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## Personalities clash over email

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Tuesday's City Council meeting turned into a sparring match between City Councilman Joe Fink and Gary Frierson.

At issue was an email Frierson purportedly sent to former City Administrator Judith Jankosky concerning current Administrator Tom Slaughter; that email never made it to Jankosky but instead ended up in

Slaughter's hands.

The email was a forwarded message by someone who had applied for the job ultimately awarded to Slaughter. The initial message makes sarcastic comments about Slaughter, and Frierson forwarded it to Jankosky's former city address, telling her to "send this it [sic] the crew ..."

But because Jankosky no longer works for the city, Frierson's forward apparently ended up in the "dead letter file" on the city's server. That's

where Slaughter reportedly found it.

Councilman Joe Fink called for Frierson to be removed from the Arcadia Airport Advisory Board, as well as possible dissolution of the AAAB. His reasons, set out in a memo annexed to the agenda, said Frierson's email "outlines a plan to undermine the present administrator thru [sic] use of email and social media." Fink said further Frierson had undermined other city staff, council and others.

Fink's position is that, because

the AAAB now reports directly to the Administrator, how can the Administrator trust advice offered by Frierson "when he knows he and several staff members are targets with him ..."

Further, Fink said the AAAB ought to be dissolved or deactivated, because if Frierson is removed, only two board members are left. Instead, the Administrator can consult with

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## Links 2 Success hosts second Youth Leadership program

### Students graduate from second Youth Leadership program

By **ASHLEY COONE**  
LINKS2SUCCESS

Last week, Links2Success hosted its second Youth Leadership & Career Conference at the DeSoto campus of South Florida State College. The conference is an educational and interactive program for 7th and 8th grade DeSoto Middle School students.

One of the program goals is to provide career learning experiences and develop leadership skills before students enter high school. This was accomplished through a week-long

conference filled with specialized tours and education by local businesses, community leaders and educational institutions. Students were selected for the program through an application process. They were required to be students attending school in Desoto, have at least a 2.5 GPA and be involved in their local community and/or school.

A significant focus is on preparation for the students' future by learning about their local community and post-secondary educational opportunities.

"I learned about different types of

careers and information that I need to know for the future, especially for things like dual enrollment for college," said student John Sanders.

As part of the program, students had hands-on experience in careers such as agriculture, art, education, banking, healthcare, STEM, judicial, correctional, public safety and more. Throughout the week, they met with working professionals, local and state elected officials and were able to ask questions about necessary education, salary, and skills.

"This camp is amazing!" said Erin

Kinkelly. "We went on an airboat ride and it was the first time I've ever been on one. You get to learn so much about this town, all of the jobs and all of the people who work here and make it thrive." Kinkelly was a participant in the first class and was selected this year to return as a junior counselor. "It's just so amazing, fun and spectacular."

As part of the conference students were required to participate in a community service project with Habitat for Humanity and work with the DeSoto

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The 2014 Youth Leadership class of Links 2 Success at the graduation ceremony, held Saturday at the Turner Center Exhibit Hall.

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# Downtown forum makes slow progress

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

After nearly two hours of personal insults and high tempers, cooler heads finally prevailed during last week's first Downtown Special Event Planning Series. The forum was intended to give downtown business owners an opportunity to make suggestions on how to improve Saturday events during the winter months, but was repeatedly derailed as owners and members of the Arcadia Antiques Association argued with other downtown business owners over perceived personal differences. The meeting ended on a positive note, however, when the two groups agreed to a small, face-to-face meeting July 22 to discuss specific permit concerns.

City Administrator Tom Slaughter, along with Marshal Matt Anderson



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**Team Arcadia member and downtown business owner Renee Otto addresses a topic during last week's forum.**

and Code Enforcement's Carl McQuay, led the forum, asking participants to give them direction on how to resolve ongoing issues over how vendor permits are handled. Anderson said he and McQuay had heard from many downtown owners who were upset over how the AAA limits who can get an AAA permit, as well as complaints that non-licensed vendors were setting up during the AAA's fourth Saturday event, presenting a liability concern.

"I know there are personal sides to this, and I really don't care which direction you all go, but let's find some common ground here," he said. "I think we all agree that (the events) are good for everyone in the community; I'd hate to see this all destroyed."



A variety of downtown business owners were in attendance for last week's Event Planning Forum.

After much discussion, downtown owners agreed they were in favor of keeping Oak Street open during events, which several Arcadia City Council members suggested as a solution to having uninvited vendors setting up in front of a business' right-of-way.

The group also told Anderson they agreed that if a business chose not to participate in a weekend event, then no vendors should be allowed to set up in front of their building.

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**Arcadia Administrator Tom Slaughter explains permitting limitations during the Special Event Planning Forum.**



## Snyder earns certification

By FLA. SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOC.

Deborah "Debby" Snyder, a DeSoto County School Board Member, was recognized as a Certified Board Member on June 13, in Tampa at the Annual Summer Conference sponsored by the Florida School Boards Association.

Snyder earned this distinction by completing a minimum of 96 hours of training in 12 areas focusing on the governance roles and responsibilities of school board members. The Certified Board Member Program is a voluntary

training program for individual school board members and is offered by the Florida School Boards Association.

The Certified Board Member Program provides leadership training for school board members as they strive to enhance student learning opportunities in their communities and to advance excellence and promote equity in public education. Training topics in the CBM Program include: student learning, school finance, legislative processes, policymaking, strategic planning, school law, community involvement, advocacy for public education, diversity, employee relations, and current trends and issues.



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Last week's public forum gave community members an opportunity to present ideas on how to improve the winter weekend events in downtown Arcadia.

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### Arcadia Downtown Special Event Planning Series Public Meeting Schedule

Thursday, July 10 at 4:30 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, July 24 at 4:30 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

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The DeSoto County, Board of County Commissioners is cancelling the Workshop with the DeSoto County School Board scheduled for 10:00am on July 22, 2014, and is also rescheduling their Tuesday, August 26, 2014 Board meeting to Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 3:00pm

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

# DeSoto schools report card disappointing: Three Fs, one D

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

The Florida Department of Education released school grades on Friday, and the DeSoto County School District's report card was not good. In fact, it was downright dismal.

All three elementary schools received a grade of F, and DeSoto Middle School received a D.

Last year, Memorial, Nocatee and West elementary schools received a grade of D (although they would have been Fs but for the DOE policy of not allowing a school to drop more than one letter grade in a year). In 2012, the three elementary schools received Cs.

DeSoto Middle School received a D last year, and a C in 2012.

Assistant School Superintendent Dr. Christina Britton said the 2014 scores

are "devastating, especially because we know how hard the students and teachers all worked this year." But she noted the overall point drops were not that dramatic: West went down 22 points and Memorial dropped 20 points, and Nocatee actually came up 20 points compared with last year's scores. The middle school also had 8 points more than last year.

Grades for Florida high schools, and for the district as a whole, will not be issued until later in the year. The grades are based on complex formulas that calculate performance on the controversial FCAT — the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test. (This is the last year for the FCAT — starting with the 2014-2015 school year, a different assessment test is being used.) The calculation takes into account not only the students' scores, but also

learning gains (how much students have improved), particularly among those students who performed poorly on the test in the past.

The significance of the grades for DeSoto is that, because these elementary schools all fell within the bottom 300 of all elementary schools in the state, the law mandates that the school day be expanded to allow an additional hour of instruction time. The additional hour requirement will apply to all three elementary schools.

However, Britton said the district is awaiting clarification from DOE how to apply the additional hour. First, it applies only to students who ranked 1 through 4 with respect to prior performances; in other words, the students who had the best performance, at level 5, would not necessarily have to have the extra hour. Also it applies to

students who took the FCAT, which was given in grades 3, 4 and 5. Whether and how it would apply to students in K through 2 is unclear.

"It could be a transportation nightmare," Britton said, because if only some students are staying later, bus schedules would have to be rearranged. And that affects not only the elementary schools; it has a cascading effect because other schools' busing schedules depend on the same buses used for MES, NES and WES.

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## School dress codes become more flexible

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Most parents are rejoicing over the changes in school dress codes for the 2014-2015 school year.

In the last School Board meeting, the board adopted a new policy manual relaxing the dress codes.

Gone are the requirements for collared shirts, khaki or navy pants and skirts, and a ban on t-shirts.

Instead, the new code sets out a list describing what students should and shouldn't wear:

**It is expected that students will wear the following:**

1. Clothing and hairstyles which are not harmful, disruptive, or hazardous to health or safety;
2. Appropriate undergarments at all times. Undergarments are to remain unexposed;
3. Footwear which is appropriate to activities and conditions;
4. Any clothing deemed appropriate

by the individual school's dress code policy.

**It is also expected that students will not wear the following:**

1. Caps, hats, headwear, or sunglasses except when students are out of doors during school hours.
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3. Apparel or symbols which are offensive to any specific group or which are identified with gang, secret society, or cult involvement;
4. Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could likely cause injury or disruption, such as but not limited to, inappropriate tattoos, a spiked bracelet that could be used as a weapon, decorative chains and/or piercings which are designed or worn in a fashion that could easily cause injury; and

5. Halters, backless or sleeveless dresses or tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, tops with low or revealing necklines, or any other clothing which may be distracting unless covered by an appropriate outer garment which remains as part of the outfit. In addition, the midriff shall not be exposed.

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## GUEST VIEW

### Growing female inmate population a troubling trend

Americans, on the whole, are content to support a very large prison population. Although the number of incarcerated citizens is actually falling, one troubling trend more than offsets that superficially good news. There are more women in American prisons and jails than ever before.

In just three decades, the number of women behind bars has gone up more than eightfold. That has spurred calls for a new effort to meet the special needs of female prisoners. Some attention has also been focused on the role of the drug war in sending so many women to jail.

Relatively less of an emphasis has been placed on the cultural consequences of the problem. And a problem it certainly is.

Take its impact on the family. The debate is ongoing as to how tight, and how meaningful, is the relationship between single-parent families and crime. But it is beyond dispute that most inmates grew up in fatherless homes. Policymakers must confront the challenge of civic order in areas where not only fathers, but mothers, spend time "in the system."

The difficulty is not restricted to the ordeal children endure if their mothers are incarcerated. Single or married, with or without children, women drawn into the prison system will likely be affected in ways similar to men. That is, when they are done doing time, they will bring a part of prison culture with them - back into a society that is still far too inhospitable to ex-convicts hoping to reintegrate into families, neighborhoods and the workforce.

Prison culture is not simply a matter of recidivism, although the latest numbers released by the Bureau of Justice Statistics underscore how staggering recidivism rates have become. It also involves a level of cynicism, aggressiveness and hopelessness that can make the difference between communities on the edge and communities in ruin.

Whatever we make of the culture-war disagreements over how "nurturing" women are or should be, we ought to agree that high male incarceration rates make the cultural competence of women essential to the success of children in high-crime parts of the country - whatever the prevailing race or ethnicity.

Sadly, going to prison has become almost a cultural death sentence in America. Some inmates re-emerge with a new dedication to the kinds of values that strengthen communities. More often, those values are abandoned amid the hostility, survivalism and disillusionment that prison life beats into the psyche.

We've seen the profound social damage done when so many American men become trapped in the revolving door of the prison-industrial complex. By any measure, drawing more women into the same trap will bring fresh, enduring miseries.

*The Orange County Register  
(Santa Ana, Calif.)*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Pristine scenery draws tourists

Editor:

Tanya Bond wrote in a recent letter that she is hopeful that the historic site of Pine Level can be preserved. I share the same hope. It would be a shame if it was reduced to an historic marker on an island surrounded by Mosaic's planned strip mine.

DeSoto County is unique in the diversity of potential tourist draws and the connected economy and jobs that go with that type of vacation destination. There is the potential for

dude ranch experiences, equestrian activities, river exploration and fishing, wildlife and bird watching, and rodeo events, historic reenactments and house tours, and of course antiquing.

Part of the draw is the beautiful drive, up either Highway 70 or 72, with abundant wildlife and beautiful ranch views. I can't imagine that a strip mine would encourage tourism; instead, I'm afraid it will be the death knell for both tourism and property values in DeSoto County.

I hope more residents care about

preserving DeSoto's heritage.

Sarah Hollenhorst  
Arcadia

### What if this were breaking news?

Editor:

Bob Navin reporting breaking news ... In what is being hailed as a landmark preservation effort, a major strip mining company with operations in

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## GRITS & PIECES

### You might be a DeSoto Bulldog if ...

Sometimes the unrelenting summer sun gets my brain to sizzling and causes it to reflect on years gone by and how we spent our summers between school years. And it also brings to mind memories of dashing from class to class to beat the tardy bell, and the years we were supposed to be learning stuff. Reflect with me, if you will, and if you're a product of those special years.

