. Womack, Smith and Browning each had two RBIs.

"I'm proud of y'all. You didn't quit and you put a scare into them. They disrespected you and you showed them that

they had to bring in their ace pitcher or else we were going to beat them. You didn't quit, ever!" said coach Ryan Fullerton.

"Our record doesn't show how good we really are. We usually get ahead and then have a bad inning late in the game and then lose," Fullerton said. "We've had a couple of bad games, but we've led in every game except two."

The final home game of the season is April 7 as the Avon Park Red Devils come to town. Game time is 6 p.m.



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Bulldog center fielder Peyton Smith drills this pitch into right center for a two-run single in the first inning to put DeSoto County on top 2-0 over Sebring. The Blue Streaks came back and defeated the Bulldogs in the March 28 game.

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was a fielding error, throwing error, an overrun fly ball and an infielder who had to avoid the runner to throw home when she could have tagged the runner right in front of her and thrown to first for an inning-ending double play.

Reid and relief pitcher Destiny Payne only allowed three hits in the inning, but the six walks and poor defense quickly turned the game into an ugly one.

Bulldog catcher Hayden Lipe said, "The umpire was not very consistent tonight, Amber missed a few pitches but there were others that looked like strikes to me but were called balls. I think the long time between games really hurt us."

"The time off hurt for sure, but then you have the dropped balls and errors and it just escalated from there. This game is 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical and we were out of it after the third inning," said head coach Billy Hines. "You could see that. Walks and errors will kill you. April 13 is when it all starts (district tournament)."



By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

a bad inning and never recovered and lost 12-1. On Friday they traveled to Sebring and lost 11-7.

- The junior varsity softball team had their game canceled at Lemon Bay because of the wet field, but they continued their winning ways with a 14-6 whipping at Sebring.

- The varsity baseball team split two games last week. After beating Booker 5-3, they lost at Sebring 5-2. Tony LaLonde was named player of the game for both contests.

- The JV baseball team lost both games last week against Sebring and Lake Placid.

- The Miss DeSoto fast-pitch softball league was represented at North Port last Saturday. The 8U girls lost a close game by a

run, but the 16U girls split their two games with North Port. After losing the opener of the double-header 8-7, they rallied from a 4-1 deficit to win the game 5-4 thanks to a two-out single by Cheyenne Torres. Photos of the games will be printed in a future edition of *The Arcadian*.

**Upcoming games**

- The track and field teams will travel to Berkeley Prep tomorrow for a 1 p.m. meet. They will have their district meet at Booker April 11 and the regionals will be held at Berkeley Prep April 16.

- The JV baseball team will be home next Monday at 6 p.m. against Avon Park, and have a 4:30 p.m. game April 10.

- The varsity baseball team will host district rival Hardee at 7

p.m. tonight.

- The JV and varsity softball teams will be home tonight as Hardee comes to town, and will host Port Charlotte tomorrow night. JV games start at 5 p.m., with the varsity games scheduled for 7 p.m.

- The boys' weightlifting team travels to Avon Park April 8 for the district meet.

- The middle school volleyball teams travel to Lake Placid tonight.



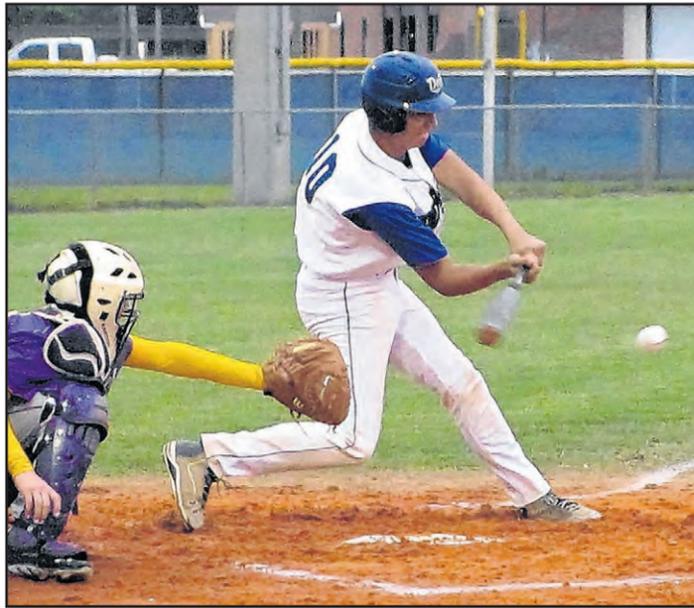
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**The big lefty on the hill for the Bulldogs, Robb Adams, looks in for the sign as he no-hit the Booker Tornadoes for four innings before being taken out in the fifth. He walked one and hit one in the 59-pitch effort in DeSoto's 5-3 win.**

