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Public pounds council

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

During a meeting filled with accusations, insults and heated arguments between members of the city council and residents, City Administrator Tom Slaughter's future with the city remains unchanged.

After more than an hour of heated discussion, Councilman Keith Keene moved for the city to conduct a complete background investigation on Slaughter that would be handled by a private firm. The motion died for lack of a second (as Mayor, Alice Frierson could not second a motion) and the meeting was adjourned shortly after.

The meeting was the first since a Venice workplace investigation report against Slaughter in 2011 was reported by news outlets. Reports of sexual harassment, intimidation, favoritism and various leadership shortcomings



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City Administrator Tom Slaughter closes his eyes while listening to discussion regarding the workplace allegations made against him in Venice.

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Slaughter supporter falls flat

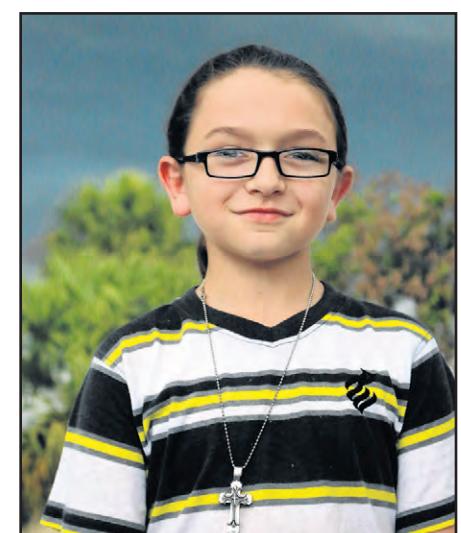
During the public comments section of the meeting John Patten, who runs a

politically-based Website called Venice Florida! dot com (<http://veniceflorida.com/>), told the council the sexual assault charges against Slaughter were the result of two people wanting to remove him from office. The two were later found having sex in a city vehicle on a Venice public beach and were later forced to resign. Frierson told Patten there were many more allegations against Slaughter listed in the report, and more than 20 people who were interviewed.

"In the report, it was strange that he responded to some of the allegations with comments, and to the majority of the allegations he had no recollection," she said. "Now if you're being accused of the kinds of allegations he was facing, I would think he would remember."

After being handed a copy of the

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Willy Bailey, 12, is being hailed as a hero by the family of a 5-year-old boy whom he saved from drowning during a pool party.

Boy becomes hero by saving his friend

By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

ARCADIAN EDITOR

Willy Bailey doesn't wear a cape. He doesn't have a shirt with a big red "S" on it, and he says he doesn't have any superpowers.

But he became a hero to one family on May 25.

The 12-year-old, who attends Faith Community Christian Academy, was enjoying a party at his home with his parents, Dawn and Bill Bailey, and others who had come to celebrate the wedding of Joanna Duran. It was a nice, warm Sunday afternoon and many people were enjoying the pool in the Baileys' back yard.

Including Joanna's 5-year-old son, Nikolai.

But while many people were gathered around the pool that afternoon, only Willy noticed Nikolai jump into the pool by himself.

The little boy sank right to the bottom.

Willy said, "I didn't even have time to think. I just jumped in after him."

He dove down, pulled Nikolai to the surface and got him to the edge of the pool where the steps were.

"He thrashed around a lot and that made it harder," said Willy. But as Willy helped him out of the pool, Joanna Duran came to calm him down and reassure him.

Willy said later another boy had told Nikolai to jump in the pool, not realizing the 5-year-old couldn't swim.

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Friday night's pinning ceremony by DeSoto County Fire Rescue saw the promotion of several members of DeSoto's public safety team at the Turner Center. Front row: Tom Beilstein, Kirk Simcic, Lewis Wells, Larry Taylor - Public Safety Chief, Brett Hogan, Shawn P. Lucey and Harvey R. Sweeting. See more photos on page 12.

Back row: Timothy J. Alley, Dan Collins, Thomas J. Moran - Deputy Chief, William D. Walker.

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DMH board approves hefty spending

By STEVE BAUER

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The DeSoto Memorial Hospital's board of directors unanimously approved nearly \$304,000 to bring the hospital current on its mortgage with the United States Department of Agriculture. It also approved more than \$90,000 for repairs to the hospital's generators and a compressor.

After learning its lease allows for yearly mortgage payments instead of monthly, DMH CEO Vince Sica said bringing the hospital's payments current gives DMH a year before 2015's \$1.2 million payment is due.

Sica said after discussions with a representative from the USDA, in the long term it would be in the hospital's best interests to bring the

loan current. "Their recommendation is if we stayed current for 2014, it would place us in a positive light when they look at our mortgage next June," he said.

DMH Legal Counsel Connie Collins agreed with Sica that making the lump payment was advisable. "My understanding is that we'd be in a better position to receive extra monies (from the USDA) if we're not in default at that time."

Necessary repairs

The board also approved Sica's recommendation to spend \$50,000 for new exhaust systems for the hospital's generators, and \$40,600 to fix a chiller on a compressor.

Sica said the exhaust systems needed to be upgraded to meet Environmental Protection Agency

standards, and the hospital risked being fined if it did not make the repairs. The cost for the chiller repair stems from a faulty pump.

During public comments, a DMH employee asked Dr. Vaidy Nathan the outcome of his recent presentation to the Board of County Commissioners. Nathan responded he believed the response from the BOCC was positive. "I was impressed with their questions and responses," he said. "They asked me to provide examples of how the hospital plans to make up the budget deficit that would still exist even if a sales tax was improved." Nathan continued that he is preparing numbers to show the commissioners how the hospital plans to generate additional revenue. "We figure that with the lease of several beds for long-term care on the third floor, we should be able

to generate \$500,000 annually," he said. "We also plan to focus on doing more procedures in the hospital, like endoscopies and pacemaker implants. I've also had discussions with orthopedic surgeons to recruit them to perform more of their procedures at DMH as well."

Sica said while Nathan's ideas were a start, the hospital would be looking to expand its services even more to gain a wider customer base.

"Hospitals can no longer think of themselves as a hospital; they have to become a healthcare system," he said. "While none is a silver bullet, they add revenue and provide services to gain repeat customers."

A June 10 workshop has been scheduled between the DMH board of directors and the BOCC. The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the BOCC chambers.

State Education Dept. clears Fusco

By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

ARCADIAN EDITOR

The Florida Department of Education cleared Shannon Fusco of claims of improperly changing a student's grades, and concluded no further action is warranted.

Fusco had been terminated from her position as DeSoto County High School principal more than a year ago by School Superintendent Karyn Gary under allegations that were never revealed in detail, claiming the

matter was still under investigation. However, statements made during school board meetings suggested the issue had to do with alleged grade-changing.

After the claims were made, the State Department of Education investigated the matter. In a May 21 letter, Marian W. Lambeth, chief of Professional Practices Services, notified Fusco and the DeSoto County School District that there was no probable cause to continue investigating charges that she violated any

district or state policy by changing a student's grades.

Fusco's attorney, Robert Coleman of Fort Myers, said the letter means no evidence of alleged misconduct was found and there is no basis to continue the inquiry any further. It does not mean she will be restored to her former position because she would have served at the pleasure of the superintendent who elected to dismiss her.

But it does clear Fusco of any cloud so she may pursue

opportunities with other school districts.

Coleman said, "She wants to thank her family, friends and coworkers who stood up for her from the beginning. Her focus the last 25 years has been on serving children through education, and she plans to continue her service in public education with a strong commitment and renewed energy."

Gary declined to comment for this story, saying instead she intended to issue a statement in a few weeks.

Hurricane supplies are tax-free through June 8

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National Hurricane Preparedness Week runs from May 25 to May 31, and emergency officials urge all Floridians to review, restock and replace items in their disaster supply kit for the start of the 2014 Atlantic Hurricane Season. Governor Scott signed a bill that creates a sales tax holiday for hurricane preparedness supply items running through June 8.

"The sales tax holiday for hurricane preparedness supplies will make preparing for this year's hurricane season easier for all Floridians," said FDEM Director Bryan W. Koon. "By keeping money in Floridians' pockets while encouraging them to prepare, we ensure Florida is ready for all hazards and continues to be the best state in the

nation to work, live and play."

Building a disaster supply kit is a simple and effective way to make sure a family has enough water, food, medicine and other essential supplies when other resources may not be readily available. Different families have different needs, so residents need to be sure to take into account their family's specific needs, and include:

- Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.
- Clothing
- First Aid Kit / Medicines
- Special Items - for children and the elderly
- Toiletries
- Flashlight / Batteries
- Radio - Battery operated and

NOAA weather radio

- Keys
- Toys, Books, and Games
- Important documents
- Tools
- Full vehicle fuel tanks
- Pet care items

The 2014 Sales Tax Holiday for Hurricane Supplies will run through June 8. The specific items included in the Sales Tax Holiday include:

- A portable self-powered light source selling for \$20 or less
- A portable self-powered radio, two-way radio, or weather band radio selling for \$50 or less
- A tarpaulin or other flexible waterproof sheeting selling for \$50 or less
- A self-contained first-aid kit selling for \$30 or less
- A ground anchor system or tie-down kit selling for \$50 or less

- A gas or diesel fuel tank selling for \$25 or less

- A package of AA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt, or 9-volt batteries, excluding automobile and boat batteries, selling for \$30 or less

- A nonelectric food storage cooler selling for \$30 or less

- A portable generator that is used to provide light or communications or preserve food in the event of a power outage selling for \$750 or less

• Reusable ice selling for \$10 or less

The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 – Nov. 30. For the latest information on the 2014 Hurricane Season and to Get A Plan!, visit www.FloridaDisaster.org, follow FDEM on social media on Twitter at @FLGetAPlan, Instagram @FLGetAPlan, Vine @FLGetAPlan, and Facebook Facebook.com/

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County continues discussion with residents

By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN
ARCADIAN EDITOR

DeSoto County continued its conversation with county residents Tuesday by summarizing the issues people raised most often at the four County Conversations held in April.

Interim County Administrator Mandy Hines said creating economic opportunity was listed as a high priority by many residents. A site selection consultant visited DeSoto to evaluate what the county had to offer businesses

MORE ONLINE

To see the results of the four Community Conversations held in April, visit http://desotobccc.com/index.php/index.php/how/community_conversations_survey_results

thinking about locating here, and pinpointed the lack of a skilled and diverse work force to fill many of today's jobs.

Curb appeal was also a priority topic for residents. Hines said, "The Commission last year set aside a fund of \$150,000 in the redevelopment trust

fund." Some of that money might be applied to improve the visual impact of main corridors in the county.

County Commissioner Jim Selph said people would like to grow the county's economy so that our young people would want to stay here, noting his own son had to go outside DeSoto to study what he wanted and to find a job in his chosen field.

Keith Markey said, "There's no housing here for people to live. But it seems like every time developers want to come here, we put up barriers. Please,

let them get rolling before we kill them with taxes.

"That's one reason so many of our teachers come from outside the county, because there's nowhere to live here."

Mike Provau added many of the workers at Sun Bulb Co. are out-of-towners. "There's something not attractive about DeSoto County for them to want to live here," he said. "Curb appeal affects a lot of people ... they are taking their ad valorem taxes

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Food Bank helping to feed children over summer

By LAURA COYLE
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

All Faiths Food Bank and the Sarasota County School District have partnered to provide free food for students and their families during the summer by enhancing existing programs and introducing new ones in DeSoto County.

Following the success of All Faiths Food Bank's Campaign Against Summer Hunger, the School District, with support from Food Bank, will expand its served meal programs called "Break Spots" to three locations.

All Faiths Food Bank is also scheduling new mobile pantry stops, implementing its first-ever summer BackPack Kids program, and increasing capacity at established food distribution sites and at its Sprout Mobile Farm Market. All Faiths Food Bank also received a grant from the William G. and Marie Selby Foundation to purchase a new truck to handle the growing need for food distribution in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties.

The Campaign Against Summer Hunger, which ran April 1-May 10, was a community-wide campaign that exceeded expectations, raising \$1.1 million, and more than 776,000 pounds of food, to help feed students on free and reduced-price meals. During the summer, when school is out, those kids face hunger more than any other time of the year. Weeks of strategic planning went into the new and enhanced food



assistance programs, including working with schools and Food Bank distribution partners to schedule mobile pantries, meals and backpacks in areas with the highest need.

"The success of the campaign has allowed us to substantially increase the amount and number of programs that feed children over the summer," said Sandra Frank, CEO of All Faiths Food Bank. "We are thrilled at the outpouring of support from such a caring and compassionate community."

All Faiths Food Bank need volunteers at the distribution sites (listed below). If you are interested in volunteering, call 941-379-6333 or visit www.allfaithsfoodbank.org.

About All Faiths Food Bank
All Faiths Food Bank, recently awarded a four-star rating with Charity Navigator, is a member of Feeding America and the hub of the hunger-relief system in DeSoto and Sarasota counties. Last year, All Faiths Food Bank distributed 7 million pounds of food equating to 5.8 million meals through 195 pantries, soup kitchens, churches, community centers, schools, and programs. Its mission is to feed those in need and educate the community about nutrition.

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Seventh Day Adventist Church	Thursdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	June 19, July 17, Aug. 21
2865 S.E. Ami Drive		
Mt. Olive CME	Thursdays 10 a.m.-noon	June 26, July 24, Aug. 28
7683 S.W. Hull Ave.		
DeSoto Homeless Center	Thursdays 10 a.m.-noon	June 5, July 3, Aug. 7
1425 MLK Jr. St.		
Elizabeth Baptist Church	Thursdays 5-7 p.m.	June 12, July 10, Aug. 14
101 S. Orange Ave.		
Nocatee Elementary School	Tuesdays 4-6 p.m.	June 24; July 8, 22; Aug. 5
4846 S.W. Shores Ave.		

Summer Break Spot (lunch served free for kids 18 and under):

Arcadia Housing Auth.	Mon.-Thurs. June 9 - Aug. 7	11 a.m.-noon
Nocatee Elementary School	Mon.-Thurs. June 9 - Aug. 7	11 a.m.-noon
Trinity United Methodist Church	Mon.-Thurs. June 9 - Aug. 7	noon-1 p.m.

Sprout Mobile Farm Market (free fresh produce for students and families):

DeSoto Housing Authority	Fridays 10-11:30 a.m.	June 13, 27; July 11, 25; Aug. 8, 22
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OUR VIEW

What was that?

Our view: A comedy of errors, or a tragedy of the commons?

Tuesday night's City Council meeting was raucous, controversial and acrimonious.

On one hand were three council members whose heels were dug in deeply, defending newly appointed City Administrator Tom Slaughter who barely spoke at all.

On the other was a crowd of disappointed and angry citizens demanding to know the truth — and just as importantly, to know why their elected council members had not gotten to the truth before hiring Slaughter to a \$70,000/year job.