You might be a DeSoto Bulldog if you never attended a middle school because there was no such thing, and you went to junior high school instead. If you remember vehicles in the student parking lots that had gun racks as well as glass packs, you were there. Remember the junior parking lot, unpaved, and in between Gibson Street and the track?

You might be a DeSoto Bulldog if you ever sang songs that began with "We are the Bulldogs, mighty, mighty, Bulldogs," and "Thunder, thunderation, we're DeSoto's delegation ..." and especially if you recall the lyrics to the



### Grits & Pieces

Luke Wilson

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school fight song that began, "Oh when those DHS men fall in line ..." This was sung to the tune of "The Washington and Lee Swing," by the way.

You might be a DeSoto Bulldog if you were a student under the instruction of staff with nicknames like "Spanky," "Cap'n Sam," "El Sid," and "Firecracker." If you spent hours sitting in what was known as study hall, bought pencils with little wooden footballs on the end from the school store, and participated in a long-lost class competition called "Stunt Night."

You might be a DeSoto Bulldog if you ever argued with a certain teacher

about the possibility of a curve ball actually curving, if your field trips were to the cattle station out in Ona, or if you attended football games when the goalposts were still shaped like a big "H." If you remember group showers during P.E. with no hot water, recall when class rings cost around \$50, or used the card catalog and Dewey decimal system to locate library books to plagiarize for reports, you were part of us.

You might be a DeSoto Bulldog if you ever spent time with your sweetie at the "kissing wall," if your transportation to and from school was a mail cart, or if you knew any teachers who could lift you off the ground with their mighty paddles.

I can see now that there's no way I can cram all these recollections I'm having into one column, so y'all enjoy these remembrances and I'll be back next week with a fresh batch. In fact, consider it your homework to dwell on those better, simpler, confusing, angst-ridden days of our youth!

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# DMH honored for birth practices

By KRISTEN SPAHR

DESOTO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

DeSoto Memorial Hospital was honored by the March of Dimes and the Florida District XII of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists for reducing the number of early elective inductions and cesarean deliveries with a special recognition banner. The hospital recently met the criteria to qualify for this distinction, which includes achieving a rate for elective deliveries before 39 completed weeks of pregnancy of 5 percent or lower and having policies to prevent such deliveries.

"We're proud of our expert team of physicians and nurses who tackled this issue in our community and established policies to avoid scheduling deliveries before 39 weeks of pregnancy, except when medically necessary," said Vincent A. Sica, CEO.

"We are delighted to present this commemorative banner to DeSoto Memorial Hospital for adhering to standards that directly benefit the health of babies," said Dr. Karen Harris, Chair of the Program Services

Committee for the March of Dimes Florida Chapter. "The last few weeks of pregnancy are extremely important for the baby's brain and lung development, among other organs, so we want to commend this momentous achievement."

"Studies have shown that deliveries that are scheduled for convenience or other non-medical reasons may increase harm to infants, increase health care costs, and worsen medical outcomes," said Dr. Robert Yelverton, Chair of ACOG District XII. "We are extremely pleased with DeSoto Memorial Hospital's participation."

March of Dimes and ACOG District XII have also worked with the Florida Hospital Association, the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative and other partners to provide resources and support to hospitals across the state. This joint effort enabled many hospitals to make great progress in reducing their rates of early elective delivery. For a list of hospitals that qualified for the special recognition banner and of those that have pledged to eliminate non-medically indicated deliveries before 39 weeks, visit



PHOTO BY DEVIN LACAVALA

DeSoto Memorial Hospital was one of only seven Florida hospitals to receive an award from the March of Dimes and the Florida District of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists for reducing the number of early elective inductions and cesarean deliveries. Celebrating the honor are, from left, front row: Nikki Schuster RN, Darlene Arvelo RN, Amy Zinke RN/Clinical Manager, and Dr. Fawn Harrison. Back row: Dr. Dan Teodorescu, Dr. Mark Williams from ACOG, Dr. Kayum Mohammbhoy, Vince Sica, DMH CEO, and Trent Howe, representing March of Dimes.

www.marchofdimes.com/florida or www.acog12.org.

Reducing early elective deliveries and improving the health of moms and babies is just one of the key focus areas of the March of Dimes and their "Healthy Babies

Are Worth the Wait" campaign. In an average week in Florida 549 babies are born preterm and 29 die before their first birthday, many times as a result of their early births. Early elective deliveries can cause lifelong

health challenges for the baby, including breathing difficulty, cerebral palsy, and learning disabilities. Even babies born just a few weeks early have higher rates of hospitalization and illness than full-term infants.

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- USDA Commodities Distribution takes place at Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2867 Ami Drive, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You qualify if you receive Medicaid, Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps, or are eligible based on income. Recipients must fill out a form each time to demonstrate qualification. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center, 2200 Roan St., Arcadia. Anyone interested may attend. Talk in for the meetings is at 147.180+DARC repeater.
- Family Safety Alliance for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties, sponsored by Department of Children and Families, meets at 4 p.m. third Thursdays monthly at Lakewood Ranch Northern Trust Bank's community room, 6320 Venture Drive, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call Kerri Gibson at 941-316-6129.
- DeSoto County Historical Society Research Library is open in the Ingraham Seed House, 120 W. Whidden Street: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays (except for the second Thursday of the month), and by appointment.
- The John Morgan Ingraham House is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays, except the second Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month.
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## ■ FRIDAY

- Habitat for Humanity is holding a big sale at its ReStore, at W. Hickory and N. Polk. Everything is 50 percent off (except large appliances), 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- MAPP committee and VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) meet at 9 a.m. third Fridays at the Family Service Center, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia.
- Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.
- Square Dancing classes are held at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, from 7-9 p.m. every Friday. Robert at 813-601-1834 or Mary at 941-380-5336 494-2749 for information.
- Friday Night Live — the City Takers for Christ presents "Friday Night Live" with Rev. Troy Rowe, every Friday. Come and experience what God is doing in this season through His word and praise and worship. 37 W. Magnolia St. (across from SunTrust drive-through). For information call 244-4341.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.

## ■ SATURDAY

- Habitat for Humanity has a dedication at 10 a.m. of the Belleza Family home, 215 Macon Road.
- Classic car show in downtown Arcadia, 4:30 p.m.-8:30

## ■ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- Walk on the Wild Side with Oak Hill Baptist Church's "Weird Animals" Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8 p.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. Crafts, games, dinner, Bible stories and music. For ages 3 through 5th grade. 5104 NW Oak Hill Ave. Call 990-2340 for details.

p.m. the third Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Team Arcadia. Trophies, door prizes, and 50/50 jackpot. For more information call 494-2020.

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- 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.

## ■ 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

- The DeSoto County Special Olympics committee meets at 3 p.m. on the third Monday every month at The Last Chapter Coffee Shop on W. Oak St. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in coaching or working with adults or youth in sports. For more information, call Joyce at 873-8219 or 494-3440.
- The DeSoto County Republican Executive Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's.
- The DeSoto County Fair Association meets at 7 p.m. third Mondays monthly in the fair office on Heard Street, Arcadia.
- Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.
- A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. on Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.

- Al-anon, offering help for families of alcoholics, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the same time. For information call 941-426-7655 or visit [www.district13soflal-anon.org](http://www.district13soflal-anon.org).

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

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

## ■ TUESDAY

- DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in room 103, County Administration Building, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- DeSoto County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday in the School Board meeting room, 530 La Solona Ave., Arcadia.
- The City of Arcadia will hold its first budget workshop tonight. Visit <http://www.arcadia-fl.gov/calendar.php> for details
- 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](http://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.

## ■ WEDNESDAY

- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- The Arcadia Eagles, 150 S. Polk Ave., now offers Bingo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m.

## ■ SPECIAL

- 4-H is planning a Cloverbud Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 29. The day includes arts and crafts, cooking and other activities. \$5 for the day. Bring your own lunch. RSVP by July 21 to 993-4846. Maximum 10 kids so get your reservation in early.
- 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. The deadline has been extended: bring your photo to the library by July 19, 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 Extension Office has a FAWN weather station in DeSoto County, which updates every 15 minutes. Visit <http://fawn.ifas.ufl.edu/> for information.
- Addiction counseling — Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 800-431-1754.

at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak Street.
- "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.
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## ■ THURSDAY

- The City of Arcadia is holding a special public meeting on outdoor street sales in the antiques district, at 4:30 p.m. July 24 in the Council Chambers in the Margaret Way Bldg., 23 N. Polk Ave.
- Caregiver support group meets at 1:30 p.m. at DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at DeSoto Memorial Hospital Medical Plaza, 1006 N. Mills Ave., Arcadia. For more information, call DeSoto Memorial Home Health Care at 494-8432 or Hospice of Southwest Florida at 993-0662.
- The Family Safety Alliance meeting for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. at the McClure Center, 4215 Concept Court, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call 941-316-6009.
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# Habitat tossing dirt in DeSoto

**SUBMITTED By HEATHER SMITH**  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

The Arcadia/DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity is really tossing dirt in DeSoto County. This past year we have helped a record number of families in the history of Habitat. By taking advantage of foreclosed and low-cost properties on the existing market, we are able to provide a simple, decent home to many. With a little Habitat "love" from construction manager Junior Bird and his volunteers, these homes are renovated and ready for occupancy.

In February we dedicated a home to Derek Ross on Providence, and in April a home for Tonya Jackson and sons on Myrtle Street.

Come join Habitat July 19 at 10 a.m., as they dedicate the 16th home for Lori Belleza and her daughters on Macon Road. Like all families, they have completed between 300-500 volunteer hours constructing their and others' homes along with attending numerous homeowner education workshops.

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PHOTO BY BRITTANY JARVIS

The Summerall family takes part in the groundbreaking for their Habitat For Humanity home.

# Arcadian, Bauer win state press awards

**By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR



**BAUER**

The Florida Press Association awarded *The Arcadian* second place in its annual contest to select the best overall weekly publication in the state of Florida. Assistant Editor Steve Bauer also won two awards for feature writing.

The contest, which covers calendar year 2013, required entrants in the "Overall Excellence" competition for weekly publications to submit three complete issues of the paper, including two consecutive issues plus one other. *The Arcadian* submitted issues

from August 1, August 8 and Nov. 7, 2013. The August 1 issue included a front-page feature on people who care for stray and unwanted pets. The August 8 issue reported on City Council considering whether to dissolve the Arcadia Police

Department. The Nov. 7 issue reported a story about Johnny Georges, inventor of the Tree T-Pee, appearing on the ABC hit TV program, "Shark Tank." David Dunn-Rankin, Sun Coast

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# Clerk of Courts scores high in FDLE audit

**By MITZIE MCGAVIC**  
DESOTO CLERK OF COURTS

The DeSoto County Clerk of Courts Office was recently audited by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Clerk of Courts Mitzie W. McGavic says she is extremely proud of the work her staff is doing.

The audit letter stated: "... The audit was completed last month, May 2014, and the results exceeded performance standards. Overall 97 percent of all audited criminal history records were

compiled accurately. The records submitted by your agency were 100 percent accurate."

McGavic said, "With the amount of documents that are filed every day, this is truly a great job. The audit consisted of FLDE obtaining arrest affidavits and arrest fingerprint cards from arresting agencies. Then FDLE received copies of the court dispositions from our office. The documents were compared to the corresponding criminal records in CCH

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# Wallace found incompetent for court proceedings

Larry Wallace, the Arcadia man who was arrested in March and charged with dousing his dog with kerosene and setting her on fire, was found on July 9 to be incompetent to proceed with a trial at this time.

The dog, who was severely burned, was rescued and taken to the Hardee Animal Rescue Team. She was later dubbed "Hope" and received extensive treatment for her burns at a specialty animal clinic in Tampa, and now lives with one of her rescuers in Hardee County. Wallace was arrested on charges of arson and animal cruelty.

In April, Circuit Judge James Parker ordered that Wallace be evaluated psychologically to determine whether he was capable of participating in trial or in a probation or community control hearing. The examination was to evaluate whether he could understand the charges against him, the nature of possible penalties and communicate with his attorneys and with the court. The doctor was appointed by the court and paid with state funds.

The expert appointed by the court filed his report in which he concluded Wallace has a mental illness preventing him from understanding or participating in the court proceedings. The report itself is confidential and sealed in his court records. However, after reviewing the report, Judge Parker concluded Wallace is not competent to face legal proceedings.

The court order states, "The Defendant is incompetent to proceed to trial ... due to his mental illness, (and) there is no substantial probability that the Defendant will become mentally competent to proceed in the foreseeable future."

The court also concluded Wallace did not meet the criteria to be committed under the Baker Act.

The order prohibits Wallace from owning any animals; it also requires him to take all medications that are prescribed to him, and to be reevaluated by the same doctor in four months.