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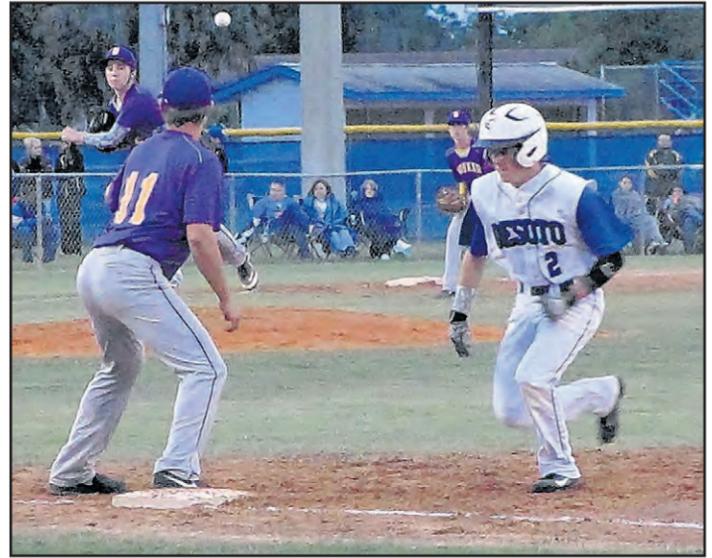
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got out of hand. We just didn't have our heads in the game," said Wesley Georges. "We missed eight signs in the game and didn't play our best tonight. We still came out with the win and we're excited for that but not for the way we played."



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**Javier Zamora connects on this pitch to put the Bulldogs ahead in the third inning. DeSoto County beat Booker 5-3.**



**DeSoto County's Tony Lalonde hustles back to first on a pickoff attempt after his two-run single put the Bulldogs ahead 4-0. Lalonde scored the final Bulldog run on a single by Will Nelson.**

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# It's wild turkey nesting time

**W**ild turkey hens are nesting now, and spring gobbler hunting season is under way. (Check [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com) for dates and regulations.)

The wild turkey is said to be the wariest of game birds. DeSoto County has the habitat to support a good population of wild turkeys, but you typically won't see these birds unless they have become accustomed to visiting a regular food source such as a game feeder. These birds are elusive and masters at detection of any movement. *Meleagris gallopavo* is known for its crafty secretive behavior.

If Benjamin Franklin had prevailed in selecting our national symbol, it would have been the wild turkey, not the bald eagle, which Franklin dismissed as a "mere carrion eater."

Nothing is more elegant than a male wild turkey with his iridescent tail feathers spread, while he gobbles and struts for his harem of females. There are five subspecies of wild turkey in North America. Florida has two — the eastern and the Osceola. Osceola is similar to the eastern but tends to be a bit smaller and typically a darker shade with less white barring on the flight feathers of its wings. The Osceola subspecies occurs only in peninsular Florida. Because of this, Florida is a destination of turkey hunters from around the world seeking to harvest each of the subspecies of wild turkey.

Hunters search out suitable habitat before season and spend hours imitating turkey calls with various devices in hopes of glimpsing these magnificent birds. Roosting sites are identified; then when season opens a silent stalk to the roost site well before dawn is made, so that the hunter is in place when the birds fly down from the roost.

Calls are most often heard at dawn. The male gives the characteristic "gobble, gobble, gobble." Females give a loud sharp "tuk" or a whiny "yike, yike." Both sexes use a variety of other soft clucks and rolling calls.

If the turkeys detect even the slightest movement by the hunter they will scatter. The hunter can try to draw the gobblers back by making enticing hen calls, but often the turkey wins the round.

Males court a harem of females, but females do not mate exclusively with the dominant male. Young males are known as jakes. Male turkeys have a cluster of bristles that hangs down from the breast known as a "beard," but occasionally hens have a beard also. The beard grows longer each year, and is not shed as feathers are. Females with beards are



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capable of reproduction — so although the beard is considered a sexual characteristic, it actually isn't.

After mating the female builds a crude nest on the ground. The shallow depression is well concealed in vegetation. When the hen leaves the nest, she covers the eggs with dry leaves. The female will leave the nest in different directions to help avoid detection. Clutches average about 10 eggs. Eggs are a bit larger than a hen's egg and buff colored with brown and black speckles. The female stays on the nest, except for brief forays for food in mid-afternoon.

Nesting season runs from mid-March through June. If a clutch of eggs is destroyed, hens will re-nest, but rarely does a hen produce two broods in a season. Incubation takes 26 to 28 days,

and hatching may take about two days. The hen and poults leave the nest shortly after all are hatched. By the time the poults are a week old they begin to fly, and by two weeks of age are roosting in trees.

Roughly half the nests are successful and about 30 percent of hatchlings survive the first two weeks. Turkeys are considered to be a "prey species," providing food for bobcats, raccoons, skunks, opossum, fox, coyotes, armadillos, raptors and a variety of snakes. Their relatively high reproduction rate enables them to survive.

The wild turkey is a swift runner and will often run a considerable distance before taking flight. They are powerful fliers, especially for short distances. Their wings are designed for short, fast flight, but they can cover a mile or more.