While it's heartening to see so many residents willing to give up an evening to follow their local government in action, it is demoralizing to have their pleas virtually ignored — or worse yet, to have a council member sling sarcastic barbs back at them.

Clearly, both the Administrator Advisory Committee and Council failed in their duty to do a thorough background check of Slaughter. On Tuesday, some were still hiding behind the cloak of ignorance, saying they had not seen the entire Report on a Workplace Investigation, Oct. 10, 2011, by Alan Bullock, Director of Administrative Services, City of Venice. We are solving that dilemma by delivering a copy to each council member in his/her mailbox at work. Now no one can say they didn't have a chance to see it.

When they read it, they should turn particularly to the five points listed on page 10, wherein Slaughter acknowledged:

1 - He sometimes disappeared during the day or lied about his whereabouts.

2 - He pits people against each other.

3 - He is dominant, verbose and circitous in meetings.

4 - He uses profanity and off-color jokes, which some people find inappropriate, offensive and embarrassing.

5 - He can be moody and erratic, sometimes mean-spirited and unapproachable.

Councilman Keith Keene said let's give Tom a chance to wipe the slate clean, admit his limitations, and having learned his lesson, tell how he plans to move forward.

But Slaughter's silence throughout the meeting — not even taking an opportunity to defend himself — had some residents thinking it was as good as an admission. In any case, it was not a display of the kind of leadership they expect.

People came to the meeting expecting answers. They heard none.

What they did hear was one councilman, Joe Fink, inexplicably insulting residents.

When one raised the question about the report, he replied in a slow, sarcastic tone, "I nev-er had a cop-y of that re-port" — the way one might speak to a child.

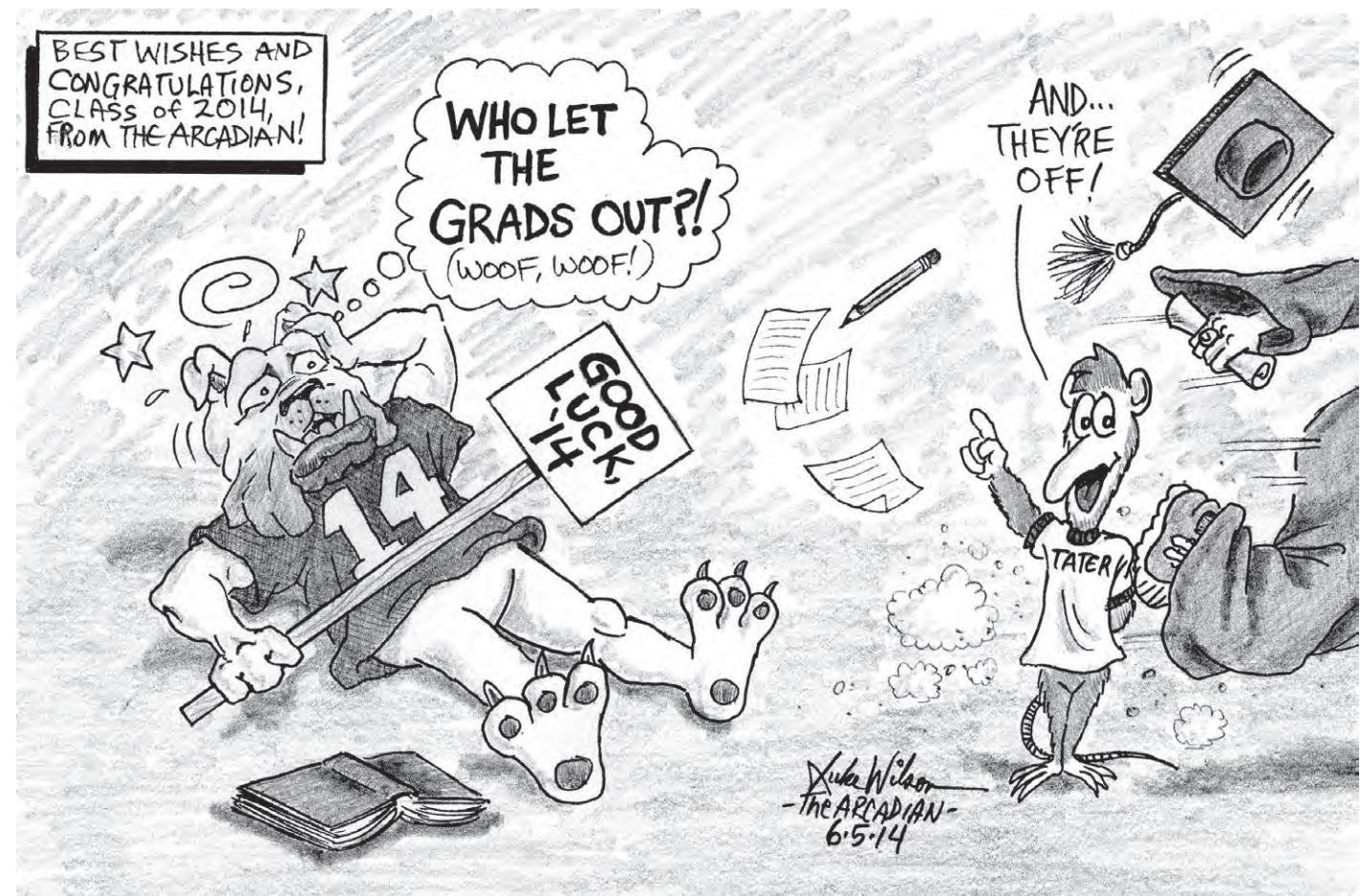
With another, he engaged in a battle of name-calling, as each called out the other's name in an escalating duel.

Another resident chided him for being argumentative and snarky in some of his Facebook comments.

To some, he came off as pompous and condescending. It's no way to treat residents (or voters) who come to a meeting of their elected officials, expecting to engage in professional discourse.

This is not his usual behavior. We hope he listen to the angels of his better nature, and remember he is a public servant.

After Tuesday, we're reminded of that classic Laurel and Hardy film, "Another Fine Mess." Only city government should not be a comedy.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Internet turning youth into narcissists

Editor:

This letter is one person's opinion and has nothing to do with politics, religion, sexual preference or race. It has to do with a social disease known as narcissism.

Many in today's generation probably do not know what the word means let alone how to spell it. Today's generation or those 40 or under have a need to be recognized and it doesn't seem to make a difference how it is done.

The introduction of the Internet,

regardless of its so-called high-tech tools of knowledge, has created a society of idiots who crave to be on Facebook. They share their most intimate thoughts and pictures of themselves as well as others, not caring who they damage, intentionally or otherwise.

I write this because a friend of mine told me he couldn't believe it when a friend of his daughter put a picture of herself engaged in a carnal act and thought it was great. If this was an isolated incident, it would be written off as just poor judgment. But in conversation with many adults and parents, such incidents occur regularly, not all

necessarily of a provocative nature, but definitely personal.

A large percentage of our present generation has fallen into this realm of self-adulation and gratification. They, and I quote, tweet, Google, text, surf etc. We no longer have teenage youth. Society has coined the word "millennial." Please tell me what in the hell is a millennial? Let us guess, it's an adult-to-be with a pre-programmed mind brought about by an intellectual progressive society bent on creating mindless robots.

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if not employed now and then, but it can always be relearned.

Most students can hardly wait until graduation, wanting to put school behind them and leap headlong into life. It's as if that final school bell rings, signaling the beginning of Round #1 in the "You Versus The World" match-up. The scary part is that there is no referee and The World can give you quite a pounding.

I wish I could say that this big old world was waiting to welcome each graduate with open, loving arms.

Unfortunately, it's more like a gaping, ravenous maw, licking its chops and ready to chew them up and spit them right back out again. That wasn't meant to be discouraging, by any means. Grads, if you've done your homework, literally and figuratively, you've been equipped with what you need to get a good start in the "real world" out there that your parents have probably been telling/ warning/ kidding you about. You were able to dismiss Santa, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, and the Boogey Man one by one as you grew older, but I'm here to tell you that there really is such a thing as The Real World.

Over the past 12 years, you've learned many lessons. They don't stop here. In fact, they intensify and the stakes are much higher. It won't be too many years before you'll be able to look back and

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Audubon gives to Environmental Lab

By MARTHA JO MARKEY
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Recognizing that the School District of DeSoto County's Environmental Learning Lab is a magnificent preservation of some of Florida's native ecology, the Peace River Audubon Society recently donated funds to support their efforts.

"The funds were designated by select teams who participate in an annual event known as a Birdathon," said James Comfort, Treasurer of PRAS. "This fund raiser is enjoyed by all the teams and demonstrates what a pristine

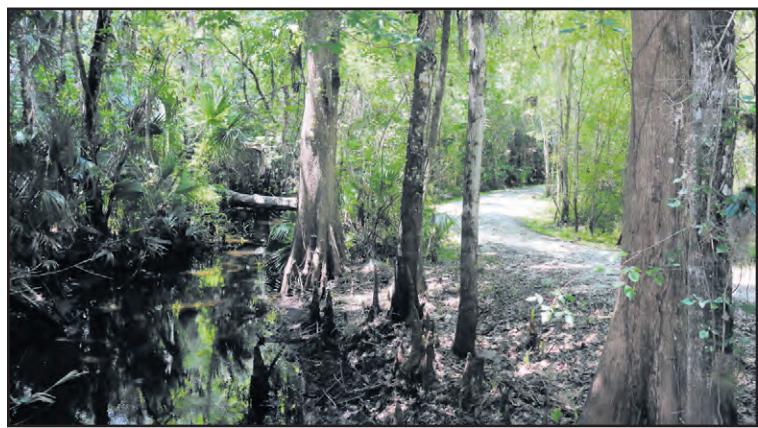
environment we are able to enjoy."

The event was held on April 5, and five teams competed for spotting the most birds in the one day event. The winning team, Archaeopteryx, won the coveted first place and all bragging rights by spotting 109 different species. Second place was awarded to the Birders and Kinglets who tied with 101 species each. In total, the five teams saw 132 species for the day.

Two of the teams, the Roadrunners and Mangrove Cuckoos, chose to donate their earnings to the ELL which

is a long-standing project of the School District of DeSoto County. The funds were awarded to the ELL by way of the DeSoto County Education Foundation which manages numerous private donations for the school district.

"We are happy to handle this donation for PRAS and will make certain that 100 percent of the dollars donated go to the ELL," said Martha Jo Markey, Executive Director of the foundation. "Our mission is to work with the private sector and all charitable organizations to ensure support for the school district."



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The Environmental Learning Lab, operated by the DeSoto County School District, received a grant from the Peace River Audubon Society to support environmental teaching in DeSoto.

Leadership Class V graduates

By ASHLEY COONE
DESOTO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Congratulations to the members of Leadership DeSoto Class V on their recent graduation.

Each year, individuals are selected to participate in the nine-month program organized by the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce. Class V Graduates include Jamie Atherton, Bryan Backer, John Black, Myron Carlton, Ashley Coone, Andrew Crites, Cheryl Dicks, Michelle Fields, Debra Harrison, Kristi Popa, Jim Potter, Lynn Shelfer, Nelson Stephenson, Ashley Utter, Tim Vowels, Peggy Waters, Ken Willis, and Robert Womack.

Applications for Leadership DeSoto

Class VI are now available. The application deadline is June 13. Leadership DeSoto County is a program run by the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce which seeks to educate, challenge and develop a select group of leaders who live or work in DeSoto County. Participants are selected on the basis of ability, demonstrated interest in the community, and potential for effective leadership.

The program begins in September and continues monthly through graduation in May. Class members attend monthly sessions focused on different community topics and have the opportunity to hear from leaders



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■ TODAY

• The Chamber of Commerce Early Bird Breakfast Meeting is June 5 at DeSoto Memorial Hospital.

• Thursday, June 5 Shavuot services will be held at 9:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El, 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Yizkor will be recited at the appropriate time.

• 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.

• DeSoto Cares, a community group dedicated to searching out homelessness needs and solutions, meets on the first and third Thursday at 5:15 p.m. at the Housing Authority Conference Room. For details, call Rev. Ted Hanus at 993-3435.

• Relaxation Yoga Class is canceled for tonight. Class resumes June 12.

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

• Temple Beth El – North Port Jewish Center, 33840 South Biscayne Drive, North Port, hosts an American Contract Bridge League every Thursday, at 1 p.m. at the temple. The cost is \$6 per session. We will be participating in "The Common Game." For reservations call Shelli Wetherson at 941-497-7184.

• Cocaine Anonymous meetings are held every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. For information, call Curtis Clark at 244-2884 or Sandra Elmore at 352-476-8520.

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

■ FRIDAY

• Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.

• Square Dancing classes are held at the Palace Square

Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, from 7-9 p.m. every Friday. Robert at 813-601-1834 or Mary at 941-380-5336 494-2749 for information.

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

• Sabbath service begins at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Oneg Shabbat follows.

■ SATURDAY

• Ivey Chapel AME Church, 2895 S.W. Terrell St. in Nocatee, is offering free HIV/AIDS testing (results in 15 minutes) and free STD testing (gonorrhea and chlamydia) at 10 a.m. June 7. Sponsored by Community AIDS Network, 1231 N. Tuttle St., Sarasota.

• National Marina Day and Welcome to the Water will be celebrated at the Nav-A-Gator Grill & Marina, kicking off with the annual Peace River Clean Up, June 7-8, where organizations and individuals help clean up the Peace River starting at 9 a.m. both days. Live music will be playing at the Chiki Hut 2-5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. During the week: daily specials, ½ price boat ride, canoe/kayak rental specials, boat slip rental specials. Ending June 14, National Marina Day, with live music by Kid Conch. Call 941-627-3474 for details.

• Women in Fellowship Ministry meets every second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, 256 S. Orange Ave. Be uplifted, motivated and inspired by God. Free and open to the public. Light brunch is served.

• DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.

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

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

■ SUNDAY

• 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

• On Monday, Chapter 16497 will meet at 5 p.m. at the Arcadia Fried Chicken and Grill (old KFC bldg.). Call 494-1679 and leave your reservations. Guests are welcome. Also, bring item(s) for the Center for the Needy.

• Career Source Heartland Florida Youth Connections Program will hold graduation from 2-4 p.m. June 10 at the Family Service Center Annex.

• DeSoto County Veterans Honor Guard practices at 6 p.m. second Mondays monthly at the American Legion Post.

• The American Legion Post K-11 will meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday, 2124 N.W. American Legion Drive. For more information, call Roger Bumgarner at 993-0129.

• The Amvets Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday each month.

• The AA Second Tradition Business Meeting is held every second Monday at 7:15 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

• Arcadia/DeSoto County Beautification Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. today at the DeSoto County extension office, 2150 N.E. Roan St., Arcadia.