Many people who have been following Hope's case were outraged that Wallace was deemed incompetent and would not be compelled to face the charges against him. The court files contain letters from people urging the maximum penalties be imposed for Hope's former owner, some asking for "an eye for an eye."

Meanwhile, more than \$50,000 in donations were received from all over the world for Hope's treatment and care. Hope now has healed enough to



WALLACE

## 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.

be taken to fundraising events in the area to raise awareness of her plight and to promote animal adoption.

### More charges in alleged puppy mill case

Chelce Dower, 26, of Nocatee, was charged with nine additional counts in connection with the alleged puppy mill she was accused of running in Nocatee.

Dower was initially charged in April with multiple counts of forging veterinary health certificates, obtaining property by fraud and failing to inoculate dogs before transporting them for sale. In June, additional charges were filed against Dower, including four counts of scheming to defraud, four counts of forging a veterinary health certificate and one count of confining animals without sufficient food, water or exercise.

Dower was alleged to be operating a puppy mill where she was breeding Pomeranians with huskies to produce puppies called "Pomskies." The puppies reportedly were being sold for \$2,000-\$3,000 each.

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office investigated complaints from buyers who said, although the puppies they bought had veterinary certificates indicating they were healthy, some of the puppies were infected with various diseases, such as *Giardia*, an intestinal parasite. Some buyers talked with others and learned they had been issued health certificates for the same dog, not individual certificates for the puppies they bought individually.

Additionally, some buyers had their puppies examined by a vet or DNA-tested and learned they were not Pomskies, as promised, but in fact were a husky/American Eskimo mix.

DeSoto County Animal Services, along with the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, confiscated 56 dogs from the premises in April. The dogs were found living in cramped cages, many without clean water and with empty food bowls or moldy food. The dogs had to be quarantined at DeSoto County Animal Services, due to the infections or diseases some of them had, until they could all be treated and healed. Dower later agreed to give the county custody of the dogs so they could be adopted out to new owners. On the first day the dogs became available for adoption, 20 of the dogs found new homes. Within 10 days, 55 of the dogs had been adopted.

The website through which Dower had been selling puppies is now listed as undergoing changes but indicates "we are working as hard as we can to get the site back up soon."

Dower is scheduled for a court appearance on July 31.

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

- James Michael Acrea, 26, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.
- Tiffany Nicole Anderson, 26, 600 block of S. Orange Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Carl Lee Crawford, 50, Leakeland, Fla. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$500.



DOWER

- Xiance Roncell Dixon, 26, 1600 block of S.E. Hargrave St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Glenda Marie Garcia, 41, 6500 block of N.E. Roan St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Alfredo Lopez, 25, 300 block of N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charges: disorderly public intoxication and petty theft. Bond: \$120.
- Adam Joseph McCumber, 26, 2400 block of S.W. Lois Ave., Arcadia. Charge: criminal mischief with property damage under \$200. Bond: none.
- Ryan Daniel Simmons, 36, 100 block of Winifred St., Arcadia. Charges: domestic battery by strangulation, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$16,120.
- Wiley L. Smalls, 42, Manning, SC. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Devin Scot Smith, 25, 1300 block of N.E. Oak St., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
- Jessica Renee Villanueva, 23, 2400 block of S.W. Lois Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Jacob Christopher Wagner, 20, Port Charlotte. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.
- Harold Whidden, 56, Vinita, OK. Charge: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$1,000.
- Steve Lamont Williams, 41, 1400 block of E. Cypress St., Arcadia. Charges: battery and criminal mischief with property damage under \$200. Bond: \$2,620.
- Clifford Allen Baldwin, 39, 11900 block of S.W. Loop Terrace, Lake Suzy. Charge: battery. Bond: \$120.
- Tonya Elaine Bergquist, 47, Green Acres, Fla. Charges: DUI with alcohol or drugs and DUI with property damage. Bond: \$2,500.
- Krzysztof Ludwick Borkowski, 56, 200 block of S. Polk Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure of metal recycles to keep required records. Bond: \$1,500.
- Joseph Brantley, 31, 2600 block of S.W. County Road 760, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$1,500.
- Kadeem Jamal Bryan, 24, 200 block of S. Manatee Ave., Arcadia. Charge: criminal mischief with property damage under \$200. Bond: \$120.
- Katina Ann Delgado, 41, Zolfo Springs. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$500.
- Yebri Deivi Flores, 22, 3000 block of S.E. Myers Road, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: \$1,534.
- Carrie Louanne Lyons, 35, 600 block of N. Monroe Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Purge: \$6,032.13.
- Janelle Lynn Redner, 39, 1400 block of S.W. Addison Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
- Vontayvia LaFaye Rogers, 20, Winter Haven. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$120.
- Jeffery Scott Sullican, 24, 4400 block of S.E. Benedict St., Arcadia. Charge: burglary with assault or battery. Bond: \$5,000.
- Marvin Allen Washington, 51, 800 Court St., Arcadia. Charges: two counts of failing to support spouse or children and out-of-county warrant. Purge: \$700.
- Robert Douglas Weaver, 38, Punta Gorda. Charges: five counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession or use of drug equipment and driving while under the influence. Bond: \$4,740.
- Israel Novello Brown, 27, 2600 block of S.W. Lois Ave., Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and grand theft between

\$100-\$300. Bond: \$10,000.

- Clarence Lorad Edmonds, 25, 2600 block of S.W. Lois Ave., Arcadia. Charge: resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$750.
- Lizette Ivelisse Medina, 28, 6100 block of S.W. Shores Ave., Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and grand theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$10,000.
- Teri Lynn Torres, 33, Fort Pierce, Fla. Charges: four counts of failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$2,000.
- Faith Lynn Alvarez, 44, Sefner, Fla. Charges: two counts of failure to appear. Bond: \$2,500.
- Megan Ann Jones, 19, 500 block of W. Gibson St., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.
- John Virgil Maki, 22, 1900 block of Cherry Drive, Arcadia. Charge: giving false information to pawn shop for items under \$300. Bond: \$1,500.
- Michael Gerald Williams, 53, St. Petersburg, Fla. Charge: habitually driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$2,000.
- Warren Cooper, 50, Pompano Beach, Fla. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,500.

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

- Janelle Lynn Redner, 39, 1400 block of N.W. Addison Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation or community control. Bond: none.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

## ROADWATCH

**East Oak Street from Brevard Avenue (US 17) to Volusia Avenue and Volusia Avenue from East Oak Street to East Magnolia Street (State Road 70 eastbound)** — Crews have closed the on-street parking on the south side of East Oak Street and the west side of Volusia Avenue up to the Chamber of Commerce. The closures are necessary as crews continue installing a new drainage system. This project includes resurfacing, reconstructing curb at the intersection of Volusia Avenue and Magnolia Street, repairing sidewalk and making them ADA compliant. Estimated completion is the end of 2014. The contractor is Bun Construction Company.

**US Highway 17 from south of SW Collins Street in Fort Ogden to County Road 760A south of Nocatee** — Work is under way to expand US 17 to four lanes. Work includes clearing land for two new travel lanes to the east of the existing US 17 travel lanes and drainage activities. Expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures on US 17 between SW Wood Road and County Road 760A and on SW Beard Street east of US 17 while crews are working. Motorists should be aware of work vehicles entering and exiting the roadway during the week. Motorists should also observe the posted speed limit and drive with caution. Expected project completion is the end of 2015. The contractor is Ajax Paving.

**US Highway 17 between Flanders Street and Joshua Creek** — Crews are working on driveways along the roadway. No lane closures are anticipated but motorists should be aware of trucks entering and exiting the highway.

**US Highway 17 at State Road 70** — Crews are making foundation improvements to the corner of US 17 and SR 70. Lane closures are not anticipated. Pedestrians should be aware of temporary sidewalk installation at the eastbound corner of SR 70 and the northbound corner of US 17. Project completion is expected in summer 2014. Traffic Control Devices Inc. is the contractor.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Margaret Mobley**

Margaret Mobley, 83, passed away Tuesday, July 8, 2014, in Arcadia, Fla.

She was born Oct. 31, 1930, in Arcadia, to William and Maggie Anderson Mobley, and was a lifetime resident.

Margaret was of the Baptist faith, and was a member of Heritage Baptist Church in Arcadia. Margaret loved attending church and especially enjoyed music; she listened to many gospel groups. Another pastime for Margaret was playing bingo with family and friends.

She is survived by her niece, Elizabeth (Larry) McCorkle. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Cecil Mobley; two sisters, Grace Shinliver and Tinsey K. Montgomery; and niece, Kathy Wilson.

Graveside services were held Friday, July 11, 2014, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia, with the Rev. Jim Clay officiating. Online condolences can be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

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

**Anita M. Johnson**

Anita M. Johnson, 86, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Friday, July 11, 2014.

She was born May 10, 1928, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Anita had lived in Florida since 1940. She retired as a registered nurse with DeSoto County Health Department in Arcadia.

She is survived by two sons, Gary (Carol) Johnson of Arcadia, and Ricky (Tammi) Johnson of Clifton, Ga.; and five grandchildren. Anita was preceded in death by her husband, Troy M. Johnson; and son, Curtis Johnson.

Arrangements are by National Cremation Society of Port Charlotte, Fla.

**Karolyn K. Sorenson**

Karolyn K. Sorenson, 96, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at DeSoto Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are by National Cremation Society of Port Charlotte, Fla.

**OBITUARY POLICY**

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

**CALENDAR**

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**COMING EVENTS**

- Bluegrass Concert (live music) 1-4 p.m., July 26, at Craig's RV Resort, 7895 Cubitis Ave., \$7pp or free for Heartland Bluegrass Assoc members. Call 941-467-2051 for details.

- Habitat for Humanity offers a free seminar on "How to Live Healthier and Longer" by Dr. Ted Simon. 6:15 p.m. July 29, at SunTrust Bank, 2nd floor conference room. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments.

- 4-H is planning a Cloverbud Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 29. The day includes arts and crafts, cooking and other activities. \$5 for the day. Bring your own lunch. RSVP by July 21 to 993-4846. Maximum 10 kids so get your reservation in early.

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- Agency Meet & Greet — learn about DeSoto County children and family resources. 1-2 p.m., July 30, at SunTrust Bank. Hosted by Kim Barger of Early Steps and Terry West of Hand of Angels. For details, call Kim at 941-487-5429 or email [KimBarger@HPCSWF.com](mailto:KimBarger@HPCSWF.com).

- 6th Annual DeSoto County FCA Ranch Rodeo Qualifier benefiting DeSoto County High School FFA. At Arcadia Rodeo Arena and DeSoto County Fairgrounds, Aug. 1-2. Teams compete on both nights with 24 team slots available. For details call 941-809-5596. First place team wins buckles and cash payout \$1,500. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 12 and under.

- The DeSoto Environmental Learning Lab and Outdoor Classroom in partnership with the DeSoto County 4H will host an Outdoor Adventure Camp for kids ages 8-12 on Aug. 4 and Aug. 5 at the DeSoto ELL. Students will learn all about the Florida environment and wildlife, backpacking and hiking and how to make s'mores with a simple solar oven. They will also get to see many species of captive wildlife at the facility up close, including the newest addition, Teddy the Bear. The total cost for both days per student is \$5. Call Kristie Popa at the extension office at 993-4846 to register.

- UF IFAS Range Cattle Research Center will offer a seminar on Limpoggrass release from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 7, including a tour of limpoggrass fields. Register by Aug. 4 at <https://limpoggrass-release-080714.eventbrite.com>.

- Martin Art Gallery and the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council will be sponsoring an event remembering and commemorating the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Charley and the effect it had on DeSoto County. The community is invited to display and share artistic interpretations of their experience

with paintings, photography, poems, and songs on Aug. 14 (the day after the hurricane struck). This will be a celebration of overcoming the disaster and coming together as a community to rebuild for a better future. More details will be coming on how to submit your entry, but mark your calendars now.

- The USS Mount McKinley Association of veterans and associated members who served aboard the Amphibious Force Flagship USS Mt. McKinley will hold its 26th annual reunion in Colorado Springs, CO Sept. 17-21. For details contact Dwight L. Jansen, 2515 E. North Altamont Blvd., Spokane, WA 99202, or phone 509-534-3649 or email [djanzen4@msn.com](mailto:djanzen4@msn.com).

- The Pine Level Public Art and Archaeology Day will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 18, at the Pine Level Methodist Church. The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council will have an art contest for children and adults as well as a "quilt challenge" for which quilters will create a "fat quarter" (30" x 30") square using fabrics reproduced from the 1860-1880 period. Artists will submit pictures of how Pine Level might have looked between 1866 and 1888. The Florida Public Archaeology Network will set up some hands-on activities, and the Society will hold a ceremony to celebrate the listing of the Pine Level townsite on the National Register of Historic Places. More information will be available at [www.historicdesoto.org](http://www.historicdesoto.org).