Wild turkeys prefer wooded areas where they are able to see approximately 100 yards at turkey eye level to detect approaching danger. Forested areas, especially hardwood hammocks, bottomland hardwoods, wooded swamps, cypress woods and mixed pine/hardwood habitat are ideal for turkeys. Roosting habitat generally consists of cypress or pine trees in close proximity to or over water. Good turkey nesting habitat has open areas with abundant insects and nearby escape cover that averages one to three feet high. If vegetation is too dense it impedes the movement of chicks.



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**Wild turkey hens build a crude nest on the ground. The shallow depression is well concealed in vegetation. When the hen leaves the nest, she covers the eggs with dry leaves. Clutches average about ten eggs. Eggs are a bit larger than a hen's egg and buff colored with brown and black speckles.**

Grazed pastureland often offers ideal turkey habitat. Insects make up the majority of a young poult's diet but seed heads and other plant material are important. In fall and winter turkeys dine on acorns and other mast.

For a detailed delightful look into the life of the wild turkey, read "Illumination in the Flatwoods" by Joe Hutto. An artist, naturalist and wildlife biologist, Hutto raised a flock of wild turkeys from incubated eggs. From the intimate moments of the eggs pipping (the first small air hole the young poult makes in the shell) to the scattering of the flock as they mature, and the return of one male who aggressively fixates on Hutto, this book will make you realize how intricate the web of survival is. DeSoto County Library has the book, as well as a DVD of the author with the flock.



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## DMH

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to find a viable suitor.

"The state legislature has failed to accept federal funds available to provide health care coverage to the working poor, and at the local level, we were unsuccessful in persuading the Board of County Commissioners that an indigent care tax was good for the community," she said. "The hospital's cash flow reserves are being eroded and I can see some real benefits to being associated with a larger health care system given today's economic environment. I believe it would be in the best interest of DeSoto County and the hospital board to consider any and all viable alternatives that will allow us to maintain a hospital in Arcadia."

Lew Ambler seconded the motion, adding, "We've reached a point where it's no longer possible for DMH to act independently in providing medical care to this community," he said. "Without an influx of money we won't be able to make our payments or meet payroll, and

the likelihood of outside revenue is near zero. If the sales tax ever gets to a ballot, it's my belief it won't pass."

After the motion was approved, the board asked Sica for guidance on how best to move forward. He suggested the board hold a 60-day public request for proposals. When all bids have been received, the administration would choose two finalists to present to the board.

### Agreement with Manatee Health near

Sica said DMH was closer to becoming the referral clearinghouse for Manatee Regional Health. The move will capture revenue that was previously leaving the county without benefiting the hospital. "This gives us an opportunity to increase our volume on things we didn't even know were leaving town, so this is a great opportunity for the hospital," he said.

The hospital's new radiology suite is now complete and ready for use. Staff members are currently learning how to use all new equipment, and plans are being made to hold an open house for the public to view the room.

## DMH near bottom of patient safety survey

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

A new survey by Consumer Reports on hospital patient safety lists DeSoto Memorial Hospital second-to-last in the state. The survey, which is available at [www.consumerreports.org](http://www.consumerreports.org), allows users to compare hospitals based on the patient safety score, as well as individual measures relating to patient experience, patient outcomes, and certain hospital practices.

Hospitals are ranked in four categories: safety score, patient outcomes, patient experience and hospital practices. Each category was ranked based on a 20-point

scale, with a maximum score of 100 and a minimum score of one.

DMH scored a 26, with low scores in areas such as avoiding death, chest scanning, abdominal scanning, communications about drug information and avoiding readmissions. It scored well in doctor-patient communication, nurse-patient communication, pain control and room quietness and cleanliness.

It should be noted several areas of the hospital did not receive a rating, including categories related to patient outcomes and use of electronic health records. For comparison, the top-rated hospital

in the state is Parrish Medical Center in Titusville with a 68, and the lowest St. Petersburg General Hospital in St. Petersburg with a 25. Nearly 50 hospitals in the state received no rating at all.

Area hospitals ranked in the report include Fawcett Memorial in Port Charlotte, 59; Doctors Hospital of Sarasota, 59; Lakewood Ranch Medical Center in Bradenton, 56; Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center in Sebring, 50; Bayfront Hospital in Port Charlotte, 48; Sarasota Memorial, 48; Bayfront Hospital in Punta Gorda, 47; and Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring, 38.

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By: /s/ N. Daughtrey As Deputy Clerk Published 4/3/14, 4/10/14, 4/17/14 & 4/24/14 228541 3023597

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 14-2009-CA-000400 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2005-R3, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R3, Plaintiff,

vs. BETTY MATHENY AND CHERYL MATHENY, et al. Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 19, 2014, and entered in 14-2009-CA-000400 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2005-R3, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R3, is the Plaintiff and CHERYL MATHENY; ESTATE OF BETTY MATHENY are the Defendant(s). Mitzie McGavic as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the South Door 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 AM on April 17, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 9, TALL PINES ESTATES FIRST ADDITION, SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.** Dated this 20th day of February, 2014.  
Mitzie McGavic As Clerk of the Court By: /s/ B. Wynn As Deputy Clerk

**IMPORTANT**  
**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. At least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711.** Published 4/3/14 & 4/10/14 331723 3023577