• The American Merchant Marines Veterans, Robert J. MacAlvanah Chapter (Suncoast Chapter), meets at noon every second Monday at The Family Table Restaurant, 14132 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port. All Merchant Mariners and their spouses are welcome. For information, call 941-625-3234.

• 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.

• 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.district13soflan-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

• A School Board Workshop will take place at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the School Board Chambers.

• A special Called School Board meeting will take place at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday at the School Board Chambers.

• DeSoto County School Board regular meeting is at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board meeting room of the DeSoto County School District, 530 La Solana Ave., Arcadia.

• A June 10 workshop has been scheduled between the DMH board of directors and the BOCC. The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the BOCC chambers.

• DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 9 a.m. at the County Administration building, Room 103, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.

• The next meeting of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council is scheduled for June 11, at 9:30 a.m. at the Sebring Airport Authority Boardroom, 128 Authority Lane in Sebring. For more information, call Patricia M. Steed, Executive Director at 863-534-7130 ext.130 or email psteed@cfrpc.org.

• 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.weight-watchers.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. Donations gratefully accepted.

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

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

■ WEDNESDAY

• 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

■ SPECIAL

• The Center for the Needy, at the corner of W. Pine St. and S. Orange Ave., is desperately in need of food, clothing, household goods (such as blankets, towels, cooking and eating utensils etc.), supplies — anything a person in need might require. The center is dangerously low on food, its shelves are almost bare, and they need to replenish supplies. The cupboards have become almost bare now that the snowbirds have gone. Any donations are gratefully accepted, including cash, to help those in real need in our community. For more information, call 444-0499.

• The DeSoto County Library is holding a "Summer Fun" photo contest. Print your photo — either 4 x 6 or 5 x 7, vertical or horizontal — mount it on cardboard or foam core (no border). One free entry per person; additional entries \$1 each. Bring your photo to the library by July 12, fill out and attach label. Works will be displayed and the public can vote for their favorites through Aug. 14. Reception is at 5 p.m. August 15. Pick up photos by August 23. Four age groups: pre-K and elementary; middle school; high school; adult. No prizes, just bragging rights. Proceeds benefit DeSoto Co. Library Assoc.

• The DeSoto County Library is holding an "Itty Bitty Art" contest. You can enter one piece for free; you can enter additional pieces (up to 5 total) for \$1 each. Pick up a 3 x 3-inch art board at the library, create your art (any media, including multimedia, as long as it fits within the borders of the art board), and bring it back to the library by June 14. Works will be displayed and the public can vote through July 10. A public reception will be held at 5 p.m. July 11. Pick up art by July 19. Four age groups: pre-K and elementary; middle school; high school; adult. No prizes, just bragging rights. Proceeds benefit DeSoto Co. Library Assoc.

■ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

• Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 304 W. Myrtle St., holds its Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon June 16-20. It is open to children who are age 4 by June 1 up through Grade 12, and adults are also welcome. Registration opens June 2. The cost is free, and free lunch is included. For details or to register, call Sister Dezrene Jackson at 941-626-1585 or Pastor Louis Anderson Jr. at 494-3342.

Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.

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• 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).

• "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 Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland Quality Committee Meeting will be held on June 12, at 9 a.m. at the ELCFH-Charlotte office located at 2886 Tamiami Trail, Suite 3 in Port Charlotte as well as via conference call. Call 1-866-628-8620 and enter participant code 504163#.

• The DeSoto County Veterans Council meets the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at Arcadia Elks Lodge. For details, call Tom Damron at 491-1404.

• 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 desothohabitat@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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Family Album



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State Elks honor Lyne



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The Florida State Elks Association honored Ed Lyne as the Veterans "Volunteer of the Year." This is the third year in a row that this award has been presented to an Arcadian Elk. In 2012 it was awarded to Mary Lyne, Past Exalted Ruler, and 2013 to Jackie Tucker, Past Exalted Ruler. Ed volunteers his time to the Veterans activities in DeSoto County. He is a member of the Veterans Council of DeSoto County and on the committee for the Vietnam Wall coming to DeSoto County in December. Presenting the award is Elks State President, Brian Burns.

Congratulations



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Congratulations



Congratulations to Victoria Childs on your high school graduation!

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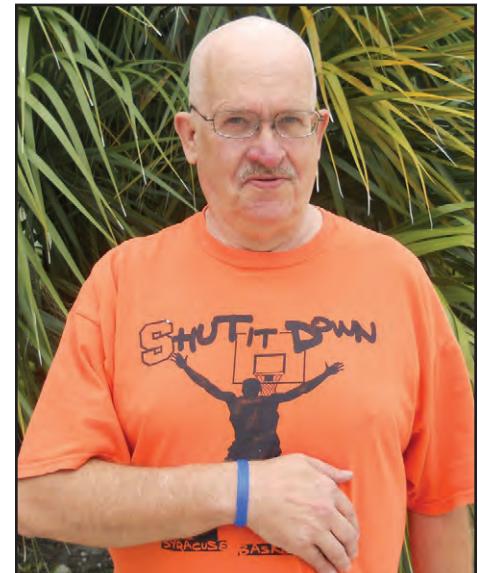
After his 25-year-old niece decided to undergo chemotherapy treatment to fight a recurrence of colon cancer, Charles Conklin wanted to let her know he would be with her during her battle. To show he was serious, Conklin had his head shaved while she continues to fight the disease.



HALL

In January 2012, one day before her 24th birthday, Brittany Hall found out she had stage 3 colon cancer. After undergoing treatment, she was deemed cancer-free by her doctors from June 2013 to April 2014, when tests revealed the cancer had spread to her liver and lymph nodes. She has started treatment again, and during her entire ordeal Conklin says she has had an amazing outlook and attitude.

"She maintains a positive and upbeat spirit, and trusts and believes she beat this disease," he said. "Shaving my



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY STEVE BAUER

Resident Charles Conklin shaved his head and donned a wristband as a symbol of support for his neice Brittany, who is battling colon cancer. head was a small gesture on my part, but it meant a lot to her and I want her to know she isn't going through this alone."

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Lee's sentencing postponed for a month

By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Sentencing for Charles Lee, the former City of Arcadia Marshal, was continued to July 1 by Judge Kimberly Bonner, to give him more time to attempt to pay restitution to the city.

In May, Lee entered a plea of no contest to charges of obtaining property by fraud and official misconduct, for stealing \$145,000 from the Arcadia Police Department over several years.

Assistant State Attorney Daniel W. Yuter of the 12th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office had said Lee agreed that if he made full restitution by June 3, he would be sentenced to four years in prison, without probation upon release. The parties also agreed that if Lee did not make full restitution, he would be sentenced to eight years in prison followed by 22 years of probation.

Maximum sentencing for scheming to obtain money by fraud would have been 30 years, and for official misconduct would have been five years.

Lee's attorney, Joseph Viacava, told the judge Tuesday that Lee raised some of

the money but not the entire \$145,000. However, Lee still hoped to be able to tap other resources, such as retirement funds, to make up the difference to repay the city. He hoped to raise the balance within a month. Lee would be allowed to take out of his retirement any money he put in, but not any matching amounts paid by the city.

The attorneys had conferred with Arcadia City Mayor Alice Frierson and Finance Director Beth Carsten before the hearing. City Attorney T.J. Wohl said the city preferred to give Lee another 30 days to come up with the money; otherwise, he would have been immediately sentenced to 8 years and then would have a much longer time to repay what he stole. The city preferred to have more of its money up front, if possible.

Judge Bonner gave the parties exactly four weeks until Lee is to return for sentencing, thus granting him a month to raise the additional amount needed.

Lee resigned his elected marshal position suddenly in May 2013, just as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement began an investigation



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN, shoffman@sun-herald.com

Charles Lee walks up the aisle in the courtroom Tuesday when he was to have been sentenced by Judge Kimberly Bonner on charges of theft and misconduct.

into some money missing from APD's coffers. FDLE concluded Lee had taken some \$151,000, including \$145,000 he kept for his own personal use. He was arrested on Sept. 18 on charges

of grand theft, scheming to defraud and official misconduct. The state later dropped the grand theft charge because it is also part of the charge of scheming to defraud.

Two charged with Walmart thefts

The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office arrested two Arcadia women Monday on charges of grand theft for allegedly stealing more than \$300 worth of merchandise from Walmart on Kings Highway.

According to the arrest reports, a Walmart loss inspector said he observed two women — Stacey Lynn Trowell, 31, and Angel Marie Kirsch, 46, both of the 1000 block of S.E. 8th Place, Arcadia — apparently working together to conceal items from the store. According to CCSO, while one would watch, the other would conceal items in a purse. They paid for 14 items, then left the store with other things still concealed. When the loss prevention officer approached them, they ran toward the parking lot and entered Culver's Restaurant.

When CCSO arrived, the two women's purses were searched and a total of \$383.23 worth of stolen items were inventoried from their purses, ranging from swimsuits, motor oil and nail polish to jewelry and Energizer lights. Because they were alleged to have cooperated with each other, they were both charged with grand theft of



KIRSCH



TROWELL

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.

property valued at \$300 to \$5,000, a third degree felony.

Both were arrested and bond was set at \$5,000 for each of the women.

Another former deputy charged in Holland case

The state charged another former DeSoto County Deputy, Ashely Cross, in the case of Jody Holland.

Cross is charged with one count of perjury in other than an official proceeding, in connection with the beating case of Holland, 45. It is a first degree misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in prison and/or a fine of up to \$1,000.

Holland claimed he was severely beaten in May 2013 while being detained at the DeSoto County Jail in 2013. Cross is not alleged to have taken part directly in the beating. Instead, she was alleged to have observed some of the beating but did not act to report or stop it, and did not tell the truth when she was questioned during an internal investigation.

Cross is also one of five former DeSoto County Sheriff's Office employees named in a federal civil lawsuit filed by Holland last year, along with Steven Rizza, Vincent Carlucci, Ray Kugler, and Dale Scott, who initially arrested Kugler in April 2013 on domestic abuse charges. The suit was also filed against the sheriff's office and seeks \$3 million in damages.

Holland had been arrested for allegedly violating a domestic abuse injunction and was brought to the DeSoto Jail last year. His then-girlfriend had been working as a nurse at the jail at that time, although she was not working the date Holland was arrested. He alleges that he was severely beaten by having his head slammed against a wall.

DCSO's investigation concluded Cross, who had been on duty the night Holland was brought to the jail, had observed Holland while he was detained in a holding cell and was aware of Holland's injuries, but did not report it or get help from anyone.



HOLLAND

Rizza, Carlucci and Cross were fired from the Sheriff's Office and Kugler elected to resign after the story broke. Kugler entered a guilty plea last Fall to charges of lying during the investigation.

Polk, Washington sentenced in armed robbery

Two men charged in the April 2010 armed robbery of Cash-Kwik in Arcadia were sentenced in April to serve 10 years each in state prison.

Larry Anthony Polk, 28, of Fort Ogden, turned himself in to authorities on Monday after being sentenced to serve 10 years for armed robbery and three years for possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, according to the Arcadia Police Department. Polk pleaded no contest to the charges.

A second man, Michael Wayne Washington, 29, of Nocatee, was also sentenced in April to 10 years on an armed robbery charge after pleading no contest. He is listed by the Department of Corrections as presently serving at Columbia Annex in Lake City.

A third man, Desmond Mathis Ford Jr., was sentenced in 2013 to 12 years after pleading no contest to one count of armed robbery. He is currently serving his term at Liberty South in Bristol, Fla., according to the Department of Corrections.

According to the original arrest report, three men — Polk, Washington and Ford — came to the Cash-Kwik on East Oak Street on April 22, 2010. Two of the men entered the store armed with pistols and wearing masks. One broke down a door to enter the secure area where the money was handled. The men took three bank deposit bags from a drawer, including \$6,050 in cash.

A vehicle matching the suspects' car was spotted shortly after the robbery eastbound on Hickory Street. The vehicle stopped on Hillsborough Ave. A DeSoto Sheriff's deputy saw Polk exit the car and throw a lot of cash on the ground. Polk was arrested. Washington was found hiding on a roof nearby, and Ford was found hiding behind a residence.



FORD



POLK



WASHINGTON

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

- Malcom Jamal Johnson, 25, Sarasota. Charges: petty theft and resisting recovery of stolen property. Bond: \$1,500.
- Raymundo Velasquez Ortiz, 59, 5800 block of 1st Ave., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond:

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Cross retires from police force

SUBMITTED BY SPD

Sergeant David Cross retired from the City of Arcadia Police Department after 20 years of service. He started working for the APD as a full time Police Officer on May 27, 1994. He was promoted to Sergeant on May 22, 1998. On Saturday, Sergeant Cross worked his last day as Sergeant of the Road Patrol Division. Sergeant Cross plans to continue serving the City of Arcadia by joining the Arcadia Police Auxiliary program.

The City Council recognized Sergeant Cross and his years of service at the May 20 Council meeting. On Friday, Marshal Matt Anderson presented Sergeant Cross with a plaque commemorating his years of service. Thank you, Sergeant Cross, for your faithful service to the City of Arcadia.



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Sergeant David Cross, left, retired this week after 20 years of service to the Arcadia Police Department. He was given a plaque by Marshal Matt Anderson to commemorate his many years of loyal service to the city.

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OBITUARIES

Lewis Wade Keen

Lewis Wade Keen, 66, passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2014, in Arcadia, Fla.

Wade was born Sept. 23, 1947, in Arcadia, to Henry Reuben and Bernice Ira Ford Keen.

He was a graduate of DeSoto County High School, Class of 1965. Wade entered the U.S. Army after high school, retiring after 20 years of faithful service. He retired from the DeSoto County School system after 16 years of service. Wade enjoyed boating on the Peace River with his friends, golfing, bowling, playing pool and traveling. He was a member of Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), and the AMVETS. He was of the Protestant faith.

Wade was loved by his many friends, and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by two brothers, Oswald Keen of Port Charlotte, Fla., and brother and friend, Billy Porter of Port Charlotte. Wade was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Christine Keen, in 1970.

Visitation was conducted on May 31, 2014 at the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, 50 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Funeral services followed. Burial is at Joshua Creek Cemetery, with the DeSoto Honor Guard rendering military honors at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929. Online condolences may be made at www.ponger-kays-grady.com.

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

Elwood J. Hannon

Elwood J. "Woody" Hannon, 80, of Lake Suzy, Fla., passed away Saturday, May 24, 2014, surrounded by family, at Tidewell Hospice Inc. in Port Charlotte, Fla.

He was born Aug. 25, 1933, in Winsted, Conn., and moved to Lake Suzy 14 years ago from Newington, Conn.