- DeSoto County Historical Society's annual Yard Sale is Nov. 8. To volunteer or donate, call Norma at 494-4325.

- Ag Fest is Sat., Nov. 22. Gator Boys will be back! The Ag Fest Banquet is Nov. 14.

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# Load lifters needed



Roger Campbell

In his helpful book, "Strength of Soul," W. Phillip Keller says one of the most compelling invitations ever extended by God to man came when the Lord said quietly, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," (Matthew 11:28). He then explains that we don't have to go far to find those laboring along with profound personal problems, carrying heavy loads which weigh them down in despair, frustration and grief. Our responsibility is to be alert to their needs and respond to them.

I once received a call from someone facing an urgent financial need. I was glad for the opportunity to help.

Let me tell you why: Preceding the call for help I had read Proverbs 3:26-27: "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Go and come back and tomorrow I will give it,' when you have it with you."

This clear Biblical text reminded me of my responsibility to be a load lifter, loosening my grip on funds that could help and allowing me to be part of a miracle — actually two of them: later in the day a man placed a check in my hand amounting to nearly the amount I had given earlier.

Sept. 18, 1957, found us serving our first church. We had three children and were awaiting the birth of another but had no health insurance and didn't know how we would pay the hospital expenses for the birth of this fourth child. On that very day, a letter arrived

from people in another community, who knew nothing about the soon arrival of another child, saying they had sold their farm and that God had let them know we had a special need. These caring ones had thoughtfully enclosed a generous check. The baby was born that night and the check sent was within five dollars of the amount of the hospital bill, making them our heaven-sent load lifters.

When concluding a telephone conversation with a customer service representative of a bank, I said, "Have a wonderful day and remember God loves you!"

"Thank you for saying that," she replied, her voice trembling.

"Are you going through a tough time?" I asked.

She was. And within moments we were praying together.

I mailed a helpful book to her, one intended to replace loads with love.

Tired and troubled people are

everywhere. We meet them every day. Some are standing in checkout lines or at cash registers. Others deliver mail or drive fire trucks. Some show their sorrows or stresses in their appearance and others are in happy disguises, choosing to keep their problems to themselves.

We're deputized by our loving Lord to always be looking for these weary ones so we can personally pass on His load-lifting invitation to come and find rest.

When we have no money to give, we can pray for those in need and simply say, "Have a wonderful day and remember God loves you!"

He does and will likely send a miracle their way through another able messenger.

Even then, you'll have helped lift a load through your love and prayers.

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

## Temple Baptist celebrates golden anniversary

By THOMAS SIMMONS

ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

Saturday was a day of celebration and praise at Temple Baptist Church as more than 70 people gathered for the service. Two causes for excitement created an atmosphere of hope for the future of the church. Founded on July 12, 1964, this was to be the Golden Anniversary. Not only would the church mark 50 years of continual spiritual

ministry and evangelistic outreach to the community, but they would do it by dedicating their newly constructed expansion building to the glory of God and use it in His service.

Pastor Doug King, leading the church for over 15 years, said, "Temple is a Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, standing for the historic Biblical faith and practices which have prevailed among Baptists since the time of Christ. The music at Temple will take you back

to the way singing used to be when churches sang from a hymn book. Teaching the Bible is the major focus of the church."

The 50th Anniversary Jubilee brought together congregants and friends of the church. Other Sovereign Grace Baptist churches sent goodwill representatives to join in the celebration.

Part of the Jubilee was to dedicate their newly constructed expansion building. Roger Penner of Jewell

Construction was the contractor, and Billy Duncan represented the church as a Supervisor Contractor. The addition creates a foyer for visiting, needed restrooms and additional educational space. It also adds more than 20 seats for worshipers to use. The project cost \$100,000 and was completed without the church incurring any debt.

Duncan joined Temple after he retired

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Pastor Doug King, left, and Billy Duncan stand in front of the new addition to Temple Baptist Church on N. Mills Ave. Duncan was the construction supervisor, and sees his involvement as a personal effort in helping the church and community. Billy is a retired contractor from Arkansas and feels that when anyone gets involved in the church, they find that "God will bless."



More than 70 people gathered for the 50th Anniversary observance and the dedication of the expansion at Temple Baptist Church. As part of their celebration, Temple Baptist Church will hold revival services at 7 p.m. from July 13 through 18, and July 20.

# Teddy arrives at Environmental Lab

## *Environmental Lab is new home for a black bear, whitetail fawn*

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

The Environmental Learning Lab welcomed a new resident last week. A 12-year-old American black bear was delivered to the ELL, where he will now be a permanent resident.

The bear was owned by Al Robinson of Myakka City. Robinson said "Teddy," as he named the bear, was born in his own home.

Early on the morning of July 9, Robinson backed up his truck and trailer to the new enclosure that will be Teddy's new residence. Dave McKean,

who manages the ELL property, had been preparing for months for Teddy's arrival. Among other things, McKean built a pool for the bear — and when he was released into his new quarters, that was the first thing Teddy checked out.

McKean also trained to learn all about caring for a black bear, including spending some time at Lions, Tigers and Bears Inc. The transfer was approved by the Fish and Wildlife Commission, and two FWC agents — Larry Gregory and Bob O'Horo — were present to assist in moving Teddy into



Teddy explores his new digs, including a section of natural ground and a tree trunk he can test out, plus platforms for a perch. In order to accept the bear, the ELL had to assure Dave McKean, the on-site manager, was trained specifically in the care and management of black bears. McKean spent time at Lions, Tigers and Bears to learn about them.

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# E-filing of court cases now available in DeSoto

By **MITZIE MCGAVIC**  
DESOTO CLERK OF COURTS

Florida residents can add one more thing to the list of activities they can do online — file court cases.

DeSoto County Clerk of Courts Mitzie W. McGavic said a system was unveiled on June 21 that allows the public to file from their computers in the privacy of their own homes. Cases involving child custody and support, small claims, eviction and many others can now be filed electronically. This is the same electronic filing system that has been available to attorneys for the past year

but it is the first time individuals can log on to a website and get the necessary information to file court papers.

In the past year, millions of legal documents have gone through the E-File portal. After registering at [www.myflcourtagency.com](http://www.myflcourtagency.com), filers are directed to their appropriate county's E-File website. Supporting documentation can then be uploaded to the file and any filing fees can be paid by credit card.

McGavic said videos are available on the website to familiarize people with the idea of filing court papers online. Pro se filers will be governed by the Supreme Court's Administrative Order

SC14-19 and must comply with Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420.

A 2009 state law required all Clerks of Court to implement an e-filing process to reduce costs. The central statewide e-filing portal opened to "attorneys only" in 2011 and e-filing of civil cases became mandatory in 2013 and e-filing of criminal cases became mandatory in February 2014. Since then, more than two million documents per month are being filed through the portal. The Florida Supreme Court has limited what court records are available online to guard against identify theft and guard confidentiality.

Another update is planned that will allow other nonlawyer users to file papers, including mediators, magistrates, law enforcement personnel, mental health professionals, court reporters, Department of Corrections, Department of Children and Families, and similar agencies. The e-filing option for the public, however, does not provide for viewing court documents online, which is governed by Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order SC 14-19. However, McGavic said she has already begun the application process to provide access to court documents online pursuant to SC 14-19.

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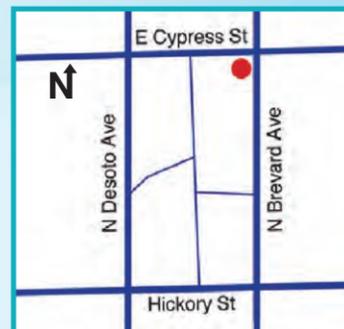


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# ENVIRONMENTAL

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his new digs. As Teddy settled into his enclosure, Robinson fed him a cookie through the chain link. He had mixed feelings bringing the bear to the ELL, but he knew he himself could not care for the bear much longer and that the ELL will be a good home. Teddy seemed to sense his friend's emotions, as he approached Robinson with his arms outstretched, as if to give him a proverbial bear hug.



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

One chapter of Teddy's life was completed last week and a new one opened as he begins his residency at the Environmental Learning Lab. Students and visitors will find Teddy not far from the classroom building.

Now children and visitors to the ELL will be able to see Teddy, along with the other animals who call the outdoor classroom home.

They'll get a first chance to meet the bear by attending the Outdoor Adventure Camp for children ages 8-12, organized by the ELL and DeSoto County 4-H. The camp will run Aug. 4 and 5 at the Lab. Students will learn all about the Florida environment and wildlife, backpacking and hiking and how to make s'mores with a simple solar oven. They will also get to see the many species of

captive wildlife at the facility up close — including Teddy. The total cost for both days per student is \$5. For details and to register, call Kristie Popa at the Extension Office, 863-993-4846.

Teddy, sensing something different, raises his arms as if to hug Al Robinson, Teddy's owner for the bear's entire life. Robinson, from Myakka City, donated Teddy to the Environmental Learning Lab because he could no longer care for him on his own.



One of the newest residents at the Environmental Learning Lab is a 6-week-old fawn born to one of the does in the deer enclosure.



Al Robinson, close to tears saying goodbye to his friend Teddy, finds it hard to leave but knows the bear will be in good hands at the Environmental Learning Lab.



A 6-week-old fawn with the doe, left, and buck are among the deer at the Environmental Learning Lab. Children will enjoy the opportunity to see the deer up close.



Teddy enjoys a dip in the pool followed by a vigorous shake. Teddy became the Environmental Learning Lab's newest resident last week. Teddy's transfer to the ELL was approved and facilitated by Florida's Fish and Wildlife Commission.



Teddy, a 12-year-old black bear, was delivered to the Environmental Learning Lab last week to become a permanent resident. The first thing he did when introduced into his new spacious quarters was to jump in the pool built for him.



Teddy gets a cookie from Al Robinson of Myakka City, who raised Teddy from the time he was a cub. In fact, Robinson said Teddy was born in his own home.

# LINKS 2 SUCCESS

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Arts and Humanities Council to create an art piece.

The conference commenced with an Art Reception and Awards Ceremony appropriately titled, "When I Grow Up ...". Students' artwork depicting their career and educational goals were on display as they were recognized for their participation in the program.

DeSoto County Commissioner Jim Selph told the crowd at the ceremony, "I can't say enough about how proud I am of the individuals who began this organization, put it together and have made it work." He said the students he'd met in the program definitely have a bright future.

Links2Success was founded by DeSoto County High School graduates and sisters, Ashley and Maria Coone in 2012. The nonprofit was launched to provide resources, services, experiences and guidance to DeSoto County youth in an effort to help them achieve educational success.

To date, the program has provided services to more than 300 local students. The conference was free to students due to the support of Links2Success' Community Sponsors, including Degree Level Sponsors — Peace River Citrus Products, The Jerome and Mildred Paddock Foundation, the George W. and Ethel B. Hoefler Fund at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County and an anonymous donor; Diploma Level Sponsors



Ashley Coone, director of Links 2 Success, is proud of the 20 graduates of the 2014 Youth Leadership & Career Program. She spoke to a large crowd attending the art reception and awards ceremony Saturday at the Turner Center Exhibit Hall.



Jim Selph, DeSoto County commissioner, speaks to the graduates of the 2014 Links 2 Success Youth Leadership program. He told them he attended a leadership class as a youth, which helped him in his future career.



Maria Coone, center, receives a Director Award for all her work coordinating the Links 2 Success Youth Leadership program for 2014.



Misael Menendez, 14, will enter DeSoto County High School this year. As a graduate of the first Links 2 Success Youth Leadership program last summer, he served as a junior counselor to this year's crop of young people. He is shown with Links 2 Success directors Lindsay Turner, left, and Ashley Coone.



Jaishon Williams, flanked by Links 2 Success directors Lindsay Turner and Ashley Coone, displays his certificate after completing the 2014 Youth Leadership program.

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Albritton Grove Services, Suncoast Credit Union, Sunbulb, Tremron, Canoe Outpost, All Faiths Food Bank and the DeSoto Arts & Humanities Council. Noting that it was a community effort, Ashley Coone said, "We continue to be so humbled and appreciative of the many organizations investing in the futures of our youth. Thank you to all of the sponsors and partners



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Rep. Ben Albritton spoke to the students about citrus, leadership and being an elected official.



Students participating in a Leadership and team building activity with The Fall Adventure.



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Triplets and eighth grade students from DeSoto Middle School, Kayla, Brianna and Ashlyn Gibson graduated together from the Links 2 Success Youth Leadership program, and now look forward to a future of helping others and setting a good example as leaders in their community.

who donated time, money, staff and/or resources for these very deserving students." Applications for the next class will be available in the Spring of 2015. For more information on how your child can be involved or for sponsorship opportunities, visit the Links2Success website at [www.links2success.org](http://www.links2success.org) or Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/linkstosuccess](http://www.facebook.com/linkstosuccess).