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 LLC1, is the Plaintiff and ATHENA L PEEL; DEMPSEY B PEEL; BANK OF AMERICA, NA; are the Defen-

dants, 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 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 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 FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2013-CA-000770 CHARLES W. HARRISON, JR., Plaintiff, vs. NADINE LIPPEL ANTHONY and PEMBROKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of May, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., the following described real property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash:  
 Lot 19, Block 2, First Replat of PEMBROKE SUBDIVISION, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 80, Public Records of Desoto County, Florida (the "Property").  
 Said sale will be held at the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. This sale will be made pursuant to the Uniform Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated and entered March 24, 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. The name of the Clerk making the sale is Mitzie W. McGavic. Dated at DeSoto County, Florida, this 25th day of March, 2014.  
 Mitzie W. McGavic  
 DeSoto County Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ B. Wynn  
 As Deputy Clerk Published 4/3/14 & 4/10/14 315372 30235383

**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  
 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:

**NOTICE OF SALE 3130**

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that we will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following self storage units in order to satisfy the delinquent storage lien placed in accordance with the State of Florida Statute 83.806.  
 UNIT# NAME CONTENTS  
 70W083 Adrian Aldape Household Goods  
 The above 1 unit(s) are located @ 4599 NW Hwy 70, Arcadia, FL 34266  
 17N037 LaTeapha Z McBurney Household Goods  
 The above 1 unit(s) is located @ 3153 NE Hwy 17, Arcadia, FL 34266  
 31S033 Phillip I Sims Household Goods  
 The above 1 unit(s) is located @ 2999 SE Hwy 31, Arcadia, FL 34266  
 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 OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO.  
 14-2013-CA-000294-CAAX-MA  
 STATE FARM BANK, F.S.B.,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 LOMA ASHFORD; JESSE ASHFORD JR.; RONNIE HEARNS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RONNIE HEARNS; DOLECIEA HEARNS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DOLECIEA HEARNS; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); GIFFORD & GIFFORD CONSTRUCTION, INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Desoto County, Florida, described as:

**NOTICE OF SALE 3130**

**LOTS 25 AND 26, BLOCK B, JOE LOUIS FARMS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, South door of the courthouse facing Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 33821 at 11:00 AM, on April 22, 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. Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 1st day of April, 2014.  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT 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 Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.** Published 4/3/14 & 4/10/14 107236 3023624

**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 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.  
 MITZIE W. MCGAVIC  
 CLERK OF COURT  
 DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 By: CRYSTAL HENDERSON,  
 Deputy Clerk  
 Publication Dates: 3/20/14, 3/27/14, 4/3/14, 4/10/14 112132 3015995

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

Notice is hereby given that **US BANK, CUST FOR TRC** 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: 125  
 Issuance Date: MAY 27, 2011  
 Tax Deed File #: 14-11-TD  
 Description of Property: LOTS 1 AND 20, BLOCK "C", DESOTO PEACE RIVER HEIGHTS, 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 63.  
**Names in which assessed:**  
 RICHARD GOOCH  
 2155 CASS STREET  
 SARASOTA, FL 34231  
 All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the

**TAX DEEDS 3132**

South Courthouse Door on MAY 7, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.  
 Dated this 26th DAY OF MARCH, 2014.  
 MITZIE W. MCGAVIC  
 CLERK OF COURT  
 DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 By: CRYSTAL HENDERSON,  
 Deputy Clerk  
 Publication Dates: 4/3/14, 4/10/14, 4/17/14 & 4/24/14 112132 3023630

**OTHER NOTICES 3138**

**\*\*OFFICIAL\*\***  
**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION**  
 I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in DESOTO County, State of Florida, on the FOURTH day of NOVEMBER, 2014, A.D., to fill or retain the following offices:  
 Representative in Congress: District 17  
 Florida Cabinet - Governor  
 Florida Cabinet - Lieutenant Governor  
 Florida Cabinet - Attorney General  
 Florida Cabinet: Chief Financial Officer  
 Florida Cabinet: Commissioner of Agriculture  
 State Senator: District 26  
 State Representative: District 56  
 Second District Court of Appeal: Retention of Three Judges  
 Circuit Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit: Groups 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 17, 18 and 19  
 School Board: Districts 1,3 and 5  
 County Commissioner: Districts 2 and 4  
 Peace River Soil and Water Conservation District:  
 Groups 1, 3 and 5  
 Published 4/3/14 & 4/17/14 283740 3011181