Woody was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean War. He was also the Captain of the West Hartford, Conn., Fire Department for 30 years. After moving to



OBITUARY POLICY

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Florida with his family. Woody started working at Publix for many years, where he met many friends and co-workers. He loved to fish, especially going on his yearly fishing trips to Canada with his son and friends from the PA Club. Woody was very active, coaching his children's numerous sports teams. He was a semi-professional soccer player. Woody enjoyed many summers at their beach house in Old Saybrook, Conn. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, brother, neighbor and friend to all, and will forever be missed by all who loved and knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Charlene (Dee) Hannon; three daughters, Kimberly (Chris) Glenney of North Port, Fla., Stacey Hannon of Rocky Hill, Conn., and Tamara (Evan) Bouchard of North Port; his son, Michael (Jennifer) Hannon of Milford, N.H.; a sister, Eileen (Ron) Bouchard of Farmington, Conn.; five grandchildren, Michael Hurley, Travis Glenney, Courtney Neill, and Matthew and Sean Hannon; one great-granddaughter, Madelena Hurley; many nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Maggie. Woody was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Catherine (nee Nash) Hannon; three brothers, Harold, Larry and Bobby Hannon; and his sister, Delores Battalino.

A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at Roberson Funeral Home Port Charlotte Chapel. A Memorial Mass and Inurnment with military honors will be held at a later date in Newington. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Port Charlotte Rehabilitation Center, 25325 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33983; or Tidewell Hospice Inc., 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238. Friends may visit online at www.robersonfh.com to sign the memory book and extend condolences to the family.

Arrangements are by Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory Port Charlotte Chapel.

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When it's right to want more

Each morning I stand before a large map on my study wall and pray a brief prayer in the Old Testament known as the prayer of Jabez. I've been doing this for approximately 20 years.

What is the prayer of Jabez? It is a prayer by a man who longed for more than he had and dared ask God to give it to him. This is his prayer: "Oh that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" (I Chronicles 4:10).

Some may plod on year after year without challenging their faith, but not Jabez. Some may be content to stay in spiritual ruts, but not Jabez. Some may be willing to just go through routines of prayer without expecting big things, but not Jabez. He wanted to reach beyond the spiritual borders that had



Roger Campbell

confined him for years and asked God to enable him to do so.

What about this kind of praying? Is it right to ask for more than we have? The last line of the verse that records the prayer of Jabez answers that question: "So God granted him that which he requested."

Does this mean God approves of praying selfishly? Not at all. The New Testament teaches us some prayers are not answered because the one praying wants to consume what he hopes to

receive on his own lusts (James 4:3). But the prayer of Jabez has a built-in safeguard against this motive. He asks God to keep him from evil and from inflicting pain. In other words, he prayed big so he could use what he received for the glory of God and the good of others. No wonder God answered his prayer.

Does this mean that all prayers offered with the right motives are immediately answered? Does it mean that God is sure to increase our outreach or enlarge our territory when we intend to use increased blessings properly? Not quite.

Faith is also a factor.

Faith dares to expect answers to our prayers. Doubt cringes and cowers at every obstacle. Faith is bold, believing God will overcome every barrier to blessings. So we can pray and believe and receive or we can pray and doubt

and go without.

Our involvement may also be required in receiving what we want. Faith must be expressed in some kind of action. Nothing works unless we do.

Some time ago, a young doctor, whom I had never met, removed some stitches from a wound in my hand and when I asked him if he attended church he replied that he prayed to St. Mattress on Sunday mornings, meaning sleep is more important to him than worship.

But St. Mattress doesn't answer any prayers, so I reminded my sleepy listener about the One who died with wounds in His hands. The One who loves us and was always busy, as we ought to be, for the good of others and the glory of God.

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The Great American Pastime ... senior style

Baseball was our family's Summer pastime as I grew up in Illinois, with empty lot games a common evening event. Meanwhile, my dad kept the radio tuned to his favorite Chicago Cubs until, with the advent of television, he had an even better reason to follow the "Cubbies."

But after our permanent move to Florida, I switched my loyalty to the two Florida pros: Tampa Bay Rays and Miami Marlins, and after almost 25 years as a Florida resident, I've enjoyed them every summer. We've attended a few games, but because of the distance and our increasing ages, we too have become baseball television watchers. But I had one problem ... there's a lot of "empty" time — ads, inning and pitching changes, etc. — leading to boredom.

So I started a new TV-watching hobby: crossword puzzles.

Actually the suggestion that crosswords are a good brain exercise spurred me into this habit, which has become a favorite, and perhaps it's my imagination, but those "brain challenges"



From a Senior Viewpoint

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do seem to keep me more alert. And they're not too attention-consuming to keep me from watching the unfolding game on TV.

Then husband Tom came up with another baseball-watching idea: how about have a night off from cooking, substituting some deli sandwiches to enjoy while watching the baseball antics? And I love that idea. In fact, a recent game with our favorite subs on whole wheat buns paired with a tray of assorted chopped fresh fruit was one of the best meals I've ever enjoyed, with the baseball game in the background.

Now all we have to figure out is how to make these Florida teams winners.

One thing that helps graduates and all of us, really, is to learn from our mistakes and from the mistakes of others. The latter is especially important, because none of us will live long enough to make all of them ourselves. Mistakes can help us grow. The person who says he or she has never made a mistake has never

DISCUSSION

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somewhere else."

Commissioner Gabriel Quave suggested housing developments are driven "by the opportunity for financial gain to the developer. They're not going to build here just because we want them to."

Hines said businesses have a hard time finding people here with the basic job requirements: solid computer skills, customer service skills, or just even knowing how to dress appropriately for the job.

Fort Ogden resident Royce Mott noted some developments are coming that should add to the county's tax rolls: Oak Stone, across from the driving range on Kings Highway, and a new luxury motor coach park. "We need to anticipate the baby boomers," he said. "They are coming soon to Florida and coastal areas are running out of room. We need to have something to offer them."

He also noted there will be great need in the future for water and wastewater operators and engineers. "Those are jobs we should be training kids for now," he said. "Pay for a starting trainee

is \$28,000." Presently, most of the workers at Howard's Pools and the raft company in Lake Suzy area are from Charlotte or Sarasota counties.

Hines said, "That may be but those jobs were available to anyone who applied, including DeSoto County residents. The company hires the best person for the job. Many of our residents work elsewhere too."

Keith Markey said soon DeSoto will be needing heavy equipment operators, dragline operators and engineers. "What are we doing to prepare people for those jobs?"

Quave suggested a critical element is parents who care and who will spend time working with their children. "Stop pointing your finger at schools or saying 'there's nothing for children to do.' Parents who take the time make all the difference."

On that theme, Celia Bateman summarized a recent study reporting significant improvements in learning across the board if parents just spent half an hour reading with their children every day.

Mott said, "Let's do this again; the county should be meeting with citizens at least once a year." Hines agreed and said the county plans to continue the process, to keep people involved.

Spend time with family and community elders and draw on their vast wealth of knowledge and experience. They know the answers to many of life's mysteries but are rarely asked about them.

Strive to keep the good name your parents gave you in the same condition. In doing so, you'll be able to pass it along to the children you may have some day, and they can be proud of it. Don't forget where you came from, or the way back home. And never do anything that wouldn't make your mama proud.

I wish there were magic words or some potion that could guarantee a successful, happy life for you. If so, we'd all make sure our children got a double dose. The formula is there, though, in the form of education. Get all you can and by all means, use it for your own betterment and for those you care about. The real world could stand some improving, and now it's your turn at bat. Swing for the fence, Class of '14, and be a winner!

GRITS & PIECES

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realize the sacrifices your parents made while raising you. And I hope you'll have the appreciation to tell them so.

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done anything.

If you thought the school rules were tough, wait until you're hit with all the rules out in the real world. If only life could be like school, wherein if you made a big mistake, you could serve detentions or opt for a paddling. Of course, corporal punishment is nearly a thing of the past, as you know, but I won't get started on that because that's enough for a whole other column.

What I mainly want to say is that we should all try to learn something new every day. It is said that by the time we are adults, we learn only when there is a need to learn. Keep your curiosity alive and feed your inquisitive inner child. Make sure that he or she stays hungry for knowledge and truth.

Pay attention because the real world can teach you a lesson every day. And by doing so, you may avoid lessons learned the hard way. Don't settle for being a post-graduate. Be a student all your life.

LEADERSHIP

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20th Century Club wraps up year of virtual travel

By IRENE POOSER
20TH CENTURY CLUB

Following the theme of "Oh, The Places You Will Go," the Twentieth Century Literary Club has traveled the world in 2013-2014 through programs and foods. The club met for its traditional spring picnic on May 15 at the beautiful country home of Connie

Bateman. Members have experienced the world this year and Connie brought us full circle back to Arcadia through her use of wonderful local pictures, artifacts and decorations.

After Lynn Shafter offered a meaningful blessing, the ladies enjoyed a delicious array of chilled beverages, salads and desserts on beautiful spring china.

In keeping with the party atmosphere,

no formal business meeting was held. Guests Rosanne Collins, Heather Nedley, Aubrey Womack and Olivia Shafter were welcomed and the options for next year's theme and scheduling were discussed. The 2014-2015 year will commence with the meeting on Sept. 18 at the home of Irene Pooser, co-hosted by Frances Pooser, Dorothy Sellers and Jolaine Konstantinidis.

Ladies present were Pam Ames, Lynn Shafter, Connie Bateman, Olivia Shafter, Aubrey Womack, Linda Williams, Frances Pooser, Marcia Brown, Phyllis NeSmith, Nora Cail, Linda Waldron, Cynthia Mizell, Lavenia Carter, Stephanie McAnly, Lois Heine, Debby Hackney, Ruth Dunn, Amy Sorrells, Heather Nedley, Rosanne Collins, Terri Womack and Irene Pooser.

THIS WEEK

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Sherri Douglas, Captain Lenora Parker, Co-Captain Patricia Latimer, Tammy Hoyt, Michelle Turner and Denise Mullins.

• Members of the DeSoto County High School Band were recently honored and new officers were named for next year. Susan Woodley was named outstanding bandsman and also won the Senior Music Award. Margo Eswald was named outstanding musician. Officers for next school year are: Debbie Coker, captain; Duane Sunnaborg, drum captain; Susie Shaefer, majorette captain; Beverly Steele, flag captain; Janet Hezlett, rifle captain; Lynn Coker, secretary; Teresa Gray, treasurer; Amy Potts, historian/publicity officer; Shirley Britt, quartermaster and assistant librarian; and Melanie Boggess, librarian and assistant quartermaster.

• The Florida High School Rodeo Association State Finals will be held

this weekend in Kissimmee and seven Arcadia athletes are ranked high in the standings going into the competition. Donnie Boyd is ranked third, Lance Bliss, fourth, and Robbie Lawrence 12th in bareback riding events. Lynn Walker is ranked 1st in the barrel racing competition. JoNell Gammage is ranked second in the girls cutting division. Kevin Shafter is ranked second, Donnie Boyd, sixth and Lee Johnson 11th in the saddle bronc riding competition. Marty Boyd and Donnie Boyd are ranked 13th in team roping competition. In addition to DeSoto's impressive showing in the number competing on the state level, Lynn Walker has been chosen to compete in the Miss High School Rodeo contest.

1984:

• Jimmie Rodgers of Arcadia was recently named winner of the 1984 DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award. The award is presented to the senior agriculture student attaining the highest degree of proficiency in scholarship, leadership, and a supervised agricultural

program. Jimmie attends DeSoto High School and has been the student adviser of the FFA chapter. His agricultural program consists of farm mechanics. He plans to attend Manatee Junior College and major in law enforcement following graduation.

• Three Arcadia teenagers who participated in the Florida High School Rodeo Finals in Kissimmee will represent the state in the national rodeo finals this summer in Rapid City, South Dakota. Dale Johnson placed second in the state bareback and third in saddle bronc. Randy Lawrence placed second in the state for bull riding, and Christi Scott placed fourth in cutting. Jeff McBee, also of Arcadia, was 13th going into the finals. He rode well, spectators said, but failed to chalk up enough points to make the nationals. Dale is the third boy in his family to make a mark in the rodeo competition. His older brother, Tim, placed second in nationals in bareback competition and another brother, Lee, is now a professional jockey at a racetrack in Pennsylvania.

• Dr. and Mrs. L.A. Fusco are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Luca Jane Fusco, to Lt. Joseph W. Blackburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Blackburn. The bride elect is a 1983 graduate of DeSoto High School and the bridegroom is a 1979 DeSoto High School graduate.



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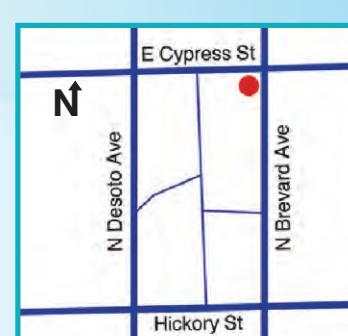


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DeSoto Public Safety Dept. promotes new leaders



Mandy Hines, Interim DeSoto County Administrator, pinned Larry P. Taylor, DeSoto County's Public Safety Chief during a ceremony held Friday at the Turner Center Exhibit Hall.



Public Safety Chief Larry P. Taylor pinned incoming Deputy Fire Chief Thomas J. Moran, as DeSoto County Commissioner Bob Miller presents Moran with a brand new white helmet.



C Shift Lieutenant Thomas J. Beilstein was happy to see his mother and father, Elke and Jim Beilstein, from Davenport as he was honored Friday.

DeSoto County Fire Rescue promotional pinning and dinner, was filled with family and fire and rescue personnel from the county, for the pinning of Larry P. Taylor (Public Safety Chief), Thomas J. Moran (Deputy Fire Chief), Brett Hogan (A Shift Lieutenant), Shawn P. Lucey (A Shift Lieutenant), Kirk D. Simcic (B Shift Lieutenant), Lewis A. Wells (B Shift Lieutenant), and Thomas J. Beilstein (C Shift Lieutenant).

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

FWC offers expanded outdoor opportunities in June

What better time to highlight all the public access points to outdoor recreation provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission than June, Great Outdoors Month.

FWC works closely with other agencies and Florida outdoor businesses to offer safe and exciting adventures on wildlife management areas, lakes and waterways. These partnerships make outdoor experiences special and memorable for families by delivering fun activities like hiking, boating, fishing, hunting, shooting sports and wildlife viewing.

There is no better month than June for enjoying the freedom to play in Florida.

For starters, the FWC is offering license-free saltwater fishing June 7 and 8 so people have the weekend to try the sport or introduce a friend to fishing. To keep the momentum going, the FWC's freshwater license-free fishing weekend is June 14 and 15. Then there is an early, weekend start to bay scallop season on June 28, 29 and 30.

Gov. Rick Scott has proclaimed June to be Great Outdoors Month and noted that the FWC offers Floridians and visitors 159 wildlife management areas in addition to the other public lands totaling 12 million acres.