Students participating in a Leadership and team building activity with The Fall Adventure.

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Karen and Al Smoke represented the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council and guided the students in creating an art poster of their experience at the Youth Leadership program.



Nakayla Stewart, a college freshman, lends a hand this year with the 2014 Youth Leadership awards ceremony.

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# SPORTS EXTRA

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## Arcadia hosts Dixie Youth baseball tourney



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During opening ceremonies of the Dixie Youth state baseball tournament in Arcadia, players remove their hats during the Star Spangled Banner. • More photos on page 15.

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Sarah Bennett of Arcadia gets a loud cheer from the crowd after singing the national anthem.



Abel Albarran, 9, reaches back for a strong pitch during the Dixie Youth state baseball tournament held in Arcadia starting on Saturday.



DeSoto County players arrived early Saturday at Brewer Park for this year's Dixie Youth AAA State Tournament. Arcadia hosted the tournament this year.

# New youth football program holding sign-ups

PROVIDED BY DYF

The newly organized DeSoto Youth Football will hold open registration for its teams from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday through August 16, at Richard Bowers Stadium in Arcadia. All players must have a current physical, copy of their final report card, proof of insurance, and birth certificate in order to be placed on the active roster.

Registration fee is \$100. Payment plans are available and no player will be turned down for non-payment.

This new program is age-based and

has no weight restrictions. DYF will have four teams: 14U, 12U, 10U and 8U.

There have been many changes to the tackle football program here in Arcadia since January. DeSoto Youth Football Bulldogs will have a new look, new management, and has a family- and player-friendly approach. DYF is a not-for-profit organization with no affiliations with any other youth program in DeSoto county.

DeSoto Youth Football is starting its new fall season as a member of the American Youth Football association

and will no longer play in the Mid Florida Football Conference. DYF will now play teams in Bradenton and Sarasota Counties. This change will help keep travel costs down for the league.

Another exciting dynamic to DYF is its close relationship to the middle and high school programs. DYF wants to develop as many players who want to earn a place as future Bulldogs.

DYF is based on character-building and the development of good solid students and athletes. DYF will strive to keep players in DeSoto County

so the success and tradition can continue.

DYF is looking for coaches for all divisions; applicants must be able to pass a background check and take and pass the AFY National Coaching Certifications. If you are a local business, DYF would like to offer you a league sponsorship for \$400. All sponsorships are tax deductible.

For more information or to become a league sponsor, call Steve Carroll, president, at 863-244-1218; or Terry Allshouse, football coordinator, at 863-990-8272.

## Dixie baseball tourney



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DeSoto pitcher Lane Fullerton winds up during the Dixie Youth State Tournament held at Brewer Park in Arcadia.



Courtney Hollingworth and Tim Vowels do all they can to help the tournament run smoothly.



Elton Langford, DeSoto County Commissioner, talks with Ben Adams, president of the DeSoto Youth Baseball League.



Chuck Fullerton poses with his son and grandson, Lane and Ryan, at the pitcher's mound to throw out the first pitch for the beginning of the Dixie Youth state baseball tournament.

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Would you please pledge toward our weight loss?

Steve Bauer and I (Joe Gallimore) are losing weight 2 win!

We are a special project planned by Kristen Spahr, Marketing Director of DeSoto Memorial Hospital.

She has encouraged and inspired us to participate in a healthier life-style. She has recorded our weight and will monitor each week through November 27, 2014.

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, December 4--7, 2014.

**Your pledge is TAX DEDUCTIBLE!** Please be a part of this Win-Win scenario.

**Current Weight**

Steve's official starting weight - 322lbs

**290**

Joe's official starting weight - 348lbs

**339**

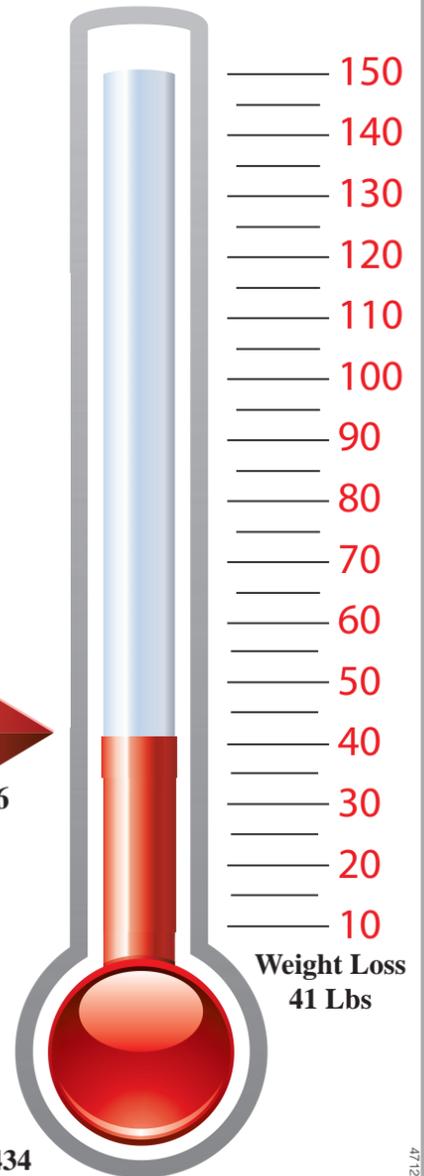
Collectively, We're determined to "Lose 2 Win!"

**Businesses or individuals pledging per pound:**

- Danny Collins \$1
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- Debbie Dunn-Rankin .25 cent
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- Gallimore Family \$2
- Derek Dunn-Rankin \$1
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- Wendy Hunter \$1
- Don T. Bench .25 cent
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**150 lbs.**



If you wish to make a pledge contact Joe Gallimore by phone at 990-8099 or 494-2434 or email jgallimore@sun-herald.com

# 500-mile ride raises funds for Traveling Wall

By **THOMAS SIMMONS**

ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

It is a foggy Saturday morning and the sun has not yet shown itself over the large oak tree across the road. However, at the Open Road Bar and Grill west of Arcadia on Highway 70, a group of bikers assemble for breakfast. They begin to call names: Chief, Top Hat, Lil' Bit, Doug and Karen, David, Norm and Deborah, Dave. It is near 7 a.m., and they have been at the Open Road since 6 a.m. Each biker has studied the maps, routes have been decided, and excitement for the ride builds. This show is about to begin.

Soon the riders will set out on a 500-mile journey, taking an estimated 12 hours along highways from Arcadia to Ocala and back. Each has collected pledges for the miles they will cover, and the donations will go toward bringing the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall replica to DeSoto County in December.

Each biker has his own story. Rick and Fire (she is Irish and a redhead) planned this event. They are partners and the managers of the Open Road Bar and Grill. Rick explains why they got involved with this ride. "This is a small part we can do to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms," Rick said.

Fire added, "This is not a bar-to-bar ride – it is a ride



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY THOMAS SIMMONS

**At 7:15 a.m. Saturday, riders take off through the fog toward the rising sun. Their 500-mile, 12-hour "Open Road Run For the Wall" ride was to raise money to bring the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial Wall to Arcadia. More than 20 bikers rode the route from the Open Road Bar & Grill up to Ocala, through the Ocala National Forest and back to Arcadia. When the tally was complete, the group of motorcycle riders had raised over \$5,000, making a substantial dent in the \$12,000 needed for the project.**

with a purpose." Sponsors pledged support for each mile their biker clocks. The goal is 500 miles for each motorcycle. (When the ride was completed Saturday evening, over \$5,000 had been raised.)

This group of more than 20 bikers came together for a common purpose. Each paid

a registration fee and each will collect the pledged money their sponsors promised, funds to bring the famous replica of the Vietnam War Wall in Washington D.C. to Arcadia in the fall of this year. The fund needs \$12,000 and this group plans to raise a good part of that money.

Outside the bikers check their bikes. There is a mixture of motorcycle brands and colors, giving the parking lot at Open Road the appearance of the show room at the dealership. Victor, Honda, BMW, Harley Davidson, white, blue, black. The variety does not diminish the unity for the

common cause that the bikers have endorsed. There is local support for the project and there is emotional sentiment for what the Wall represents.

Preacher steps forward. He is the group's spiritual anchor, a chaplain with the Christian Cyclist Association. He prays for a safe trip for each biker, for love to continue to bind the group together, and he thanks the Lord for this nation's freedom that allows this group to ride.

With the "Amen!" the bikers prepare to leave. The noisy start of the motorcycles blasts the quiet of the morning. It will be a long, hard ride. The routes will take each motorcycle up to Ocala or Leesburg, across the Ocala National Forest, then back to Arcadia. Upon successful completion each rider will earn a patch for his riding jacket that says "Run For the Wall." The ride will be fun, it will be a celebration of freedom, and it will give each rider an opportunity to do something good for the community.

With everyone ready, the first bikers, traveling in pairs, leave the lot heading east on Highway 70, into the fog. The lot soon empties and The Run For the Wall Ride is under way. It is 7:15 a.m., the sun is now visible over the oak tree and is burning away the morning fog. The lot is quiet again.

Contributions for the project may be given to Rick or Fire at the Open Road Bar and Grill.



**Doug Kalor checks out his Harley before beginning the long, hard 500-mile ride which will take him to Ocala, the Ocala National Forest, and Leesburg, before heading back home. The ride for each rider was expected to take about 12 hours.**



**Dave and Karen Goebel check out the maps they will follow as they ride their blue Honda on the Run For the Wall. They know that the ride will raise money toward expenses to bring the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial Wall to Arcadia this fall. The Goebels live and work on Babcock Ranch, south of Arcadia.**



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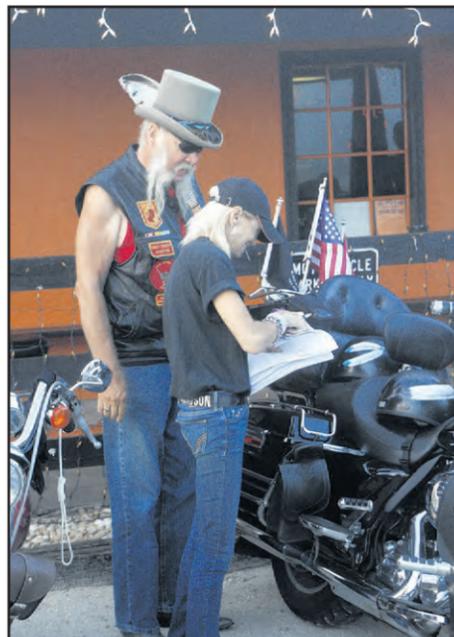
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**"Top Hat" with his rider "Lil' Bit" set their trip odometer to zero before beginning the measured Run For the Wall ride. After just completing a 10,760-mile, 31-day ride to Alaska, they are ready for the 500-mile ride on Saturday.**



**Before the ride begins, the group joins in prayer with the chaplain from the Christian Cyclist Association. He prays for safety for the riders and that they all may show God's love to each other, ending his prayer with an expression of gratitude to God for the freedom that allows such an event.**

# Itty Bitty Art Contest

By **KAREN SMOKE**

DESOTO COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

DeSoto County Commissioner Jim Selph presented the awards for the Itty Bitty Art Contest at DeSoto County Library on Friday. Elise Jones took all three places in the elementary school division. Eme Wuthrich won first and third place, and Jasmine Coronado won second place in the middle school

division. There were no entries from high school students. Bruce Newcomer won first place and Bobbie Mears (both not pictured) second and third place in the adult division. Winners were chosen by ballots cast by library patrons.

There's still time to enter the Summer Fun Photography Contest; the deadline has been extended to July 19. A reception for the photo contest will be held at 5 p.m. on August 15.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY AL SMOKE

# Arts Council hosts fun painting lesson

The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council hosted a Paint 'n Sip party Saturday at the offices of Realtor Mac Martin. It was open to experienced artists and novices alike, with Jane Hilton leading the group through the step-by-step recreation of a painting. Artists were invited to bring their favorite beverage and a pot-luck dish, and enjoyed a BBQ

dinner. All ranges of skills, from newbie to experienced painter, took part in the event. Half the fun is seeing how differently each artist interpreted the same image.

Because of the success of this inaugural event, DAHC plans to host another Paint 'n Sip in September. It is open to members and nonmembers alike. Details will be listed in *The Arcadian*.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY AL SMOKE

Sip 'n Paint gatherings are a fun way to try your hand at painting, and are great for novices as well as more experienced artists. Jane Hilton led the group in a step-by-step creation of an original painting. • Turn to page 23 for more photos.