**\*\*OFFICIAL\*\***  
**AVISO DE ELECCIONES GENERALES**

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que se llevarán a cabo ELECCIONES GENERALES en el Condado de DESOTO, Estado de la Florida, el día CUATRO de NOVIEMBRE de 2014 d. C., para determinar la ocupación o la retención de los siguientes cargos:  
 Representante ante el Congreso: distrito 17  
 Gabinete de la Florida - Gobernador  
 Gabinete de la Florida - Vicegobernador  
 Gabinete de la Florida - Procurador General  
 Gabinete de la Florida - Funcionario Principal de Finanzas  
 Gabinete de la Florida - Comisionado de Agricultura  
 Senador Estatal: distrito 26  
 Representante Estatal: distrito 56  
 Tribunal de Apelaciones del 2.º Distrito: retención de 3 jueces  
 Juez del Circuito, 12.º Circuito Judicial: grupos 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 17, 18 y 19  
 Junta Escolar: distritos 1, 3 y 5  
 Comisionado del Condado: distritos 2 y 4  
 Distrito de Conservación de Tierra y Agua de Peace River: grupos 1, 3 y 5  
 Publicado 4/3/14 & 4/17/14 283740 3011156  
 PO #14-48893  
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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION TO THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
 Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Florida Water Management District received an application for a water use permit to withdraw water from wells and/or surface waters from Application Number: 2001245.001. Application received: December 19, 2013; Predominant use type: Agriculture. Total requested withdrawal average daily gallons per day: 552,700. Peak month average requested withdrawal average daily gallons per day: 1,440,000 gpd and cold protection quantities of 0 gpd; From 1 existing groundwater withdrawals. Location: Sections: 9; Township: 38 S; Range 22 E, in Sarasota County. The file(s) pertaining to the project referred to above is available for inspection Monday through Friday except for legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) Tampa Service office located at 7601 Highway 301 North,

**OTHER NOTICES 3138**

Tampa, FL 33637-6759. Interested persons may inspect a copy of the application and submit written comments concerning the application. Comments must include the permit application number and be received within 14 days from the date of this notice. If you wish to be notified of agency action or an opportunity to request and administrative hearing regarding the application you must send a written request referencing the permit application number to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Regulation Performance management Department, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 or submit your request through the District's website at www.watermatters.org. The District does not discriminate based on disability. Anyone requiring accommodation under the ADA should contact the Regulation Performance management Department at (352)796-7211 or 1-800-423-1476: TDD only 1-800-231-6103. Published 4/3/14 369349 3020737

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**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
 Aries, you have a great deal of energy but have no idea where to focus all of it. This could be a good week to visit with friends and family and spend time together.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
 Don't get swept away by old habits, Taurus. It is time to try something new and get a new perspective. Accept a new challenge and you will be glad for having done so.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
 Gemini, you may be tempted to question the actions of others this week. But try to focus instead on what you are doing and do not be concerned with the motivations of other people.

**CANCER - June 22/July 22**  
 Cancer, you have to go to great lengths to get your point across this week. Approach such situations with tact and patience and do your best to simplify your point of view.

**LEO - July 23/Aug 23**  
 Leo, all you need is a little spark to motivate you this week. You may be able to tackle projects around the house or assignments at work with ease and a little inspiration.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
 Virgo, your romantic life is full of complicated patterns and obstacles, which could be taking their toll on your relationship. Some subtle changes might get things back on track.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
 Unfortunately, sitting back and doing nothing this week will move you nowhere fast, Libra. The vacation is over; you need to find the motivation to increase the pace.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
 Things move along quite smoothly for you this week, Scorpio. There are plenty of distractions heading your way, but do your best to stay focused.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
 Get outdoors and enjoy some fresh air, Sagittarius. Fresh air is just what you need after a bout of cabin fever. The weather is breaking and outside projects beckon.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
 Capricorn, start planning a much-needed vacation for you and your significant other. Some time away from the hustle and bustle is just what the both of you need.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
 Trust your instincts, Aquarius. When something seems off-kilter, you owe it to yourself to trust your gut and speak up, even if others aren't ready to believe you.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
 Express your passion for a special project to a loved one, Pisces. Don't be afraid to share your feelings with those closest to you.

- FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**  
**MARCH 30**  
 Celine Dion, Singer (46)  
**MARCH 31**  
 Ewan McGregor, Actor (43)  
**APRIL 1**  
 Rachel Maddow, TV Host (41)  
**APRIL 2**  
 Michael Fassbender, Actor (37)  
**APRIL 3**  
 Cobie Smulders, Actress (32)  
**APRIL 4**  
 Phil Morris, Actor (55)  
**APRIL 5**  
 Krista Allen, Actress (43)

# Ranch rodeo — fast and wild

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

One of America's oldest original sports takes place Sunday in the Arcadia Rodeo Arena — Florida's Best of the Ranches Rodeo. Sanctioned by the Working Ranch Cowboy Association, the ranch rodeo showcases the skills real working Florida cowboys use every day as they tend to cattle.

Unlike the professional rodeo, featuring professional rodeo competitors, the ranch rodeo includes authentic cowboys who chase, rope, sort, brand and doctor cattle for a living. It's not an easy life — up before dawn in torrential rains, fierce sun or freezing cold, riding horses in places no vehicle can reach, and rescuing cattle from palmetto thickets. A ranch rodeo is a way to show off the unique skillset these intrepid cowboys and cowgirls use every day.

The event categories include:

- Saddle bronc riding — using the heavy saddles cowboys ride in all day long, not the abbreviated versions you

see in professional rodeo. Cowboys often have to train their own horses, and the first ride can be wild — as you will see.