"We applaud Gov. Scott's efforts to promote the great outdoors. This gives us an opportunity to highlight what our agency offers for all Floridians

and to get kids, our next generation of conservationists, outside," said FWC Chairman Richard Corbett.

The FWC offers:

The Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network - Provides residential and day camp programs where youth can participate in outdoor activities and expand their understanding of conservation and natural Florida. Some camps are in state lands, others in community parks.

Expanded hunting opportunities on WMAs - Created by public input and scientific research, taking into account wildlife populations and reproductive differences in specific areas of the state. Hog hunting, for instance, is available some June weekends in five WMAs.

Birding, wildlife viewing and padding trails.

Boat ramps and waterway markers to keep boaters and manatees safe.

License-free freshwater and saltwater fishing events to expose people to the pleasures and rewards of fishing.

Expanded scallop season, opening harvest opportunities.

Fish, wildlife and related activities and businesses contribute over \$40 billion and nearly 294,000 jobs to Florida's economy annually. The "value added" economic impact of the seafood industry contributes another \$4.7 billion.

For more information on the FWC's many outdoors offerings, go to MyFWC.com and select "Fishing," "Boating," "Hunting," "Wildlife Viewing," "Education" and other topics to plot outdoor activities for June and

months to come, on its wildlife management areas and on the state's rivers, beaches and lands.

Join the A-TEAM

Across the country small towns have had to reinvent themselves as retail business shifts from small independently owned businesses to large big box stores. Arcadia successfully made a reincarnation to an antique shopping mecca over ten years ago. Thanks to a strong antique business owners association and the MainStreet program, our community thrives and continues to draw visitors from all parts of the state.

But are antiques enough? What about the local community? Do you shop downtown? Is a diversity of shops needed? What would draw residents to shop and dine downtown? Will our community continue to draw visitors and new residents, will it thrive?

"A rising tide floats all boats" is not an idle saying. One group that hopes to unite various community groups and non-profits is TEAM Arcadia. TEAM Arcadia is modeled after successful groups in Punta Gorda and elsewhere. TEAM stands for "together everyone achieves more." The purpose of TEAM Arcadia is to unite community organizations, coordinate efforts in community improvement, be a liaison between government and the public and foster economic growth by supporting and disseminating information about community concept

plans and master plans.

Concept plans and master plans are the tools communities use to direct use of public funds for growth and development. For example, when the state does work on major roadways, a percentage of the budget is designated for "transportation improvement." Things such as sidewalks, directional signs, landscaping fall into this category. Rather than accept the cookie cutter options the state would do on its own, with informed community input improvements can be tailored to the community's needs.

One of TEAM Arcadia's projects is improving the park around Lake Katherine. With a generous grant from Mosaic, TEAM has already replaced the old fountain with a nicer, more functional one, removed excess vegetation and arranged to plant with native species, and developing inviting signs for the park.

A community is created when people of an area share a purpose and a common goal. Join TEAM Arcadia to learn how you can help our community prosper and grow. There are no membership dues at present, and anyone with an interest in the Arcadia/DeSoto County area is invited to join. Leaders of local community groups and non-profits especially are invited to send a delegate to the meetings.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at Mary Margaret's Tea & Biscuit, 10 S. Polk Avenue. Attend the next meeting to learn more about TEAM Arcadia.

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report, Patten responded, "To be honest I've never read a copy of the full report. I didn't even know this existed." Patten said as other issues in Venice came forward, Slaughter's resignation was moved to the back burner. "Things moved on, I got interested in other things, plus I met somebody and got married and I haven't really been writing all that much," he said. "This report came out around the time I stopped writing. So it's not necessarily negligence on my part that I never saw the report. It was that (Venice) was playing games regarding trying to hide some of this and six months later I never went back to look for it."

Public responds

Several residents told the council they did not want someone with Slaughter's questionable background to serve as city administrator, and wondered how the council missed the report before hiring him.

"I hope the council knows that you've put the city at great liability by putting Mr. Slaughter in a supervisory position," said businesswoman Martha Craven. "In the future if an allegation comes in, whether true or false, the city will be liable."

Chuck Craven said the city should terminate Slaughter while he is still under probation so it could save itself from having to owe severance pay or benefits. "Why doesn't the council just dismiss him and get somebody else?" he asked. "All this negative publicity isn't good for this town, especially after all the problems we've had."

Gary Frierson first suggested the city do a thorough background investigation, and even offered to put money toward the report if the city was unwilling.

"Now that you are aware of all this, why don't you just do a private investigation and find the facts for yourself," he said. "If you do that, then you'll know where you're at and it will give Mr. Slaughter a clean slate. I've always said if you've got nothing to hide, then lay it out on the table. To clear (this issue) up I'll contribute \$300 to help with the costs."

William Bailey directly addressed Slaughter, saying it would be in everyone's best interests if Slaughter simply resigned. "With all the circumstances surrounding this, and all the bad feelings surrounding this, it would be easier for you to just step back and allow us to move forward," he said.

Several people commented on the failure of the administrator search committee to properly vet the five finalists.

"This process has been faulty from the get-go," Janie Watson said. "And it starts with the council including a resolution in its instructions to the committee to include Slaughter in the top five before they even reviewed applications."

Frierson questioned some of the scores Slaughter received from committee members, suggesting that one member who wanted Slaughter for the job from the beginning had given him a score of 30 out of a possible 33. In comparison, other members gave him scores averaging 15-16. "This process has been tainted from the very beginning," she said. "At the very least we owe it to the residents of this city to do a thorough background check."



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Councilman Joe Fink argues with Janie Watson over allegations he had access to the Venice investigation report and never revealed them to the council.

Fink, residents clash

Three residents questioned Deputy Mayor Joe Fink on what he knew about Slaughter's past and when he knew it. They also expressed their concern with the way he treats members of the public on social media sites such as Facebook.

Watson began a tense exchange of words with Fink when she wondered why the committee never received a copy of the report when he had it in his possession. Fink immediately shot back at Watson, "Ma'am, again I will state for the record that I did-not-have-a-cop-y-of-the-report. Was that slow enough? I had the newspaper stories from Venice, and that's all."

Watson then asked Fink why he wouldn't have come forward with any information he had, regardless of the source.

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Fink did not respond to Super's criticism.

Council comments

After the public comments section closed, each council member offered an opinion of the subject.

"Madam chairman, haven't we had enough with innuendos, no information, people just running their mouths, not presenting any facts other than what they got from the paper or off the street?" Councilman Bob Allen asked.

"Frankly, I don't believe any of what's been said about Tom. I think we need to cut this and move forward."

Councilman Bob Heine said he stands by his decision to vote for Slaughter, citing an improvement in workplace morale. "I haven't talked to a single city employee who hasn't

been real happy since Tom's been on board," he said. "I can tell you this — people from the public have walked in and have told me that they've been to the Water Department, and there's all the difference in the world in how the staff interacts with them. I still think he's the man for the job. I can't please everybody, nobody on this council can do that. I've been more or less threatened by some people I thought was friends who are evidently not, but I've been threatened before so I can live with that."

Fink said he believed there was more to the story than the investigation revealed, and that his perception in the community is that he is protecting Tom because people consider them "buddies."

"I have to look at this from the perspective of people telling me, 'well, he's your buddy.' Well I've known him for 20 years, I've never had lunch with him, we've never had drinks, I've never met his wife," he said. "So I don't know what kind of buddy people think I am to him. I look at this and say to myself, 'What are we going to find out if we do an investigation like you're suggesting?' We're going to find out the city of Venice gave the man \$30,000 to leave. And his accusers profited from his leaving the city."

Fink also believed many in the community had already had their minds made up against Slaughter, and were merely looking for another avenue to get rid of him. "They are the same people who called me three or four weeks earlier and told me he wasn't qualified. When they couldn't get an audience that way, now they are trying this way," he said. "If there is any hint of impropriety I cannot imagine Councilman Heine, Allen or Keene allowing that hint of impropriety to go unchallenged. This is not just behavior that happens poof, like magic. This is either a long-standing thing or short-standing. There's no record of this anywhere except in the city of Venice."

Keene stressed the council owes the residents of Arcadia more. "This is such serious business. I sat here and listened to Deputy Mayor Fink say many, many times we gotta get this right," he said. "Maybe I misunderstood some of my fellow council members, but I thought we were

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Councilman Keith Keene expressed his concern with several items in the Venice investigation, in particular several allegations Slaughter either admitted to or could not recall.

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and was not using flotation devices.

Nikolai survived, and stayed the night with the Baileys. The two boys played video games, but all through the evening, Willy said, "Nikolai just kept hugging me and thanking me. He told me, 'I thought I was going to die.'

Asked if he feels like a hero, Willy said not really — he just did what his instincts told him to do.

Still, Willy was surprised when he walked into a coffee shop one day last week with his parents, and several of his parents' friends started clapping for him and came up to hug him.

But his father told him, "You did the right thing. We're so proud of you."

in search of a person who was best qualified for the position."

Keene continued that, after reviewing the Venice investigation, he had serious concerns about Slaughter's leadership style. "I had not seen this workplace investigation until 4 p.m. today, so I had a chance to look it over. I'm trying to give Tom the benefit of the doubt with some of the sexual harassment things, but the thing that concerned me more were the issues he did admit to," he said. "For example, the use of profanity and off-color jokes. Tom, you were quoted as saying that the experience has been an awakening for you and you hope to use the lesson well. You accept that your management style and technique need improvement. I've had discussions about this with Tom, and that's my concern. We don't need a work in progress, we need someone who can hit the ground running."

Keene added that the discussion over Slaughter's past could have been avoided if he'd brought it up during his interview, and agreed an investigation was necessary.

"I think we need to give serious thought to doing this investigation and see if we can wipe the slate clean, or give Tom the option to be the fantastic planner that I know he is," said. "I wish that Tom would man up and address some of these issues that are in here that he can address, specifically his leadership style. I still believe we had two superior candidates for this job and we punted instead of going for the touchdown."

After Keene's motion died, Frierson said, "It's regrettable the rest of the council isn't willing to go the extra mile on this and clear things up once and for all. I think the public deserves better, I think we have more responsibility to the public than that. I'm embarrassed and ashamed by this."

Slaughter chose not speak during the entire discussion period.



Mayor Alice Frierson expressed her concern regarding the timing of Slaughter's departure from Venice, and was in support of launching a full investigation into Slaughter's past beyond just public records.



Nikolai Duran was only 5 years old and did not know how to swim when he jumped in a pool and sank to the bottom. Willy Bailey's quick thinking helped rescue the little boy.

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Hearns' pick-six gives Bulldogs 7-6 win

By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN SPORTS DIRECTOR

Three times the DeSoto County football team was inside the Boca Ciega 20-yard-line and each time they ended up empty-handed. Their final "knock on the door" came with just 2:40 left in the game as a last ditch effort to score from the 15-yard-line ended on an incomplete pass.

Many teams would have packed up their gear and called it a night. After the game Bulldog Coach Matt Egloff told his team, "This is what happens when you never give up. You have to keep making plays. With so few of us we have to work together and pick each other up."

The out-manned Bulldogs kept on playing as the time kept ticking away. The Pirates could have used up most of the clock if they had kept the ball on the ground, but surprisingly they attempted a pass play that had some success earlier in the game.

Seeing a familiar play developing and knowing where the ball was going, Dawayne "Pooh" Hearns stepped in front of the receiver just as the quarterback released the ball and he picked off



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DeSoto County coach Wade Huckaby congratulates some of the Bulldogs after their 7-6 win May 30. Stefan "Thumpa" Williams, DaWayne "Pooh" Hearns (2), Taj Jackson (32) and in the background is kicker Cesar Barajas.

the pass. Hearns found his pot of honey as he went untouched for 20 yards into the end zone to tie the game at six with just 1:50 left in the game.

"I was right there and I thought I was going to drop it," he said. "It felt good, it was a great moment and got the team

excited. We deserved that win."

That score tied the game. It was sophomore Cesar Barajas who split the uprights with a nice kick for the game-winning point. "It's my first time playing with the big boys so I was happy to have the chance to do something

for the team. That is what I'm supposed to do," Barajas said.

With fewer than two dozen players dressed for the game and everyone playing on both sides of the ball, it was a very tiring night as many players cramped up during the game. Yet it was Barajas, who only got one field goal once in the entire game, who scored the winning point.

Goal line stop

A big play that allowed the Bulldogs to go for the kick to win the game came on the Pirates' two-point conversion attempt after their third quarter touchdown. Taj Jackson made a nice tackle in the backfield to keep the Pirates lead to just 6-0.

There were many big plays and big players for the Bulldogs. Jackson, who is the fastest man for the Bulldogs outran a Pirate ball carrier and dragged him down at the one-yard-line. Jackson also played at the running back and receiver position on offense. He even lined up as the quarterback in the "pistol" formation on the first play of

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Steve and I have a combined goal of 150 pound loss.

We seek your support in pledging funding toward the pounds we lose. Your pledge multiplied with our weight loss achieved will be a positive gain for our community / county as every dollar earned by pledges will be contributed toward DeSoto County Veterans Appreciation Days.

That's right, plans are set for several days of festivities while honoring all veterans who have served our nation. This will include the presence of the Vietnam Traveling Wall Memorial.

This will be promoted locally and around the state to invite other community and county residents to come to DeSoto and be part of these days of celebration, respect and honor.

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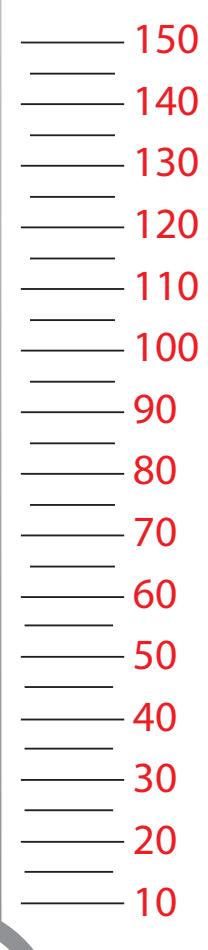
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Destiny Payne of the Venom softball team delivers a pitch in the Sebring tournament May 24.

Local players compete in Sebring tourney



The Venom softball team gathers just after a loss to the Lady Tarpons, who won the tournament.



Jayla Cowell tried to score from third on a grounder to the third baseman and got caught in a rundown. She was tagged out just a step before she crossed the plate.



It was a warm and humid day in Sebring, and Destiny Payne and Jayla Cowell cooled off with a snow cone.



DeSoto County players on The Venom softball team are McKayla Cross, Kim Game, Jayla Cowell and Destiny Payne.

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the fourth quarter and took the first snap around the left side for 42 yards down to the Pirate 28-yard-line. When asked what his position actually was, he replied "offensive weapon."