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Booking ID	Inmate Funds	Avail.
Fund	Release Date	
6208	Young, Travis R.	\$0.03 6/18/2014
676	Wolfe, Corry	\$1.03 6/18/2014
9304	Vesh, Ryan V.	\$0.20 6/18/2014
15485	Veasquez, Isaias	\$3.44 6/18/2014
15213	Valleza, Ruben	\$33.53 6/18/2014
548	Valencia, Juan C.	\$3.76 6/18/2014
15231	Valasquez, Raul	\$40.44 6/18/2014
145	Smith, Alan	\$20.00 6/18/2014
15129	Singer, Nicholas J.	\$0.02 6/18/2014
15695	Simons, Adia M.	\$0.54 6/18/2014
2828	Shook, Keenan	\$0.01 6/18/2014
1119	Santiago, Jose	\$0.24 6/18/2014
9929	Sanchez, Leonardo	\$0.28 6/18/2014
3446	Ruiz, Luis A.	\$0.25 6/18/2014
15595	Rogers, Enoch H.	\$15.75 6/18/2014
844	Rivera, Jamie A.	\$0.64 6/18/2014
15950	Ramirez, Luis	\$0.10 6/18/2014
15282	Prado, Miguel	\$3.75 6/18/2014
9618	Pelham, Jamie L.	\$0.67 6/18/2014
276	Payne, James	\$172.18 6/18/2014
15443	Orshal, Jesse J.	\$0.67 6/18/2014
549	Orman, Van A.	\$10.00 6/18/2014
6884	Nunez Padron, Maiximo	\$10.75 6/18/2014
5006	Noles, William	\$2.36 6/18/2014
15571	Nguyen, Sang D.	\$0.76 6/18/2014
1764	Morales, Jose	\$0.20 6/18/2014
666	Mooney, Nathan J.	\$5.31 6/18/2014
14098	Montelongo, Teodulo V.	\$27.00 6/18/2014
7736	Miranda, Mariano	\$1.37 6/18/2014
103	Mercer, James	\$18.99 6/18/2014
101	Mejia, Benjamin	\$0.13 6/18/2014
99	McLemore, Mark	\$5.23 6/18/2014
3842	Maybell, David T.	\$0.05 6/18/2014
15426	Masters, Robert J.	\$17.19 6/18/2014
1501	Lopez, Priniiano G.	\$37.66 6/18/2014
15208	Lael, Noe	\$9.70 6/18/2014
2625	Kovach, Michele L.	\$7.30 6/18/2014
8448	Koenes, TJ	\$0.11 6/18/2014
2001	Kersey, Vicki A.	\$13.03 6/18/2014
6922	Johnson, Eric R.	\$0.01 6/18/2014
1198	Johnson, Corey	\$0.80 6/18/2014
593	Jiminez, Freddie	\$2.02 6/18/2014
1002	Hood, Joshua I.	\$6.00 6/18/2014
9790	Herbert, Joseph R.	\$0.20 6/18/2014
1024	Hallman, Richard	\$0.25 6/18/2014
378	Guitierrez, Roberto	\$0.25 6/18/2014
1978	Guitierrez, Juan	\$13.48 6/18/2014
15088	Gomez, Jesus A.	\$0.40 6/18/2014
15368	Garcia, Yunior G.	\$212.79 6/18/2014
12080	Garcia, Maximiliano	\$1.18 6/18/2014
15199	Garcia, Chester	\$66.05 6/18/2014
15432	Finch, Thomas L.	\$26.00 6/18/2014
2007	Eldridge, Raymond D.	\$0.93 6/18/2014
12078	Eifrid, Edward	\$0.32 6/18/2014
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630	Domingo, Jorge	\$5.00 6/18/2014
9835	Domingo, Agosto P.	\$0.01 6/18/2014
1448	Delosantos, Joel	\$11.00 6/18/2014
15273	Crider, Kelly S.	\$0.24 6/18/2014
6775	Cortez Ruiz, Hector R.	\$153.50 6/18/2014
15148	Ceballos, Louis A.	\$170.00 6/18/2014
15541	Carpented, Cheryl N.	\$24.00 6/18/2014
3240	Calhoun, Terrence D.	\$0.29 6/18/2014
7385	Bustos, Antonio H.	\$1.55 6/18/2014
2865	Burnes, Martione L.	\$0.68 6/18/2014
15470	Boatright, James V.	\$3.83 6/18/2014
5045	Barron, Alonzo M.	\$8.60 6/18/2014
14096	Aubry, Wade J.	\$16.94 6/18/2014
373	Andablo, Ismeal	\$30.00 6/18/2014
6219	Alfaro-Ascenio, Edy	\$5.00 6/18/2014
1365	Alderman, Gary	\$1.18 6/18/2014
15497	Aguilar, Roberto H.	\$2.47 6/18/2014

These monies will be forfeited to the County Fine and Forfeiture Fund unless persons having interest file a written claim with the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office on or before September 1, 2014. Unless claims are filed by William P. Wise Sheriff DeSoto County, Florida.

# ARCADIA VOTES

**Public - Where are you?? Attending council meetings and asking questions is a must!!**  
**If you think the city cannot get worse, you're wrong; it can and will unless you demand better.**  
**Recently on a local radio program a councilman made the comment - the city is doing fine!! Drive down any road or look at your tax bill. Consider—the city is on the State audit watch because of our financial situation. It's been eight months since the end of our fiscal year 2012-2013. Does anyone know if we even stayed within the adopted 12/13 budget? Has any council member asked any questions? Does any council member have any idea of where the city is financially? We had a major budget error - does anyone know what was done? What this council HAS DONE is increase permit fees, increase water and sewer approximately 50%, raise your monthly garbage bill, collected over \$119,000 in late fees for utility bills ((October 2013 to July 10, 2014), way to go council)), and increased the millage rate! Does any member of the council ask any questions when the budget update is given? They are told departments are doing a good job keeping expenses down—down from what? A new budget is coming soon. WOW!! Does this not scream for a city administrator with strong budget experience?? No comment from anyone! It has to be adopted by the end of September, closer than you think.**  
**Where are the council and city administrators' priorities? The city administrator has been busy with his Strategic Plan. How much did this cost the city in dollars and staff time? Almost everyone who attended the public forum was city staff or council candidates; probably less than a dozen public attended. Not all council members even bothered to attend! Finances are not our only problem—the general condition of the city - ugh! Public image - City government is seen as dysfunctional - remember the search for a city administrator? It's difficult to improve when we continue to make mistakes? Does the council or city administrator have an idea of what to do financially? Is it possible to recover? Information from the council and the administrator seem to be on a need to know basis and the public must not need to know!**  
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# Be on the watch for eastern lubber grasshoppers

The first time we saw an eastern lubber grasshopper we did a double take. Surely it was a tin wind-up toy — not a living insect. Garish yellow, red and black and nearly 3 inches long, it was poised on the leaf of an amaryllis bulb.

We'd only just purchased our property and I'd brought a bag of bulbs a neighbor had given me and planted them along the edge of our driveway. With the start of the rainy season they'd sent up two-foot-long straplike leaves.

Two weeks later we returned and I looked over at the amaryllis bed. There were no green leaves. The bulbs had been gnawed at too. And then I saw her — a giant brazenly colored slow moving creature. I watched as she scrunched her abdomen into the soil beside a half devoured bulb and pushed her body deep into the sand. She seemed to be doing some sort of pushups — which I quickly realized meant she was depositing her eggs right next to the preferred food source for her progeny.

The eastern lubber grasshopper, *Romalea microptera*, is found throughout Florida and the southeast. Their preferred habitat is weedy vegetation along roadsides and fields. We can be thankful that for their size, they have less of an appetite than most grasshoppers, and they don't usually occur in numbers large enough to do serious damage. They're often seen perched on the leaves of ornamental plants such as lily bulbs or orchids — and their favorite part of the plant seem to be the flower. They can become a pest in plant nurseries. They move much more slowly than a typical grasshopper, and are unable to fly.

The full size adults are not fazed by most insecticides unless it is applied directly to them. At this stage, hand-picking and squashing them before they have an opportunity to lay eggs is a good way to control their numbers. We've also been known to resort to a BB gun.

Be careful in picking the adult monsters off plants: the spines on the hind legs are sharp and can cut skin. They'll



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY AL SMOKE

Lubber grasshoppers are often seen perched on the leaves of ornamental plants such as lily bulbs or orchids — and their favorite part of the plant seem to be the flower. For their size, they have less of an appetite than most grasshoppers.



Over the Garden Gate

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also often detach one or both rear legs — one of their many defenses. Like most grasshoppers they may regurgitate consumed plant material, commonly called "tobacco spit." They may also hiss and secrete a foamy spray that contains irritants. When disturbed, they will raise their rose colored wings, which are not large enough to enable them to fly.

Their bright color warns predators that they contain toxins. Most birds won't eat them, and mammals such as opossums have been seen vomiting after eating these grasshoppers. One bird that will eat them is the shrike — also known as the "butcher bird." Shrikes impale their prey on the thorns of trees or barbs of fencing. Apparently after suitable aging the toxins dissipate.

By midsummer pairs are frequently seen copulating, the smaller male astride the larger female. The female then deposits up to 50 eggs in soft sand, placing them about 2 inches deep. The eggs are yellow-orange and resemble large grains of rice and are covered with a foamy froth. Females may mate several times and lay a total of up to 200 eggs.

The eggs begin hatching in March. The nymphs are about 3/4 inch long and may be black or deep red with one orange-red or yellow stripe. Some years we see thousands of the young emerging, other years there are far less. There is a parasite, a tachinid fly that helps control their numbers. At first emergence the nymphs are slow-moving and tend to congregate on stems or grass blades close to ground level. We do the "springtime stomp" and kill as many as possible. They may also be scraped into a jar and fed to fish if you have a pond. The nymphs molt five times before reaching the adult stage. Each stage lasts two to three weeks. Once they have gone through one or two molts fish will ignore them.

Other than stomping on them, eliminating weedy areas may help control them, as short vegetation offers fewer places to hide. Once you identify what plants in your landscape they find tasty, a daily inspection will alert you to their presence. Chocolate covered grasshoppers, anyone?

and their members to join Habitat by sponsoring and building this home. Your help will reunite a family torn apart by the devastation of Hurricane Charley in 2004. A four-bedroom, handicap-accessible home will allow a mother to rejoin her family after being placed in a nursing home after their home was demolished.

Last year Habitat was able to improve the quality of life for more than 13 families and plans to help more this year. If you would like to be a part of this vital mission, donate or volunteer by calling Heather Smith at 863-494-4118.

## HABITAT

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### Calling all volunteers

We have an urgent need for volunteers these next two months to complete the renovation by the end of August for Isabel Soto and children on Lois Avenue. At the same time we will be building for the Summerall family on Maple Drive. This will be a home built on love and faith and we are encouraging all houses of worship

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEF

### July 31 deadline for crop insurance

The USDA's Risk Management Agency reminds farmers of the July 31 sales closing date for crop insurance in Florida. This sales closing date applies to crop insurance policies for Fresh Market Tomato and Fresh Market Sweet Corn in De Soto and other counties.

The sales closing date is the last

day to buy a new policy or change an existing policy's coverage level.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. Contact a local crop insurance agent for more information about the program. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and on the RMA website at [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/).

## ANNIVERSARY

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as a contractor in Arkansas. He worked with the county to secure permits and plan approval. One county employee said to Pastor King, "You would not

have this building if it were not for Billy Duncan."

Duncan said, "Two or three times I was told that the project would have to be shut down. I would say, 'Wait, let's work this out, let's correct this, let's go on.'" Each time the issue would be corrected and the work would go on. Duncan said, "That's not

## REPORT

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Further, Britton noted that the elementary schools have already extended their schedules. Given that, the DeSoto District is not certain whether a full additional hour has to be tacked onto their already-extended day, or whether they can take into account the extra time students are already getting.

"We're exploring our options regarding the minutes of additional instruction time required by the

state," Britton said. "We hope to have the least impact as possible on the current start and end times we've already shared with parents. We also still want parents to be able to take advantage of some of the after-school and extracurricular programs that are available."

She added, "We expect to resolve this before the next board meeting on July 22."

As to the cost, Britton said the state pays the district for the additional hour.

For more details and a breakdown of the scores across the state, visit <http://http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org>.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY THOMAS SIMMONS

Doug King has been the pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Arcadia, for over 15 years. He encourages the church to be "Holding Forth the Word of Life." Established on July 12, 1964, the church celebrated its 50th Anniversary with the dedication of this new addition to its existing building.



Construction Supervisor Billy Duncan addresses the crowd of more than 70 people. Duncan retired from construction in Arkansas before his move to Arcadia. In his talk, Duncan emphasizes the problem for seniors who learn a skill and practice it for years, then retire. His encouragement is that seniors should do what they can in their community, letting others benefit from their experience and expertise.

luck! That's God!"