- Team branding — Cowboys work together on the range to gather the calves and make sure they are branded or marked with an identifying ear tag. The branding in this event uses a mop with white lime powder but the skills to achieve it are the same.

- Stray gathering — Cowboys work as a team to gather up the cattle to move them to fresh pastures or bring them in for pen work. In this event, team members have to cooperate to move certain cattle to a location and keep certain others behind. It requires coordination among team members as well as well trained horses to get the job done.

- Other events include team penning and wild cow milking (and no, cowboys don't normally milk wild cows, but the skills to be able to do that are close to what they perform on a daily basis).

The ranch rodeo will include cowboys from all over the state of Florida, and



Saddle bronc riding in the Ranch Rodeo uses the ordinary saddle a coby would use on a daily basis -- not the scaled-down version you see in professional rodeos. The Best of the Florida Ranches Rodeo takes place Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Arcadia rodeo arena.

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will count toward qualifying to compete in the WRCA nationals held in November in Amarillo, Texas.

The ranch rodeo will be held at the Arcadia Rodeo Arena, 124 Heard Street. Gates open at 2 p.m. and the show

begins at 4 p.m. Tickets are available at the gate for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Parking is \$5.

Come see what the real American cowboy does — see an authentic Florida icon at work.

## 'Cowboys of Florida' to be shown Friday

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

"The Cowboys of Florida," a film highlighting the life of working cowboys in the Sunshine State, will be screened in a special presentation Friday at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County.

The film was made in this region of Florida, and features several local participants and backers. George Pratt, a well known horseman who lives in Arcadia,

was the producer and appears in the film, and Realtor Gordon "Mac" Martin performs the musical accompaniment.

Other local participants include Dr. Barbara Carlton, Howard Melton, Elton Langford, Larry Hudson, Goat Rowan and Windy Walker, and featuring the Arcadia Rodeo and the DeSoto County High School band.

The film shows what a cowboy's life is like, from cattle drives through palmetto-choked pastures to participating

in friendly competitions. It's a lifestyle that has been romanticized, but it's not all sunsets and harmonicas — cowboys endure hardships most people could not tolerate. Florida cowboys continue to live this way even today, and there will always be a need for cowboys as long as horses can go where vehicles can't make it.

How long this lifestyle will continue is uncertain. "The Cowboys of Florida" shows you how they live and what they do right here in DeSoto County.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with a cash bar and an opportunity to meet some of the key figures in the film before the showing. It will be held in the theater at the Charlotte County Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron Street in Port Charlotte. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased online at [www.theculturalcenter.com](http://www.theculturalcenter.com) or at The Cultural Center Box Office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and one hour before the show. Call 941-625-4175 x221 for more information.

## DeSoto students meet Air Force Thunderbirds



Sgt. Jessica Rivers of the U.S. Air Force talks to DeSoto County High School students about the F-16, which tops out at 1,500 mph with 29,000 pounds of thrust at sea level. Every jet with a full tank can fly for about one hour, and a one-hour flight requires up to 12 hours of inspection.



Sgt. Matthew Wetter talked to DeSoto County High School students about the F-16's safety record. They have never had an accident during an air show although malfunctions have occurred during training.



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Major Curtis Dougherty, a pilot in the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, visited DeSoto County High School and posed for a photo along with Sgt. Jessica Rivers, Sgt. Matthew Wetter, Staff Sergeant Jesse Theophilopoulos, recruiter for the Air Force for Charlotte and DeSoto County, and First Sergeant Tim Edsell of DCHS ROTC; along with several DCHS students.

## PAPER

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Regional Newspaper Group in 2010, and added the News-Sun in September of 2013.

Over the years, Sun Coast Media Group has added several newspapers in southwestern and central Florida, beginning in 1977 with the Venice Gondolier, purchased by founder and chairman Derek Dunn-Rankin.

With an interest in newspapers since delivering papers at age 11, Derek decided early on to own a paper one day. And

from little kids come big dreams.

"I didn't know we would have papers in so many different towns," he said.

He eventually grew the company to include the Charlotte Sun, the Englewood Sun, the North Port Sun and The Arcadian. The Charlotte Sun, a 30,000-circulation daily, remains the last family-owned daily newspaper in the state.

Then five years ago, Sun Coast Media Group added the Polk County Democrat in Bartow, the Frostproof News, the Lake Wales News and the Fort Meade Leader. A year later, the company expanded into Highlands County and bought the Lake Placid Journal.

"We think a newspaper is to focus on the community, what it needs, what kind of forum do they have to express themselves ... all of these things are very important," Derek Dunn-Rankin said. "And the advertisers need a way to reach out to their prospects."

The News-Sun will be the company's only tri-weekly newspaper.

"We are excited about becoming part of the Sun Newspapers group," said Romona Washington, publisher and executive editor of the Sebring News-Sun. "We will be joining a group of community newspapers that not only share many things in common with the News-Sun, but they are also very

focused on their local communities. Being able to work as a team with Sun Newspapers will also give us an opportunity to better share the events and news of Central Florida."