Dre "Big Dog" Jones had a crushing sack which he called on Facebook the "meanest of the game." Mani "Big Dawg" Wesley made a couple of nice tackles to prevent long runs. Deionte "Juice" Turner and Chace Higgins were in the Pirate backfield all night putting pressure on the quarterback.

Zack Beeles let everyone know that he was in the game as he had a couple



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Bulldog receiver Alfredrick "Keeper" Tyson dives for a pass just out of his reach in the first quarter of the 7-6 win over Boca Ciega.

of powerful carries which drew attention from his teammates. Beeles also introduced himself to several Pirate runners as he knocked them to the ground from his linebacker position.

Stefan "Thumpa" Williams made three consecutive big and loud hits on the Pirates and stopped the runner for no gain. Line coach Richard Koonce walked down the sidelines and turned to Egloff and said, "Now there's your linebacker." The Bulldogs have had a recent tradition of "shut down" linebackers such as Cedrick Jackson, Jay Black and Tre Tyler but they need someone to fill that role this season.

As always, the Bulldogs have solid players at the skill positions. Tony Lee did a nice job under center using his running ability and strong arm to keep the Pirate defense guessing as to what he was going to do. Running back Beeles supplies the "get out of his way" power that complements the speed burners such as Jackson.

The lines on both sides of the ball need to get bigger and stronger, and be more consistent on their plays. When

the offensive linemen did their jobs they made the ball carriers look pretty good, but when they missed their assignments it was not so pretty.

There was confusion on defense as they looked lost at times. With only a month of practice and having a young and inexperienced team, those are things that will need to be ironed out once practice starts back up in the first week of August.

The defense did stand up after a fourth-quarter Bulldog drive stalled on the five-yard-line. The first play saw the whole line stuff the quarterback for a four-yard loss back to the one-yard-line. That big defensive stand gave the Bulldogs good field position on the next position. Unfortunately that drive stalled deep into Pirate territory, too. But that's when the Pirates went to the well once too often and Hearns made them come up empty with his touch-down interception.



Members of the DeSoto County High School band made the trip to Boca Ciega to watch the Bulldogs win their spring game 7-6.



DeSoto County quarterback Tony Lee fights off a Boca Ciega lineman as he fires a pass downfield in the May 30 win.



Taj Jackson played quarterback for much of the fourth quarter. His first carry, on the first play of the period, resulted in a 42-yard run.



Dawayne "Pooh" Hearns steps up to pick off the Boca Ciega pass and takes it to the end zone to tie the game with just under two minutes to play in the 7-6 win on May 30.



DeSoto County sophomore Cesar Barajas blasts the extra point to win the game 7-6 over Boca Ciega.

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Opera House Artist: Featuring Linda Garten

By BECKY VAN PELT
OPERA HOUSE ARTISTS

As a sales manager for the Madison Journal in Tallulah, Louisiana, Linda Garten is familiar with composition, design and style. She is known for sculpting the Lil Dixie Darlings and Ebony Heritage collectibles, which you can find in many homes.

Specializing in portraits, Garten sketched many faces in charcoal, pastel, and pencil while living in Vicksburg Mississippi.

Her own creations, including specially designed Mississippi River Mud jewelry, adorns women across the states and can be seen and purchased from her directly or at the Open Door Shop on Henry Street in Fort Myers.



GARTEN

Her current interest in Chattahoochee River Mud is yielding more fashionable jewelry.

Garten has compassion and it shows in her current work. Linda's acrylic floral paintings reflect vibrant colors in whimsical designs. Her seascapes embrace all of the natural atmospheric hues of the marine environment.

Currently she is focusing on portraits of family pets.

Garten is a registered artist at The Opera House Gallery in Arcadia, and The Open Door Shop in Fort Myers. You may also see her artwork online at <http://arcadiaoperahouseartists.com.webs.com>.



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Linda Garten has been focusing her art on pets recently.



Garten's work can be seen at the Arcadia Opera House.

Linda Garten's acrylic work has a loose, casual, whimsical style featuring brilliant colors.



Hurricane seminar uses Charley to urge preparedness

By CRAIG GARRETT

ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

It's easy to forget. But don't.

That was the message Tuesday at the DeSoto County Hurricane Seminar and Community Services Expo at the Turner Agri-Civic Center. With Hurricane Charley fading into history, emergency and law enforcement officials wanted to remind those attending the seminar that the danger from strong storms is very real and that caution should be everyone's priority. Charley destroyed lives and property in August 2004.

"The world goes in cycles, and

so do hurricanes and storms," said Doug Christ, DeSoto County Emergency Manager and moderator of the seminar. "We're stressing the importance of being prepared. All it takes is one storm, and things change."

The goal of the seminar was to provide information on preparing for storms. Red Cross and other agencies offered helpful tips, handouts and face time in preparing for storms. Television weathercaster Jim Farrell shared summer forecasts and a friendly message to be prepared. DeSoto County Sheriff William Wise

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Gingers add tropical ambiance

Reader Bonnie Simmons sent in a photo of an unusual striking lavender bloom, asking what is it?

It's one of the many gingers that are easy to grow in our area. In fact, some are so easy they may become a bit of a problem as they multiply by underground stems called rhizomes. Hidden ginger produces a cone shaped growth with many small yellow flowers, and then one striking lavender bloom emerges.

Ginger is the common name for several tropical genera in the Zingiberaceae family. There are more than 1,300 species of gingers worldwide, and many make excellent landscape plants. They are considered herbaceous perennials, meaning they have no woody stems and grow year after year. The largest species make excellent focal plants for pools and lanai areas; smaller species are attractive used in borders or containers.

Mature clumps may be dug and divided for new plantings. Rhizomes are available commercially. Look for plump roots that are not dry and withered with no sign of rot. Protruding eyes or buds will indicate which side should be placed facing up — but don't worry if you're not sure, stalks will find their way to the surface.

Most gingers are adapted to life in moist shady forests. Some can take full sun, but most thrive in filtered sunlight. Generally, gingers will tolerate more sun if they are given plenty of water. In shady areas they will do well with less water. The rhizomes store water and nutrients, but in extreme dry conditions gingers will benefit from



Over the Garden Gate

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Shell flower (*Alpinia zerumbet*) forms bold clumps of leaves, shell-like flowers are on separate stalks in drooping clusters. Flowers are whiteish yellow tinged with pink. It also comes in a variegated leaf form.

supplemental water. Avoid planting large gingers in open windy locations as the tender leaves are easily damaged by wind.

Some gingers offer showy flowering displays over a long period, blooming from late spring through fall or even nearly year round. Individual flowers on some species may be open for only a day, but it may take a week or more for all blooms on a stalk to open. The flower cluster may be upright or drooping. Other gingers have a cone-shaped inflorescence composed of fleshy bracts. Small flowers emerge from the base of the bracts. Many gingers are known for their fragrance. A single stalk will perfume an entire room.

Plant ginger in rich loamy soil with plenty of organic matter. A dusting of bone meal will be beneficial. Rhizomes should not be planted too deep. In wet areas they should be planted near the surface. In drier sandy soils, rhizomes may be planted at a depth of about three times the root's diameter.

The top growth of gingers may be damaged by frost; others tend to go dormant in winter. New growth quickly returns in spring and returns

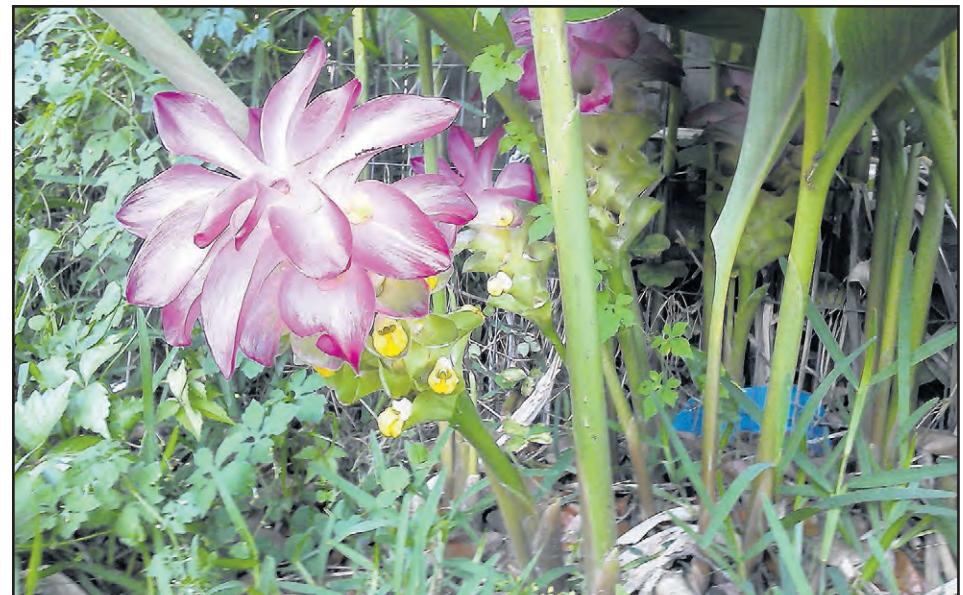


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Hidden ginger produces a cone-shaped growth with many small yellow flowers, and then one striking lavender bloom emerges. It's one of the many gingers that are easy to grow in our area. In fact, some are so easy they may become a bit of a problem as they multiply by underground stems called rhizomes.

the plant to full beauty. Some of the larger varieties look more attractive if spent bloom stalks are cut out. Use hand pruners to cut out any damaged stalks. Remove some stalks entirely, and head others back about one third their length. Gingers may also be managed by cutting all old growth down in late winter.

Some common gingers include *Hedychium coronarium* or butterfly ginger, which has delicate white flowers. *H. coccineum* has similar red tinged flowers. *H. greenei* is known as ginger lily. Shell flower (*Alpinia zerumbet*) forms bold clumps of leaves, shell-like flowers are on separate stalks in drooping clusters. Flowers are whiteish yellow tinged with pink. It also comes in a variegated leaf form. *A. purpurata* or red ginger has a terminal cluster of red bracts with tiny white flowers. *Costus speciosus* or crepe ginger has upright cone-like red flowers. It grows to 8 feet and the leaves twist about the stem in a spiral. *Etingera elatior* is called torch ginger.

Pinecone ginger or lanolin lily grows 5 to 6 feet tall with dark green leaves. There is also a variegated variety with green and ivory leaves. The cone-like flower heads are full of sweet-smelling lanolin like liquid that oozes out when given a gentle squeeze. By Christmas the cones turn a deep waxy red. It's a great natural remedy to clean and soften garden soiled and chapped hands.

Two important culinary species are *Zingiber officinale*, the ginger root used for spice, and *Cucurbita domestica*, the plant whose red orange roots are dried and ground to produce turmeric,

the spice used in curry. Both culinary ginger and turmeric (look for roots at health food stores) are easy to grow. Plant pieces on rich soil in spring, keep soil moist until sprouts appear, then water only when soil is dry. The foliage will die down in winter; dig the roots in late winter. Ginger root may be frozen to use — just grate as much as you need from the frozen root.

Bitter ginger and other varieties have escaped cultivation and are sometimes found growing along stream banks. If you plant ginger in your Florida landscape, be a responsible gardener and don't let it spread aggressively.

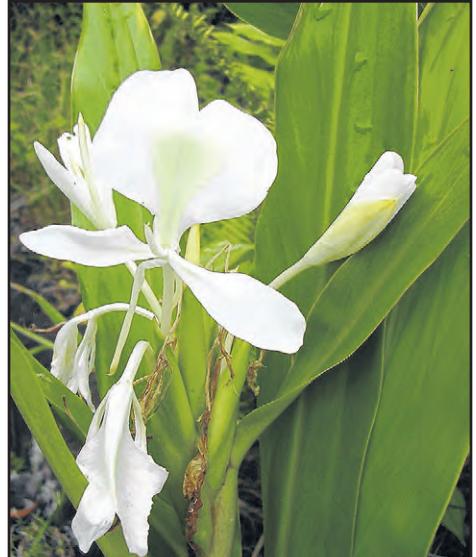


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***Hedycium coronarium* or butterfly ginger, has delicate white flowers. A single stalk will perfume an entire room.**



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Red ginger, *Alpinia purpurata* has a terminal cluster of red bracts with tiny white flowers that may be either upright or drooping.

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Pink Ginger's striking blooms show up well in front of the bright green leaves.



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Many gingers including shell ginger come in a striking variegated leaf form provides color contrast even when not in bloom.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 14CC132 Robbie Wayne Ezell Jr. Plaintiff, vs.

Ferreiro Auto Group D/B/A DeSo to Motors

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: DeSoto Motors

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for establishment of ownership of personal property described as: 2005 Chevy Uplander Van LS has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff, Robbie Wayne Ezell Sr, whose address is: 203 S. Pasco Ave., Arcadia, FL, on or before June 27, 2014, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court immediately thereafter; otherwise a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in this petition. DATED on May 23, 2014.

MITZIE W. MCGAVIC

As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ B. Wyn, Deputy Clerk Published 5/29/14 & 6/5/14 370798 3044371

NOTICE OF ACTION

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

FARM LABOR PROGRAM

IN RE:

The practice of Farm Labor Jacinto Jimenez Lopez 403 N. Volusia Avenue Arcadia, FL 34266 CASE NO.: 2014000764 LICENSE NO.: 2743

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Melinda Gray, Service of Process Unit, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2206, (850) 488-0062. If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by June 26, 2014, the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at a hearing pursuant to 120.57(2), F.S. before the Department of Business and Professional Regulation Farm Labor Program. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone: (850) 257-6097; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service. Published 5/29/14, 6/5/14, 6/12/14, 6/19/14 339238 3045659

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 3120

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CASE NO.: 2014 DR 244 Jesus Hernandez Guzman, Petitioner and Maria Elizabeth Sanchez Medrano, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DIS- SOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Maria Elizabeth Sanchez Medrano

Last Known Address Mexico

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Petitioner, Jesus Hernandez Guzman whose address is, PO BOX 2607, Arcadia, FL 34265 on or before June 13, 2014 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 115 E. Oak St. Arcadia, FL 34266 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in this petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office. Dated: May 14, 2014 MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: /S/ Marlene Harris Deputy Clerk Published 5/15/14, 5/22/14, 5/29/14 & 6/5/14 131159 3040264

THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEASED'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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Attorney for Person Giving Notice:

/s/Karen L. Kayes, Attorney

Email: kkayes@wjnj.com

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

File No. 2014 CP 51

Division PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF HARVEY N. KEEN,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of HARVEY N. KEEN, deceased, whose date of death was April 23, 2014; File Number 2014 CP 51, is pending in the Circuit Court for De Soto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Ste. 101, Arcadia, FL 34266. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the deceased and other persons having claims or demands against deceased's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

HAM, III, JACK RICHARD et al, Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated May 6, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013CA000052AXMA of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Jack Richard Ham, III, Stephanie L. Ham, are defendants, the DeSoto County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266; www.desotoclerk.com, DeSoto County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 24th day of June, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 30, OF SUNNYBREEZE MOBILE HOME PARK, AN UNRECORDED PLAT ALSO BEING DESCRIBED AS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST ALONG NORTH LINE OF SOUTH HALF OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 25, 1885.41 FEET TO SOUTH R/W OF S.C.L. RR.; THENCE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID R/W, 2060.60 FEET TO SOUTH R/W OF LIVERPOOL BLVD.; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID R/W, 325.81 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE 125.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST 82.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST, 125.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 3 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, 82.0 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTE-NANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS A 2001 MOBILE HOME BEARING VIN NUMBER FFLFY70A28660CG31.