Duncan told the congregation, "A person learns what they can do, and they do it well. Then, they retire. What one should do is go out in their community and do what they have been doing rather than stopping. You will do more to build the church than just talking will do. Get into the community

and get involved. God will bless!"

Wade Smith led the dedication prayer, saying, "God, this is your gift to us. May we use it to bring glory to the Lord Jesus Christ. May we be a light to this community, do Your will, love each other and love our neighbors. We dedicate this building to You, and ourselves to serve You. Amen."



This view of the interior of the newly constructed addition shows the new rooms and the much needed foyer. In addition the foyer, there are restrooms and educational space. The expansion of the auditorium allows for church growth, giving room for additional worshippers who come.

## AUDIT

FROM PAGE 7

(Computerized Criminal History) to determine the number and percentage of errors and discrepancies."

FDLE recognizes accurate criminal history information is critical to the criminal justice community. Moreover, complete and up-to-date records are essential for making informed decisions regarding firearm purchase

eligibility, concealed carry weapon permits, or certification and licensing for certain sensitive professions.

The audit letter also stated, "FDLE is committed to provide accurate and timely criminal history information. We cannot do this without you. We appreciate your continued commitment to providing accurate and complete criminal history records in Florida."

McGavic congratulated the deputy clerks for earning such high praise from FDLE.

## AWARDS

FROM PAGE 7

Media Group publisher (the parent company of *The Arcadian*), said, "To be designated as the second best paper in the state for overall excellence is an honor few newspaper people ever experience in a career. I think all the people in DeSoto who help us find and explain the compelling stories each week are a large reason such a small

paper won such a big award."

Bauer individually also won second place in both the profile and nonprofile feature writing categories. The first was for a feature profile he wrote about Robbie Hodges, the barrelman who appeared at the Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo, which ran in the March 14 issue. The other was for non-profile features he wrote about Lions, Tigers and Bears Inc. (March 21), DeSoto's Healthy Families program (April 18), and DeSoto County's Animal Services Department (July 4).

## DOWNTOWN

FROM PAGE 2

### City involvement encouraged

Slaughter also received input from several business owners who felt the city should become more involved in hosting a large event.

The owner of Phoenix Rising, said Arcadia should support any events that promote the downtown area. "We didn't come here to be in business for 29 days; we have made a commitment and one solution would be to have the

city sponsor an event, and take it out of the hands of the individual associations," he said.

Several owners agreed, suggesting the city work with a private promoter to bring more visitors to the area, and include vendors who aren't hampered by specific antique guidelines. "There's a lot of need in terms of having the city coming in and removing that line that's been drawn in the sand," said John Black. "Let the AAA have their antique-specific fair, but why not build up a separate event that can involve more people?"

Owner Martha Craven said she was in favor of any event that brought more

business to the city. "I would really like to see if the city would be willing to partner with us, so we can bring more people here," she said. "We have seen a steady decline in visitors to our district, and if we don't work together to find a solution we are going to fail together."

Slaughter then asked if the AAA would be willing to meet with business owners to discuss the limitations currently being placed on vendors during its monthly event, and AAA President Sheri Fink agreed. The meeting is scheduled for July 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the council's chamber room, with the second Special Event Forum still scheduled for July 24 at 4:30 p.m. at the same location.



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

Members of the Arcadia Antique Association listen during last week's public forum.

## LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4

DeSoto, Hardee, Polk and Manatee Counties has announced plans to set aside a 900,000-acre tract of unmined, pristine wilderness so that future generations of private companies coming to DeSoto, Manatee, Polk and Hardee Counties can pollute it.

We have a responsibility to ensure that our counties continue to have beautiful woodlands, fresh streams, unspoiled pastureland and picturesque orchards where one day future gigantic corporations can destroy the natural habitat of native animals, the hydrology of the land and dump their industrial waste."

The company spokesman noted that despoiling the environment is the birthright of every large American

company. "Like our corporation, future companies should know what it feels like to clear-cut an idyllic forest, poison a crystal-clear creek with chemical runoff, and permanently devastate a fragile ecosystem — not to mention what it feels like to strip the land bare all the way down to the sandstone layer with massive earth moving equipment to access the minerals below. Ohhh ... I get so excited just talking about it. However,

if we don't act soon, the experiences of our company in Florida's Bone Valley will become nothing more than a memory."

Company officials also expressed their "disappointment that future corporations would never know the joy of attempting to drive the Gopher Tortoise and the Caracara to extinction."

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Dated at Arcadia, Florida, this 14th day of July, 2014.  
/s/ James F. Potter  
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**NOTICE OF ACTION  
3116**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 14-2012-CA-000583  
HSBC BANK USA, AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC., ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-RP1, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
HATTIE M. BROWN, et al., Defendants.  
NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO:  
CYNTHIA BRANCH A/K/A CYNTHIA E. BRANCH  
Last Known Address: UNKNOWN  
Also Attempted At: SKIP, Current Residence Unknown  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:  
LOT 19 AND NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 21, BLOCK 4, TIER 4 OF A.W. GILCHRIST EAST END ADDITION, AS SHOWN BY PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
as been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Choice Legal Group, P.A. Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. BOX 9908, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33310-0908 on or before August 15, 2014, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Arcadian and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the

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relief demanded in the complaint. 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 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.  
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 7 day of July 2014.  
Mitzie W. McGavic  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ N. Daughtrey  
As Deputy Clerk  
PUBLISHED 7/17/14 & 7/24/14  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2014 DR 0325  
Jayne Odell Brosnihan, Petitioner and  
John Michael Brosnihan, Respondent  
**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

TO: John Michael Brosnihan  
Last Known Address: 1650 SE Hargrave St. Arcadia, FL 34266  
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, Jayne Odell Brosnihan whose address is, 195 Cherokee Lane, Wauchula, FL 33873 on or before August 4, 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: July 2, 2014  
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: /s/ N. Daughtrey  
Deputy Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 14-2014-CA-000204  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SANDRA CONNORS A/K/A SANDRA L. CONNORS A/K/A SANDRA LOUISE CONNORS A/K/A SANDRA CONNORS, et al., Defendants.  
NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARION VELMA BASS  
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the following described property: LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK P, ELDORADO PARK SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 71, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1993 SHADOW MASTER DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME IDENTIFIED BY VIN NUMBERS 146M7660A AND 146M7660B.  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Choice Legal Group, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. BOX 9908, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33310-0908 ON or before August 15, 2014 a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Arcadian and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. 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 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.  
WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 7 day of July, 2014  
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ N. Daughtrey  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO.: 142014CP000066  
IN RE: ESTATE OF KENNETH JON ABPLANALP a/k/a KENNETH J. ABPLANALP, DECEASED.  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of KENNETH JON ABPLANALP a/k/a KENNETH J. ABPLANALP, deceased, whose date of death was May 9, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 Oak Street, Suite 201, Arcadia, FL 34266. The names and addresses of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is July 17, 2014  
Attorney for Personal Representative: ABLES & CRAIG, P.A. 202 W. Main Street, Ste. 103 Wauchula, Florida 33873 Telephone: (863) 773-0500 Fax: (863) 773-0505 E-Mail: service@heartlandfloridalaw.com  
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Attorney for RENEE WARHOLIC Florida Bar Number: 0085800  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 142014CP000068CPAXMA  
Division Twelfth  
IN RE: ESTATE OF Joseph D. Zeleznik  
DECEASED.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of Joseph D. Zeleznik, deceased, whose date of death was June 8, 2014, and whose social security number are xxx-xx-7069, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The names and addresses of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
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Attorney for Personal Representative: Connie L. Collins  
Primary Service E-Mail: Service@eewj.com  
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Eugene E. Waldron, Jr., P.A. 124 N. Brevard Ave Arcadia, Florida 34266 Telephone: (863) 494-4323  
Personal Representatives: Mary Elizabeth Artz 7403 Reservation Drive Springfield, Virginia 22153 PUBLISHED 7/10/14 & 7/17/14 228541 3061311

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF LEWIS WADE KEEN Deceased.  
File No. 2014-CP000070AXMA  
Division PROBATE  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Lewis Wade Keen, deceased, whose date of death was May 27, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 E. Oak Street, Suite #101 Arcadia, FL 34266-2412. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
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The date of first publication of this notice is July 17, 2014.  
Cheyenne R. Young  
Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar Number: 0515299  
Wotitzky, Wotitzky, Ross & McKinley  
Attorneys at Law 223 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 Telephone: (941) 639-2171 Fax: (941) 639-2197 E-Mail: cyoung@wotitzkylaw.com  
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Personal Representative: Billy Harold Porter 392 Yeager Street Port Charlotte, Florida 33954 PUBLISHED 7/17/14 & 7/24/14 100738 3063753

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PROBATE**  
IN RE: The Estate of ROBERT L. VOTTA, SR., Deceased  
Probate No. 14-CP-47  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of ROBERT L. VOTTA, SR., deceased, File Number 14-47 - CP is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice if served must file their claims with

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this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is July 17, 2014 By: S./J. MICHAEL ROONEY J. MICHAEL ROONEY Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar No. 157880 Post Office Box 510400 Punta Gorda, Florida, 33951-0400 (941) 639-2591 trabuelaw@yahoo.com Robert L. Votta, Jr., Pers. Rep. 181 Brightwater Drive #2 Clearwater Beach, FL 33767 PUBLISHED 7/17/14 & 7/24/14 121501 3061197

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2014 CP 000067 IN RE THE ESTATE OF: RICHARDSON, LULA C. Deceased.

Notice to Creditors The administration of the estate of LULA C. RICHARDSON, deceased, whose date of death was November 4, 2013, is pending in the Twelfth Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Room 201, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The estate is intestate. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 17, 2014.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Jeffrey A. King, Esq. Florida Bar No. 342238 1800 Second Street, Suite 895 Sarasota, Florida 34236 Telephone: (941) 954-5585 Personal Representative: Thomas A. Richardson Post Office Box 2876 Arcadia, FL 34265 PUBLISHED 7/17/14 & 7/24/14 121861 3063219

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2010-CA-000670 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL 1 INC. TRUST 2007-SEA1, Plaintiff, vs. VICTOR R. HERNANDEZ, ET AL., Defendants ORDER RESCHEDULING THE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS CAUSE, having come before me upon Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale, and

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the same having been considered, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby: ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows: 1. Clerk of this Court shall sell the property at public sale on July 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., to the highest bidder for cash, except as set forth hereinafter at the SOUTH DOOR of the Courthouse; 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, and as set forth in the Final Judgment entered by the Court on April 19, 2013. DONE AND ORDERED in Arcadia, at DESOTO County, Florida, this 30th day of May, 2014. /s/ Don T. Hall Judge PUBLISHED 7/10/14 & 7/17/14 232598 3061370

NOTICE OF MEETING 3126

DESOTO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE TO BE HELD ON: Thursday, July 31, 2014 At 4:30 in the McSwain Room of DeSoto Memorial Hospital THE DESOTO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT Board of Directors shall meet Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the McSwain Room of DeSoto Memorial Hospital (DMH) for a special Finance meeting followed by a special Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance to participate in any of these meetings should contact Andrea Griffis-Carson at (863) 494-8402 or by fax at (863) 494-8400. All meetings are open to the public and the public is invited to attend. PUBLISHED 7/17/14 248477 3062460

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2010-CA-000244 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MERITAGE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-3,, Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES EDWARD DAVIS, ET AL. Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 3, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2010-CA-000244, of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MERITAGE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-3, (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and JAMES EDWARD DAVIS; PAMELA DAVIS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC; CASTLE CREDIT CORPORATION, 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 29th day of July, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 21 AND ALL OF LOT 23, BLOCK 4, TIER 5, GILCHRIST'S EAST END ADDITION TO ARCADIA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 27 AND IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 48.

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, on July 11, 2014. SHD Legal Group P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff PO BOX 11438 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339 1438 Telephone: (954) 564 0071 Facsimile: (954) 564 9252 Service E-mail: answers@shdlegalgroup.com By: Michael A. Shifrin Florida Bar No. 0086818 PUBLISHED 7/17/14 & 7/24/14 105230 3063547

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION DIVISION: CASE NO.: 13CA148 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. CONNER, ELBERT et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 28, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13CA148 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, NA, is the Plaintiff

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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 this 2 day of July, 2014. Mitzie W. McGavic CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: B. Wynn As Deputy Clerk 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. PUBLISHED 7/10/14 & 7/17/14 232598 3061324

IN THE TWELFTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 142013CA000650XXXXX FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. MICHAEL W. BREEDEN; FRANCES G. BREEDEN; ET AL. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated April 28, 2014, and entered in Case No. 142013CA000650XXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and MICHAEL W. BREEDEN; FRANCES G. BREEDEN; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, MITZIE W. MCGAVIC, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Door of the Desoto County Courthouse, 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, 11:00 a.m. on the 26th day of August, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 19, VOSS OAKS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 67 AND 64A, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. 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, on July 11, 2014.