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, Sebring reported a population of 10,491 and is the county seat of Highlands County. The News-Sun is the result of a merger in 1996 of the Sebring News, which started in June 1927, and the Avon Park Sun.

"The News-Sun staff has always felt like a big family. Now we will become part of a bigger family," Washington said.

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# Rainy week slows planting and harvesting

REPORTED FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 30

## Weather Summary

According to Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), only three locations in the state received below one inch of rain. Dade City (Pasco County) received the most rain with 3.64 inches. Maximum temperatures were in the 70s to 80s degrees, with the highest temperature in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) with 85 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the state ranged from 30 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County) to 56 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County).

## Fruit and Vegetables

Flagler and Putnam farmers continued to harvest cabbage. Dixie and Levy county farmers finished planting watermelons. Crops being planted in Miami-Dade County were okra, bitter melon, and Asian crops. Miami-Dade County farmers were harvesting eggplant, green beans, herbs, peppers, yellow squash, sweet



corn, tomatoes, Cuban sweet potatoes (Boniato), and zucchini. Vegetables coming to market in the southwest were beets, blueberries, cabbage, collards, cucumbers, eggplant, green beans, herbs, lettuce, kale, peppers, potatoes, snap beans, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelons, and specialty items.

## Field Crops

Some field corn was planted in Jackson County before the rain. Most fields in the Panhandle were too wet for work. Levy County farmers started planting peanuts and Dixie County farmers prepared fields for peanut

planting. Sugarcane harvest was nearing its finish.

## Livestock and Pastures

Warmer temperatures have improved pasture quality; however, some pasture remains wet in the Panhandle from recent heavy rain. Rains in the southwest have helped the pastures maintain a favorable condition. The cattle condition for the state primarily ranged from fair to good but the pasture condition was mostly fair.

## Citrus

Rain was widespread and heavy in the citrus area this past week. All but one station recorded more than an inch of rainfall. Eight recorded more than two inches. Sebring (Highlands County) recorded the least at 0.94 inches. The most recorded was in Dade City (Pasco County) at 3.65 inches. Daytime temperatures were seasonable, reaching the low 80s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated March 25, no drought exists within the citrus growing area. Grove activity included irrigating on several

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

	Mar. 16	Mar. 23	Mar. 30
Early/mid oranges	47	9	1
Valencia	1,888	3,090	3,659
Navel oranges	3	2	3
White grapefruit	382	170	173
Colored grapefruit	571	473	426
Temples	46	23	53
Tangelos	3	0	0
Honey tangerines	89	48	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,029</b>	<b>3,815</b>	<b>4,385</b>

days during the week, hedging, topping and spraying. Growers were continuing to plant new trees in existing groves. Full bloom is evident in all areas on both oranges and grapefruit. Some trees are bearing very small fruit already for next season's crop. Several processing plants have closed temporarily and were waiting 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 had transitioned to gift fruit packing only.

# Pets, owners benefit with low-cost vaccinations



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Marie Whitaker, right, hands her poodle Palm to Susan Brodowsky and Tracy Sprunger for shots.



Tish Keller gathers her dogs, two of which are rescue dogs. She brought her pets to take advantage of the low-cost vaccinations offered Saturday by DeSoto County Animal Services.



Animal Ark veterinarian Pam Wright inspects Indo for her chip while Debbie Merkin, Animal Services supervisor, calms the dog.



Jessica Burns, Fay Christ and Anita Selkowitz and their pets join the dozens of dogs awaiting their turns Saturday at the vaccination clinic sponsored by DeSoto County Animal Services.



Susan Miller brought her new puppy over for shots at the vaccination clinic held Saturday by DeSoto County Animal Services.

## LIVESTOCK SALES

Reported by the Arcadia Stockyard for the week of March 26

Weight	Price per cwt.
<b>Steers – Medium and Large Frame</b>	
175-275	\$290-370 (avg. \$317.93)
275-350	\$250-290 (avg. \$263.61)
350-425	\$235-242.50 (avg. \$238.30)
425-500	\$217.50-230 (avg. \$221.76)
500-575	\$185-205 (avg. \$196.14)
575-700	\$165-177 (avg. \$171.17)
<b>Steers – Light and Medium Frame</b>	
175-275	\$245-300 (avg. \$275.94)
275-350	\$232.50-252.50 (avg. \$244.02)
350-425	\$220-237.50 (avg. \$229.78)
425-500	\$195-219 (avg. \$210.01)
500-575	\$170-190 (avg. \$177.81)
575-700	\$145-170 (avg. \$158.63)
<b>Heifers – Medium and Large Frame</b>	
175-275	\$245-320 (avg. \$263.06)
275-350	\$222.50-260 (avg. \$229.43)
350-425	\$205-225 (avg. \$212.53)
425-500	\$190-212.50 (avg. \$195.75)
500-575	\$167.50-180 (avg. \$172.83)
575-700	\$160-185 (avg. \$167)
<b>Heifers – Light and Medium Frame</b>	
175-275	\$220-255 (avg. \$238.15)
275-350	\$205-225 (avg. \$217.28)
350-425	\$182.50-207.50 (avg. \$197.03)
425-500	\$160-192.50 (avg. \$180.18)
500-575	\$145-170 (avg. \$159.46)
575-700	\$127.50-160 (avg. \$148.21)