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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 in Hillsborough County, Florida, this 30th day of May, 2014
/s/ Erik Del'Etoile
Erik Del'Etoile, Esq.
FL Bar # 71675

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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 Court's ADA Coordinator at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

To file response please contact DeSoto County Clerk of Court, 115 E. Oak Street, Room 101, Arcadia, FL 34266, Tel: (863) 993-4876; Fax: (863) 993-4669. Published 6/5/14 & 6/12/14 272484 3048202

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2013-CA-000163
MAYAN MAINSTREET INVESTORS I, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

NESTOR MORALES , JR; JOSEPHINE D. MORALES, ET AL. Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 27, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013-CA-000163, of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida. MAYAN MAINSTREET INVESTORS I, LLC (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and NESTOR MORALES, JR.; JOSEPHINE D. MORALES; FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the SOUTH DOOR of the Courthouse; 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, at 11:00 a.m., on the 5th day of August, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 16 AND 17, OF ROSIN'S AND STROUDS ADDITION TO ARCADIA, FLORIDA, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGES 123 & C-5 AT PAGE 12, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated at ARCADIA, Florida this 21st day of May, 2014
/s/ B. Wynn
Mitzie W. McGavic
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
DeSoto County, Florida
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Notice is hereby given that JOHN P SHANNON 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: 44
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012
Tax Deed File #: 14-12-TD
Description of Property:
LOT 11, BLOCK 53, ROYAL PARK ESTATES, FIRST ADDITION, 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 67.

Names in which assessed:
THOMAS E MCCRACKEN EST & GENNIVIE MCCRACKEN EST C/O 17631 BOSLEY LN SPRING HILL, FL 34610
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 JUNE 25, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
Dated this 20th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

MITZIE W. McGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Notice is hereby given that LEWIS AMBLER JR 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: 1513
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012
Tax Deed File #: 14-13-TD
Description of Property:
A PORTION OF LOT 14, DESOTO ACRES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 9 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 14, RUN S 16 DEGREES 37'00" E ALONG THE EASTERN LINE OF SAID LOT 14, A DISTANCE OF 160.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 10 DEGREES 50'49" W, A DISTANCE OF 94.22 FEET; THENCE N 81 DEGREES 28'39" W, A DISTANCE OF 105.03 FEET;

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Notice is hereby given that GERACI-KING TRUST 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: 947
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012
Tax Deed File #: 14-16-TD
Description of Property:
LOT 1036, PEACE RIVER ESTATES, SECTION I, AS PER MAP OR PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 1, LESS RESERVED MINERAL RIGHTS.

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 45A AND 45B, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. Commonly known as: 7912 Southwest Horse Creek Road, 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 60 days after the sale. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated at ARCADIA, Florida this 21st day of May, 2014
/s/ B. Wynn
Mitzie W. McGavic
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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TAX DEEDS 3132

THENCE N 57 DEGREES 40'08" E, A DISTANCE OF 143.92 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING 0.114 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

Names in which assessed:
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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 JUNE 25, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 16th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

MITZIE W. McGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that GERACI-KING TRUST 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: 948
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012
Tax Deed File #: 14-17-TD
Description of Property:
LOT 1036, PEACE RIVER ESTATES, SECTION I, AS PER MAP OR PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 1, LESS RESERVED MINERAL RIGHTS.

Dated this 20th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

MITZIE W. McGAVIC
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DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that GERACI-KING TRUST 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: 943
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012
Tax Deed File #: 14-19-TD
Description of Property:
LOT 1038, PEACE RIVER ESTATES, SECTION I, AS PER MAP OR PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 1, LESS RESERVED MINERAL RIGHTS.

Dated this 20th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

MITZIE W. McGAVIC
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DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate Number: 943
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012
Tax Deed File #: 14-17-TD
Description of Property:
LOT 194, PEACE RIVER ESTATES, SECTION I, AS PER MAP OR PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 1, LESS RESERVED MINERAL RIGHTS.

Dated this 20th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

MITZIE W. McGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate Number: 943
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012
Tax Deed File #: 14-17-TD
Description of Property:
LOT 457, PEACE RIVER ESTATES, SECTION I, AS PER MAP OR PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 1, LESS RESERVED MINERAL RIGHTS.

Dated this 20th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

MITZIE W. McGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

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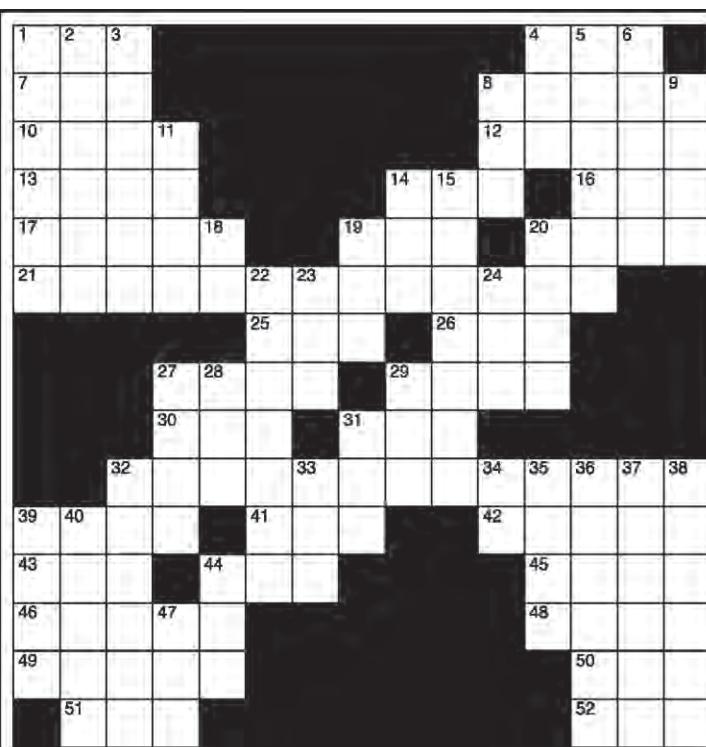
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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
4. Spigot
7. Military mailbox
8. Electric auto company
10. Fastest man alive
12. Expressed pleasure
13. Venice beach
14. Teletypewriter (abbr.)
16. A young man
17. Evade
19. Volcanic Japanese mountain
20. Danson, Turner & Kennedy
21. March holiday
25. Fruit drink
26. Come about
27. Capital of Yemen
29. Tayra genus
30. Mandela's party
31. Vestment
32. Eye exam instrument
39. Plural of 47 down
41. Ingest
42. Coneless volcanic craters
43. The woman
44. Make a mistake
45. Horse gait
46. Father of Lot
48. The destroyer (Hindu)
49. Remove
50. Remains after deductions
51. Clairvoyance
52. Gourde (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Contents lists
2. Condition of inedible food
3. Armed robbery
4. Traditional Asian beverage
5. Scarlett's first love
6. Beg
8. Scotland's longest river
9. Sums up
11. People of southern India
14. Expression of disappointment
15. Japanese electronics firm
18. And, Latin
19. Highest card in a suit
20. Paper Mulberry bark
22. Cattle farmer
23. Actress Lupino
24. Constitution Hall org.
27. Plant fluids
28. Small social insect
29. Shade tree
31. Model Carol
32. Classical singing dramas
33. Swiss river
34. Atomic #62
35. Felines
36. Paddling
37. Established beyond doubt
38. Personal property
39. Tennis great Arthur
40. Stock certificate
44. Point midway between NE and E
47. Egyptian cobra

ARRESTS**FROM PAGE 8**

released on recognizance.

• Michael Shaun Williams, 21, Fort Myers. Charges: two counts of sale of cocaine, two counts of sale of marijuana, and three counts of possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$20,360.

• Teofilo Aguirre Jr., 43, Okla. Charges: two counts of felony retail theft over \$300 coordinated with others. Bond: \$3,000.

• Tabatha Michelle Campbell, 28, 4600 block of S.W. U.S. Highway 17, Arcadia. Charges: two counts of battery. Bond: \$1,500.

• Tyler Ray Carlan, 22, 3000 block of S.W. County Road 769, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• Gabriel Guevera, 59, 2800 block of S.W. Rowena Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.

• Michael Bradley Hicks, 37, 10000 block of S.W. Peace River St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• Sibley Clarence Lewis III, 39, Elberta, Ala. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$500.

• Rogerio Maldonado, 39, first block of Robinson Court, Arcadia. Charge: habitually driving without a valid license. Bond: \$2,000.

• Ronald Duvone Mathis, 60, 1700 block of S.W. Duke St., Arcadia. Charge:

sale of marijuana within 1,000 ft. of prohibited location and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: none.

• Blake Angel Morales, 18, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.

• Terry Ryan Ogle, 21, North Port. Charge: driving while license is suspended, second offense. Bond: none.

• Bobbie Jo Ruiz, 36, Okla. Charges: petty theft and using anti-shoplifting device countermeasures. Bond: \$1,20.

• Lisa Marie Scorgie, 27, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$120.

• Leobardo Luis Vasquez, 25, 1900 block of Heron Cove, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• James Edward Woods, 59, S.C. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

• Joshua Tyler Anderson, 32, 5900 block of S.W. Notts Dairy St., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$2,500.

• Octavious Mario Dennis, 31, 100 block of Carmen Drive, Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$240.

• Amy William Henry, 39, 6100 block of S.W. Sable Ave., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$1,620.

• Stanley Robert Ingram, 53, Port Charlotte. Charge: obstructing justice by tampering with a juror. Bond: \$1,500.

• Adan Sanchez Villegas, 49,

Okeechobee. Charges: driving without a valid license and failure to register a motor vehicle. Bond: \$240.

• Shannon Marie Albanese, 38, 1700 block of S.E. 2nd Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$2,120.

• Heath Fuhlman, 44, 2300 block of N.W. Eucalyptus Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.

• Mario Negrete, 39, Price Child St., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.

• Shannon Allen Smith, 51, 2200 block of N.W. Gene's Little Acres Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.

• Gabriel Guevara, 59, 2800 block of S.W. Rowena Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.

• Benito Ponice Lugo, 35, 2600 block of N.E. Burnham Road, Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

• Pablo Silva, 25, 1500 block of S.E. Carnahan, Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession or use of drug equipment and driving while license is suspended or revoked. Bond: \$1,620.

• Shari Michelle Childs, 28, 1100 block of Harlem Circle, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$350.

• Amanda Marier Culpepper, 31, 11100 block of Agnes St., Arcadia.

Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• Bill Ray Ernst, 34, first block of N. DeSoto Ave., Arcadia. Charge: sexual assault with victim over age 12 using physical force without injury. Bond: none.

• Rene St. Marc, 24, Fort Myers. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,000.

• Michael Wayne Talbert, 47, Port Charlotte. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• Angela Carole Thresher, 41, Cape Coral. Charges: unarmed burglary of occupied structure, unarmed burglary of unoccupied conveyance, grand theft auto and grand theft over \$100. Bond: \$27,500.

• Leodegaro Ramirez, 37, 6100 block of Sable Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is expired more than 4 months. Bond: \$120.

• Christopher David Woppman, 38, 3000 block of S.E. Creekwood Terrace, Arcadia. Charges: producing marijuana, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$5,240.

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

• Becky Jean Douglas, 43, 12400 block of S.W. Lexington Place, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your energy is contagious this week, and others flock to you as if you have a magnetic pull. Enjoy the attention, but don't forget to seek some solitude as well.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Take precautions as you prepare for an important project, Taurus. If you rush through things, you are bound to make mistakes that could negatively impact your career.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Everything you touch turns to gold this week, Gemini. You could set many things into motion with your clever ideas and infectious charisma. Stay grounded.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

An unexpected encounter stirs up some old feelings, Cancer. Enjoy your trip down Memory Lane and take advantage of this opportunity to reconnect with an old friend.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, tread lightly this week when working on an important project. Expect scrutiny in all you do and plan accordingly. Keep working hard, and your efforts will be noticed.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Expect the unexpected this week, Virgo. Things might seem as if they are going according to plan, but a few complications may arise so be prepared.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

A great idea has sidetracked you for some time now, Libra. But now it's time to get back into your normal routine and focus on the tasks at hand.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, embrace unique ideas concerning your future this week. Consider all possibilities no matter how out of the ordinary they may seem.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Practical concerns could temporarily stall plans that are a bit fantastical, Sagittarius. But don't fret, you will have an

opportunity to put some plans in motion soon enough.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

You may experience a conflict with others at work this week, Capricorn. It is best to roll with the punches instead of causing a stir. Allow the situation to unfold.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, a hectic few weeks at work have proven distracting. It might seem overwhelming right now, but things will settle down in a matter of days.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you may want to be invisible in the crowd this week, but that scenario simply isn't in the cards. Grin and bear the attention.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**JUNE 1**

Heidi Klum, Model (41)

JUNE 2

Zachary Quinto, Actor (37)

JUNE 3

Anderson Cooper, TV Host (47)

JUNE 4

Bar Refaeli, Model (29)

JUNE 5

Mark Wahlberg, Actor (43)

JUNE 6

Robert Englund, Actor (67)

JUNE 7

Michael Cera, Actor (26)

ABCDEFCHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

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

A. 6 8 13 8 10 8 6 13
Clue: Eye ailment.

B. 18 21 18 5
Clue: Those allow you to see

C. 9 14 5 14 11 15
Clue: Being able to see

D. 14 2 26 8 14 10
Clue: Weaken or damage

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cataracts.