SHD Legal Group P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff PO BOX 11438 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339 1438 Telephone: (954) 564 0071 Facsimile: (954) 564 9252 Service E-mail: answers@shdlegalgroup.com By: Michael A. Shifrin Florida Bar No. 0086818 PUBLISHED 7/17/14 & 7/24/14 105230 3063547

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 14-2012-CA-000150 DIVISION: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. DOW, JERRY et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 28, 2014, and entered in Case No. 14-2012-CA-000150 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, NA, is the Plaintiff and Chrystal Dow, Jerry Dow, Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through, Under, And Against The Herein named Individual Defendant(s) Who are not Known To Be Dead Or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest in Spouses, Heirs, Devises, Grantees, Or Other Claimants are defendants, the DeSoto County

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and Elbert L. Conner, The Unknown Spouse of Elbert L. Conner, Tenant # 1 a/k/a Jackie Marciulonis, William Conner, Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through, Under, And Against The Herein named Individual Defendant(s) Who are not Known To Be Dead Or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest in Spouses, Heirs, Devises, Grantees, Or Other Claimants are defendants, the DeSoto County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266; www.desotoclerk.com, DeSoto County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 5th day of August, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure: THE EAST HALF OF LOT 4 OF C.M. LAWRENCE SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO DESCRIBED AS: THE EAST HALF OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS A 2005 BHFL HS MOBILE HOME BEARING VIN NUMBERS GAFL435A90060AH31 AND GAFL435B90060BH31. 2481 SE NEVERSAIL ST 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. Dated in Hillsborough County, Florida, this 9th day of July, 2014 /s/ Ashley Arenas — Ashley Arenas, Esq. — FL Bar # 68141 Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com JR- 016568F01

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 7/17/14 & 7/24/14 272484 3062385

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 14-2012-CA-000150 DIVISION: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. DOW, JERRY et al, Defendant(s).

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Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266; www.desotoclerk.com, DeSoto County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 5th day of August, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure: LOT 28A OF AIRPORT ESTATES, AN UNRECORDED PLAT, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NW CORNER OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST; THENCE N 82 DEGREES 33'05"E, ALONG NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 910.45 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 662.46 FEET TO SOUTH LINE OF N 1/2 OF S 1/2 OF NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 8; THENCE N 82 DEGREES 33'15"E ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 102.60 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE, 132.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 162.45 FEET; THENCE S 82 DEGREES 33'05"W, 50.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 50.0 FEET; THENCE S 82 DEGREES 33'05"W, 82.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH, 212.46 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LYING IN DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1998 LIBERTY MOBILE HOME VIN#S 10L26401U AND 10L26401X TITLE NO'S. 0080909870 AND 0080909751. 2347 SE RED BARON DR, 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. Dated in Hillsborough County, Florida, this 8th day of July, 2014 /s/ Ashley Arenas — Ashley Arenas, Esq. — FL Bar # 68141 Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com JR- 11-85276

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 14-CA-72 FIRST STATE BANK OF ARCADIA, a Florida corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. JERROLD M. GASKINS, ET AL Defendants. NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED CLERK'S SALE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a UNIFORM FINAL JUDGMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE dated April 28, 2014, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 A.M. on August 26, 2014, the following described property as set forth in UNIFORM FINAL JUDGMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE, to wit: Begin at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 38 South, Range 25 East for Point of Beginning; thence North 88 degrees 00 minutes 40 seconds West along South line of said tract, 371.68 feet; thence North 6 degrees 37 minutes 11 seconds West, 921.87 feet to Southerly right of way of County

ROAD # 760 (formerly S.R. # 760); thence North 54 degrees 00 minutes 54 seconds East along said right of way, 460.25 feet to P.C. of curve to right having a cord bearing of North 61 degrees 37 minutes 03 seconds East and a cord distance of 144.57 feet; thence Northeasterly along said right of way on arc of said curve, 144.97 feet to East line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence South 0 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds West along said East line, 1267.96 feet to Point of Beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Begin at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 38 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida; thence North 88 degrees 00 minutes 40 seconds West along South line of said tract, 291.36 feet for Point of Beginning; thence continue same line, 80.32 feet; thence North 06 degrees 37 minutes 11 seconds West, 416.19 feet; thence South 17 degrees 07 minutes 36 seconds East, 435.52 feet to Point of Beginning. Parcel Id: 12-38-25-0000-0042-0000 Commonly known as: 6463 CR 760 E, Arcadia, FL 34266 Dated this 7 day of July, 2014. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC, Clerk of Court By: B. Wynn Deputy Clerk If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Jury Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, telephone: (863) 993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. PUBLISHED 7/17/14 & 7/24/14 308190 3063038

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ROAD # 760 (formerly S.R. # 760); thence North 54 degrees 00 minutes 54 seconds East along said right of way, 460.25 feet to P.C. of curve to right having a cord bearing of North 61 degrees 37 minutes 03 seconds East and a cord distance of 144.57 feet; thence Northeasterly along said right of way on arc of said curve, 144.97 feet to East line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence South 0 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds West along said East line, 1267.96 feet to Point of Beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Begin at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 38 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida; thence North 88 degrees 00 minutes 40 seconds West along South line of said tract, 291.36 feet for Point of Beginning; thence continue same line, 80.32 feet; thence North 06 degrees 37 minutes 11 seconds West, 416.19 feet; thence South 17 degrees 07 minutes 36 seconds East, 435.52 feet to Point of Beginning. Parcel Id: 12-38-25-0000-0042-0000 Commonly known as: 6463 CR 760 E, Arcadia, FL 34266 Dated this 7 day of July, 2014. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC, Clerk of Court By: B. Wynn Deputy Clerk If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Jury Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, telephone: (863) 993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. PUBLISHED 7/17/14 & 7/24/14 308190 3063038

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 14-CA-72 FIRST STATE BANK OF ARCADIA, a Florida corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. SAMUEL J. MORGAN, ENAFEL CRUZ, JR. and ROSALINDA CRUZ, Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 24, 2014 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Door of the DeSoto County Courthouse, Arcadia, Florida at 115 E. Oak St. Arcadia, FL 34266 on August 5, 2014 the following described property located in DeSoto County, Florida: LOT 3, LOT 4, LOT 5, LOT 13, LOT 14 and LOT 15, AND VACATED ALLEYWAY (per Resolution dated September 2, 1958), BLOCK 57, TOWN OF NOCATEE RAIL ROAD SURVEY, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 20 and re-recorded in Plat Book C5, Page 42, of the Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. Dated this 24th day of June, 2014. MITZIE W. MCGAVIC Clerk of Court By: B. Wynn As Deputy Clerk PUBLISHED 7/10/14 & 7/17/14 228541 3061300

# DeSoto High hammering for Habitat

**SUBMITTED By HEATHER SMITH**  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
OUTREACH COORDINATOR

means; they boast a mini construction site right on the school campus. The shed was built entirely to code standards with safety rules followed at all times.

Habitat families are very thankful the students did such a great job learning pitch and angles as they built the trusses. Their time and effort will provide a secure place for lawn mowers, bikes, etc. There is even talk of them to continue

building for all Habitat homes in DeSoto County.

This year Habitat has completed nine critical home repairs, placed two families in a home with a zero-interest mortgage and is working on a rehabilitation and new home build at the same time! With the community's support there is hope for the future of DeSoto County. To be a part of this exciting project call Heather Smith at 863-494-4118.

The students in Wade Huckaby's, Industrial Technology class built a shed for a deserving Habitat family. Not only are these students learning building skills, but they are also learning valuable life lessons on giving back to their community.

This is no ordinary class by any



PHOTO PROVIDED

DeSoto High School students show the shed they built as part of a class project for a Habitat For Humanity family.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 14-2013-CA-000570 DIVISION: US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-WFHE2, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WFHE2, Plaintiff, vs. CHARLENE MOELLER, et al, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 25, 2014, and entered in Case No. 14-2013-CA-000570 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida in which US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-WFHE2, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WFHE2, is the Plaintiff and Charlene Moeller, Tenant #1 n/k/a Georgianne Moeller, Tenant #2 n/k/a Tucker Kosinski, are defendants, the DeSoto County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266; www.desotoclerk.com, DeSoto County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 7th day of August, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 56, ELLER AND TURNER ESTATES, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 78. A/K/A 1451 S.E. CARNAHAN AVE., ARCADIA, FL 34266-7696 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 10th day of July, 2014.

\_\_\_\_/s/ Ashley Arenas \_\_\_\_\_ Ashley Arenas, Esq. FL Bar # 68141 Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com JR - 11-89149

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outside professionals about airport issues, and report directly to council.

"You made it personal," Fink told Frierson. "I don't know how someone who wants to undermine the Administrator via email can act

in an honest and fair manner."

In reply, Frierson insisted "there is no place for a document like [Fink's cover memo] as part of the record of this city. I would prefer to delete Mr. Fink's document."

Fink repeatedly asked Frierson if he intended his email to go to Jankosky rather than the dead-letter file. Frierson said, "I didn't send that email to Judi." He claimed Slaughter "dug it out" of the dead-letter file.

"So you didn't author this email with intent to deliver it to Judi Jankosky?" Fink asked.

"No." "Who was it sent to?" said Fink. "The dead-letter office."

"So you meant to send it to the dead-letter office? Why would you send it to the dead-letter box where it would become a public record?"

Frierson renewed his plea to remove Fink's cover memo from the council's meeting record.

He then asked Fink to resign his seat on City Council to which Fink did not respond.

Councilman Bob Heine said, "If we remove the Airport Advisory Board, that would resolve the problem."

But Frierson defended the AAAB, noting it included professionals whose only interest is improving the airport. If AAAB were dissolved, it would remove an opportunity for public input. "It's important to have an open public forum," he said. "If you want me gone, just ask and I'll leave."

Fink continued to defend his suggestion to dissolve AAAB and let the Administrator handle the airport with consultants.

Eventually, Heine proposed the AAAB revert to how it functioned before, with the board reporting directly to Council rather than the

Administrator. Council's attorney, T.J. Wohl, said the previous change — having AAAB report to the Administrator — was done by resolution and this issue could be resolved by repealing that resolution, and adopting language clarifying that AAAB would report to Council. Wohl agreed to provide language at a future meeting.

## Other business

- City Planner Carl McQuay reported that political campaign signs may not be placed in the city's right-of-way. He will remove signs in the right-of-way and tell the candidate to come pick them up. Signs may not be larger than 4 square feet in residential areas, or 32 square feet in other zones. Candidates must have permission from a property owner to place a sign there.

- The 10-year lease of property to the Redlands Christian Migrant Association was renewed by default. Coordinator Gloria Kendricks said RCMA has maintained and upgraded the property, pays all utilities, and plans to upgrade the drive to eliminate flooding. RCMA agreed to remove a bridge near the Smith-Brown Gym it no longer needs.

- The city will create a committee of volunteers, consisting of county residents (who need not live within city limits) to advise the city on minimal property standards. It will be advertised and applications solicited from the public.

- Beth Carsten reported that the first budget workshop is set for July 22 at Council Chambers. Time was not yet set as of press time — check the city's website or visit *The Arcadian's* Facebook page for details.

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# Novice and experienced painters participate in event



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Participants display their finished artwork created at the Sip 'n Paint held by DeSoto Arts Council at Martin Realty Co.

Paintings take shape as artists follow the step-by-step directions. Artists may bring their own supplies, or supplies are provided for a nominal fee.



Elise Zarli and Susie Mullins work on their paintings.



Artist Victor Amemiya works on a drawing.



Mac Martin displays his painting created at the July member meeting of DeSoto Arts Council.

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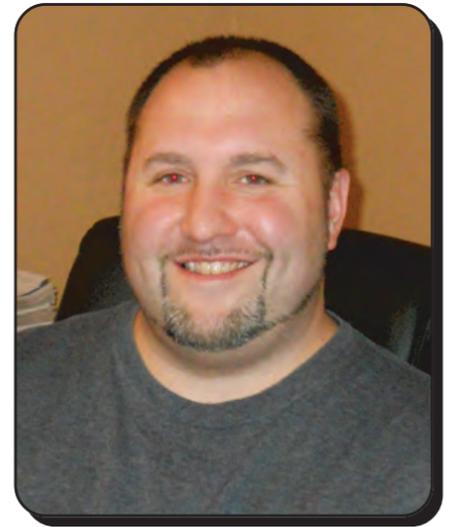
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Susan Hoffman,  
Editor

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