## Slaughter Classes

<b>Cows:</b>	
Boners 1100-1900	\$95-116 (avg. \$98.12)
Lean 850-1200	\$81-96 (avg. \$88.41)
Low Dressing: 800-1100	\$72-92 (avg. \$84.17)
Shells: 650-800	\$51-67 (avg. \$61.68)
<b>Bulls:</b>	
High Dressing: 1300-2000	\$121-139 (avg. \$128)
1000-1299	\$95-118 (avg. \$107.88)
Low Dressing: under 1100	\$93-116 (avg. \$107.29)

**Totals:** – 1,487; calves – 1,150; cows – 285; bulls – 52  
Slaughter cows were \$4 to \$6 lower. Slaughter bulls were steady to \$2 higher. Feeder steer and heifer calves under 500 pounds were \$3 to \$6 lower. Feeder steer and heifer calves over 500 pounds were \$6 to \$8 higher.



Ryan Wilson holds his friendly red-nose pitbull Cash, as they wait for low-cost vaccinations at DeSoto County's Animal Services office.



# Vote for Your Favorites!

## 2014 Readers' Choice

Here's your chance to give your favorite local businesses the spotlight! Vote in our 2014 DeSoto Readers' Choice contest to help us recognize the best of the best. Just fill in your choice for the best business in each of the categories listed below.

**ENTER TO WIN a \$50 gift certificate to one of the Readers' Choice restaurant picks**  
 when you submit your completed 2014 Readers' Choice voting form to us before April 30, 2014.

### SERVICES

- Accountant \_\_\_\_\_
- AC/Heating \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Body Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- Signs/Banners \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
- Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Buffet \_\_\_\_\_
- Cheap Eats \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese \_\_\_\_\_
- Coffee \_\_\_\_\_
- Deli \_\_\_\_\_
- Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
- Family-Friendly Eats \_\_\_\_\_
- Fast Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Fried Chicken \_\_\_\_\_
- Hamburger \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Italian \_\_\_\_\_
- Lunch \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican \_\_\_\_\_
- Pickling Products \_\_\_\_\_
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail completed questionnaire to:**

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## ARCADIAN

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# RESTORE

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provided services there for many years including tutoring, afterschool and summer programs for children. Since the gym's closing, the foundation has had to turn some away from its tutoring program.

"The city council certainly recognizes the need for recreational facilities," said Councilman Keith Keene. "We made a commitment recognizing that it's an asset when we committed to doing the roof repair. And we are real excited about an opportunity that has risen recently that will allow us to collaborate with our community to improve this facility to the betterment of our community."

The Smith Brown Foundation was established in 1998 to provide resources to youth in southeast Arcadia.



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**Members of the Smith Brown Community Foundation hope to renovate Smith Brown Gym and make it safe and functional to serve a variety of community uses.**

Today the foundation's mission has expanded to include working

collaboratively with individuals and community organizations to provide

experiences that will improve the quality of life and foster a sense of neighborhood and family for all people.

A steering committee has been formed to guide the restoration of the building as a community facility and to bring it into full use. Members include Alan Johnson, Ashley Coone, Lindsay Turner, Jaccarie Simons, and Emily Suter. The committee has been grateful for all of the pro bono work of its building planning committee including Sofia Konstantinidis Nugent, Bumper Hay and Brian Hoopingarner.

Bowers said, "This project is near and dear to my heart and I'm excited to see it through. We can't do it alone — we need community support. The return on investment for our kids today and our kids of the future is priceless."

For more information about this project, call the steering committee at 863-990-0527.

# PASSION

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"Having multiple siblings come in and out of my life had a huge impact on me," she said. "It shaped me as a person. My passion and priorities in life are family and helping our youth plan for life after high school."

Coone founded Links2Success in

2012 with a goal to encourage DeSoto County students pursue education beyond high school.

Links2Success equips students with the skills, knowledge and habits they need to achieve higher education and successful careers.

"I hope that more of our students will not only graduate from high school and go on to college, but complete college and enter into the professional world as productive members of society,"

Coone said. "So many youth in my community have the potential. These students are our future, and I want to help facilitate a strong foundation for their lives."

She urges students to take advantage of as many opportunities as possible, whether it's through mentoring, volunteering, interning, or getting involved in student organizations. She continues to be sold on SFSC as the college of choice for students who desire an

exceptional education and opportunities that add value to the learning environment.

"I encourage students to explore what is best for them," Coone said. "I'm pro-education, but realize that four-year degrees aren't for everyone. As long as students plan for a career or life after high school, they can be successful. My goal is to help youth in the community become more aware of the opportunities right here at home."

# We're at Your Service

Visit the following businesses and shop local for quality service and customer service.

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