L C D Y U O

Answer: Cloudy

PUZZLE SOLUTION

Rainy season arrives in Florida

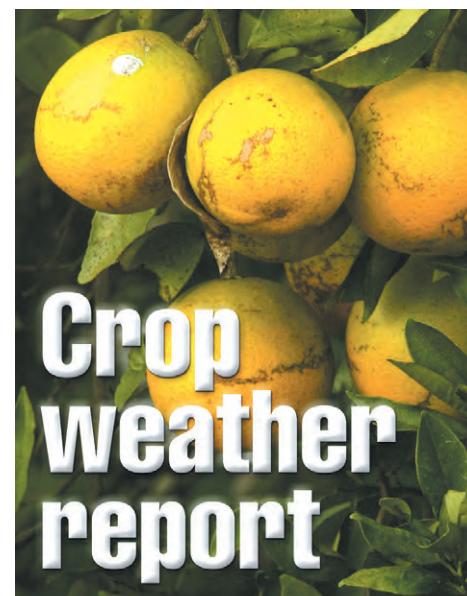
REPORTED FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 2

Weather Summary

According to Florida's Automated Weather Network, Florida received from 0.01 inch of rain in Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) to two locations in the Panhandle that received the most rain, Defuniak Springs (Walton County) with 5.88 inches and Jay (Santa Rosa County) with 5.63 inches. On average north Florida received between one and two inches of rain. Central Florida received one to three inches of rain, and south Florida received two to five inches of rain. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the southern portion of Florida has moderate drought. Maximum temperatures ranged from 86 to 95 degrees. Ocklawaha (Marion County) received the highest temperature at 95 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the State ranged from 63 degrees in Monticello (Jefferson County) to 70 degrees in Homestead (Miami-Dade County).

Fruit and Vegetables

Farmers in Gilchrist and Levy counties were harvesting watermelons this past week. Some fields in central Florida were flooded, due to daily rain, which delayed the planting of cucumbers and squash. The last of the potatoes in Flagler and Putnam



counties were being harvested. Some areas in southwest Florida received heavy rains while other areas did not and are in need of rain. Crops being planted and harvested in Miami-Dade County were boniato, malanga, okra and Asian bitter melon. Vegetables and fruits coming to market were cabbage, cantaloupe, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, radishes, squash, tomatoes and watermelons.

Field Crops

Daily rain delayed the harvest of winter wheat and oats in the Panhandle this past week. Farmers

in the Panhandle were waiting on low areas to dry. Planting of cotton, soybeans and peanuts continued as weather permitted. Statewide, peanut planting was 80 percent complete, ahead of last year's 74 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 81 percent.

Livestock and Pastures

Winter grazing has completely played out in the Panhandle of Florida, while warm season pastures are coming on nicely except in low areas that are subject to standing water. In southwest Florida, hot, dry conditions took their toll on pasture condition before the rainy season kicked in last week. The cattle condition for the state was primarily good but the pasture condition was fair to good.

Citrus

Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and heavy in places. All stations received some precipitation; 14 received more than two inches, and four received more than three inches. Immokalee (Collier County) received the most at 4.78 inches, followed by Dade City (Pasco County) with 3.40 inches received. Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) received the least with 0.01 inches recorded. Daytime high temperatures were warm, reaching the low to mid 90s in all citrus producing

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

	May 18	May 25	June 1
Valencia	4,100	3,486	2,260
White grapefruit	1	1	0
Colored grapefruit	18	18	2
Total	4,119	3,505	2,262

counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated May 27, moderate drought conditions exist within the southernmost region of the citrus growing area, but are currently affecting no active citrus groves. Abnormally dry conditions have expanded northward, affecting the southernmost of the active citrus groves.

Next season's crop is progressing well with early oranges and grapefruit golf ball-size and larger. Growers and caretakers are applying nutritional and post bloom sprays, fertilizing, irrigating, mowing and in some cases resetting new trees.

The 12 processing plants that are still open are primarily running Valencia oranges from now until the end of the season. Several packing-houses have finished for the season with 12 still taking small amounts of late oranges.

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Lyons preps for state Cattlemen's contest

SUBMITTED BY BAILEY LYONS

Over the course of the past year I have had the privilege of serving as the DeSoto County Cattlemen's Sweetheart. I have experienced many wonderful things and participated in an array of events. These have helped expand both my knowledge of beef and my public speaking skills.

This past Tuesday I had the honor of promoting the beef industry at our new Winn-Dixie. While there, I entertained the consumers with facts about cuts and quality grades. They received recipe cards, bumper stickers and an informational brochure about the Pasture to Plate Program. The brochure provided information about how your beef gets from the pasture to your local grocer.

In two weeks I will be traveling to Marco Island to compete for the title of Florida Cattlemen's Sweetheart. This promotion helped me in the preparation of my presentation that will be judged as part of my total score that is combined with my performance from several interviews that I will have to compete in.

I met with many people and had wonderful success in advocating to them. The skills I have obtained through this opportunity will help me in future endeavors throughout my life. I would like to thank our DeSoto Cattlemen and Cattlewomen who have supported me through this adventure.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Lyons provided information about the beef industry to customers recently during a presentation at Winn-Dixie.



LIVESTOCK SALES

Reported by the Arcadia Stockyard for the week of May 28

Weight	Price per cwt.
Steers – Medium and Large Frame	
175-275	\$310-410 (avg. \$347.57)
275-350	\$255-295 (avg. \$264.94)
350-425	\$227.50-262.50 (avg. \$239.10)
425-500	\$215-237.50 (avg. \$220.79)
500-575	\$200-224 (avg. \$210.23)
575-700	\$178-195 (avg. \$185.59)
Steers – Light and Medium Frame	
175-275	\$265-320 (avg. \$289.84)
275-350	\$227.50-260 (avg. \$246.28)
350-425	\$210-232.50 (avg. \$220.87)
425-500	\$197.50-217.50 (avg. \$210.12)
500-575	\$180-205 (avg. \$194.34)
575-700	\$162-182 (avg. \$172.88)
Heifers – Medium and Large Frame	
175-275	\$275-380 (avg. \$303.35)
275-350	\$220-270 (avg. \$231.52)
350-425	\$210-247.50 (avg. \$217.73)
425-500	\$192.50-226 (avg. \$202.35)
500-575	\$179-210 (avg. \$184.13)
575-700	\$167.50-187.50 (avg. \$175.39)
Heifers – Light and Medium Frame	
175-275	\$235-280 (avg. \$259.05)
275-350	\$210-225 (avg. \$217.42)
350-425	\$185-212.50 (avg. \$201.26)
425-500	\$175-197.50 (avg. \$186.77)
500-575	\$165-180 (avg. \$175.35)
575-700	\$152.50-171 (avg. \$162.96)

Slaughter Classes

Cows:	
Boners 1100-1900	\$97-116 (avg. \$103.51)
Lean 850-1200	\$85-99 (avg. \$92.01)
Low Dressing: 800-1100	\$78-95 (avg. \$87.49)
Shells: 650-800	\$59-75 (avg. \$68.23)
Bulls:	
High Dressing: 1300-2000	\$112-28 (avg. \$121.65)
1000-1299	\$87-109 (avg. \$100.12)
Low Dressing: under 1100	\$61-102 (avg. \$87.86)

Totals: – 1,451; calves – 1,153; cows – 250; bulls – 48
Slaughter cows and bulls were steady to \$2 higher. Feeder calves were steady to \$2 lower.

Lyons educates a Winn-Dixie customer on during her presentation Tuesday.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DESOTO COUNTY

hereby gives notice to the public that consideration shall be given to the adoption of the following school board policies

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DESOTO COUNTY			BYLAWS 0000/page 1 of 2	THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DESOTO COUNTY	PROGRAM 2000/page 2 of 2	THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DESOTO COUNTY	STUDENTS 5000/page 1 of 3	THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DESOTO COUNTY	PROPERTY 7000/page 1 of 2
1	0000	BYLAWS		1	2432 Driver Education	1	5000 STUDENTS	1	7000 PROPERTY
2	0100	Definitions		2 2440 Student School	2 5111.01 Homeless Students	2 7100 Facilities Planning			
3	0110	Identification		3 Adult and Community Education	3 5111.02 Educational Opportunity for Military Children	3 7101 Building Permits and the Code Enforcement Office			
4	0111	Name		4 Alternative School Plans/Programs	4 5112 Equal Access Requirements	4 7110 Student Accommodation			
5	0112	Geographical District		5 Exceptional Student Education	5 5113 School Choice Options Provided by the No Child Left Behind Act				
6	0113	Address		6 Lease Restrictive Environment					
7	0114	Seal		7 2520 Instructional Materials Program	7 5114 Foreign Students				
8	0118	Purpose of the Board		8 2531 Copyrighted Works	8 5120 Assignment Within District				
9	0120	Powers, Boardmanship, and Ethics		9 2540 Audio Visual Use	9 5130 Withdrawal from School				
10	0121	Responsibilities and Authority of the Board		10 2605 Research and Evaluation	10 5136 Wireless Communication Devices				
11	0121.1	Financial Emergencies		11 2623 Student Assessment					
12	0122	Board Powers		12 2700 Academically High-Performing School Districts					
13	0122.1	Member Powers							
14	0123	Standards for Boardmanship							
15	0124	Standards of Ethical Conduct							
16	0130	Functions							
17	0131	Legislative/Policymaking							
18	0131.1	Technical Corrections							
19	0132	Executive							
20	0133	Quasi-Judicial							
21	0140	Membership							
22	0141	Number							
23	0141.2	Conflict of Interest							
24	0141.3	Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship							
25	0142	Qualifications							
26	0142.1	Orientation							
27	0143	Electron							
28	0143.1	Residence Areas							
29	0144	Termination							
30	0145	Hiring a Board Vacancy							
31	0146	Removal							
32	0147	Compensation							
33	0149	Access to Records							
34	0149.1	Public Expressions of Members							
35	0149.3	Board-Staff Communications							
36	0150	Organization							
37	0151	Organizational Meeting							
38	0152	Officers							
39	0153	Meetings							
40	0154	Motions							
41	0155	Committees							
42	0156	Legal Counsel							
43	0160	Meetings							
44	0161	Parliamentary Authority							
45	0162	Quorum							
46	0163	Presiding Officer							
47	0164	Notice of Meetings							
48	0165	Meetings							
49	0165.1	Agendas							
50	0165.2	Regular Meetings							
51	0165.3	Special Meetings							
52	0165.4	Recess							
53	0165.5	Adjournment							
54	0166	Executive Session							
55	0166.1	Work Session							
56	0167	Voting							
57	0167.1	Use of Electronic Mail							
58	0168	Minutes							
59	0169.1	Public Participation at Board Meetings							
60	0170	Duties							
61	0171	Review of Policy							
62	0171.1	Review of Policy - Educational Resources							
63	0171.2	Review of Policy - Philosophy and Goals							
64	0171.3	Review of Policy - Community Relations							
65	0171.4	Review of Policy - Ethics							
66	1000	ADMINISTRATION							
67	1001	District Organization							
68	1010	Board - Superintendent Relationship							
69	1020	Election of the Superintendent							
70	1030	Supervision of Schools							
71	1030.1	Development of Administrative Procedures							
72	1111	Designation of a New Position							
73	1112	Board-Staff Communications							
74	1113	Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship							
75	1120	Employment of Administrators							
76	1120.01	Employment of Interim Principals/Supervisors							
77	1120.02	Selecting Administrative Interns							
78	1120.02.11	Provision for Veterans in Employment of the Employee							
79	1121	Conditions for Employment and Re-Employment of Administrators							
80	1121.01	Criminal Background and Employment History Checks							
81	1122	Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity							
82	1122.01	Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment							
83	1122.02	Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee							
84	1122.02.1	Conditions for Employment and Re-Employment of Veterans in Employment							
85	1123	Drug-Free Workplace							
86	1124	Employment Contract							
87	1125	Conflict of Interest - Private Practice							
88	1130	Appointment, Assignment, Transfer, and Promotion of Administrators							
89	1139	Educator Misconduct							
90	1139.01	Discipline of Administrative Staff							
91	1140	Suspension or Dismissal of Administrators							
92	1141	Reinstatement							
93	1160	Physical Examination							
94	1161	Fitness for Duty							
95	1170	Substance Abuse							
96	1180	Records and Reports							
97	1210	Standards of Ethical Conduct							
98	1211	Whistleblower Protection							
99	1212	Student Supervision and Welfare							
100	1213	Solicitation or Acceptance of Gifts or Unauthorized Compensation							
101	1214	Smoke-Free Environment							
102	1215	Drug and Grooming							
103	1217	Weapons							
104	1220	Evaluation of Administrative Personnel							
105	1231	Outside Activities of Administrators							
106	1231.01	Research and Publishing							
107	1232	Professional Activities							
108	1242	Professional Development							
109	1243	Professional Meetings							
110	1281	Use of Employee's Personal Property at School							
111	1362	Anti-Harassment							
112	1380	Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members							
113	1410	Compensation							
114	1419	Group Health Plans							
115	1419.01	Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans							
116	1419.02	Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans							
117	1420	Benefits							
118	1420.01	Losses of Absence							
119	1430.01	FMLA Leave							
120	1430.02	Domestic Violence Leave							
121	1430.03	Sick Leave							
122	1431	Absence of Administrators							
123	1440	Job-Related Expenses							
124	1550	Complaints Against Administrative Staff							
125	1590	Personnel File							
126	1600	Job Descriptions							
127	2000	PROGRAM							
128	2111	Parent and Family Involvement in the School Program							
129	2120	School Improvement							
130	2125	School Advisory Councils for School Improvement and Accountability							
131	2220	Adoption of Courses of Study							
132	2230	Course Guides							
133	2240	Controversial Issues							
134	2260	Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunities							
135	2260.01	Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability							
136	2260.02	Nondiscrimination Grievance Procedure							
137	2261.01	Title I Services							
138	2261.02	Parent and Family Involvement in Title I Programs							
139	2261.03	Title I - Parents Right to Know							
140	2261.03.1	Title I - Annual Report Requirements							
141	2262	School Age Child Care							
142	2270	Religion in the Curriculum							
143	2271	Postsecondary Enrollment Programs							
144	2280	Physical Education							
145	2330	Homework							
146	2340	Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips							
147	2370.01	Virtual Instruction							
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ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY CRAIG GARRETT

Jim Eischen of the Arcadia Red Cross office shares tips with attendees at the annual hurricane seminar Tuesday. His shirt says it all -- Preparedness and Response.



Cindy Siegel looks on as WINK-TV weatherman Jim Farrell announces a drawing winner at Tuesday's annual hurricane seminar. The program helped residents learn how to be prepared for a hurricane should one come this year.

SEMINAR

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and fire officials urged residents to gather supplies, make plans, and to be ready in the event a storm like Hurricane Charley should return.

The effects of Charley are

never that far from those surviving the storm that devastated Arcadia, Wise said. In a storm beyond imagination and memory, the August 2004 hurricane ended lives and destroyed millions of dollars of property. For many, the storm wiped away a lifetime of work and generations of keepsakes. And most in the storm's path

were not prepared, Wise said. His message Tuesday was to plan carefully.

"Honestly," Wise said of Charley's Category 4 winds, "I thought it was the last day of my life. I will never forget how that felt."

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