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Police arrested three men in connection with an armed robbery.

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Incumbents dominate DeSoto primaries

By Steve Bauer

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

A small percentage of DeSoto County voters approved the status quo Tuesday, as incumbent candidates scored comfortable victories in the Board of County Commission and School Board primary races.

In the DeSoto Board of County Commission District 2 and 4 races, incumbent Commissioner Elton Langford was re-elected to a new term Tuesday, while residents voted incumbent Commissioner Jim Selph onto November's general election ballot.



Langford



Selph



Via



Allen

Langford triumphed over challenger Chris Stephens in the District 4 contest, winning easily with 67 percent of the vote. Unofficial results from the DeSoto

Supervisor of Elections Office show Langford with 2,289 votes, compared to Stephens' 1,116.

"Glory to God, and I just appreciate

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everyone who supported me; it's a blessing," Langford said Tuesday evening. "I enjoy doing what I do, and I'm going to continue what I've been doing in the past, and that's working hard in the best interests of DeSoto residents."

In the District 2 race, Selph defeated Mike Hall with 57 percent of the vote. Unofficial results show Selph receiving

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Tailgate Party kicks off Dawg's football season



Destiny Payne, Hailei Cooper, Berketta Clifton, Rita Fudge and Candiance Jacobson — photobombed by Patrick Murphy — share the Bulldogs spirit Friday.



From left: Linda Williams, Emily Suter, Judy Wertz-Strickland, Patrick Murphy, Beth Carsten, Pam Ames and Connie Bateman of Arcadia Main Street welcome guests. The Tailgate Party was held Friday at the Tree of Knowledge Park before the Kickoff Classic game.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY JOHN BLACK

The Blazing Blue Band of DeSoto County High School entertained the crowd at the Tailgate Party Friday at the Tree of Knowledge Park. • Turn to page 13 for more photos.

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School Board clarifies policy on district transfers

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

The DeSoto County School Board approved one request for a student to transfer out of the district, and disapproved another, giving some insight to its position on out-of-district transfers.

Board Chair Deborah Snyder opened the discussion over two students seeking to transfer to the Charlotte County School District. Snyder said, "I know we usually approve transfers as a rule but I question these."

"In one case, she's asking to transfer a student because of the 'school rating' and because 'drugs and gangs are much less.'"

Snyder said, "Port Charlotte Middle is a C school; DeSoto Middle is a D, and they're not that much different."

The other request, she noted, asked for a transfer because of the school rating and because the child wanted to play soccer. "But we have soccer here, and there they'd have to wait a year

before they could play so I don't see how a transfer would help."

Board Attorney Bucky Waldron said, "We have turned down transfer requests based just on athletics."

"We need to take a look at our district and try to keep students from leaving," Snyder said.

Board Member Ronny Allen said some students have transferred for valid reasons, such as the parents working in Charlotte County or the family living close to the county line. "But as to the 'drugs and gangs,' I want more information. Every district has problems with drugs, and I have not seen anything on gangs here."

Stacy Jacobson, who was seeking a transfer for her child, said she had data from the Department of Juvenile Justice and other sources showing problems with teen pregnancies in DeSoto. "DeSoto County was number 5 in the state; now we're number 1 for teen pregnancies," she said. She added Charlotte County schools had higher FCAT scores than DeSoto and

a lower dropout rate.

Further, she lives equal distance from the two schools and acknowledged she would have to take care of her child's transportation, which she agreed to do.

"I disagree about drugs and gangs," Allen said, "but the parent did her research." Snyder agreed the research and Jacobson's statements were persuasive, and the Board voted unanimously to approve her child's transfer.

But the parent of the other child seeking to transfer did not appear before the Board, nor submit any persuasive reason why it should be allowed, so the request was unanimously disapproved.

Leadership program approved

The Board also approved a \$182,000 contract with the International Center for Leadership Education Training Program. Board Member Rodney Hollingsworth questioned why that much was being spent on a program without first comparing whether other firms could offer the same for less money.

But Superintendent Karyn Gary said this firm is considered a "sole source" by the State Department of Education so competitive bids are not required, and DeSoto has had a 10-year relationship with this company. Also, the cost for the program will be funded out of Title II grant money. Because of the district's low scores on standard tests, the state mandated DeSoto to implement a leadership program.

The program, Gary said, will include a review of instruction at the school level as well as parent reviews, and will work with teachers to ensure more effective learning. The cost is totally funded by grants.

Allen raised the new pay-to-play policy by which student athletes will be required to pay a fee to participate in school athletics. Hollingsworth agreed the district should reconsider that policy.

"The fee we're charging is minimal," Gary said, "and we will waive it for anyone who can't afford to pay it."

NEWS BRIEFS

Florida court clerks warn against scams

The Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers wishes to make all Florida residents aware of the most recent spike in fraudulent e-mails by entities impersonating Clerks' offices across the state.

This newest round of scams comes in the form of an email referencing a missed court appearance.

Unlike past scams, these emails attempt to retrieve personal data, forcefully,

by computer virus attached as a .zip file. These malicious attachments contain a "Trojan Horse" virus that becomes active as soon as the file is unzipped.

Recent examples of these scams have been signed by fictitious county clerks.

The Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers would like to remind residents that all court-related communications are sent through normal mail. Jury summons and failure to appear notices are never sent via phone or email.

Important tips to remember:

The Clerk's office does not call or email residents to request payment for missing jury duty. The office will also never request payment via any sort of prepaid debit card.

The Clerk's office does not call or email residents to verify information related to jury duty or to notify them that they missed jury duty. Communications are only sent by mail.

If a resident misses jury duty, the individual receives a failure to appear notice in the mail from the judge representing their Circuit Court.

Arrest warrants are not usually issued for failure to report for jury duty. Please contact the Clerk's office, if you receive one.

Do not open an e-mail attachment from any unfamiliar source, and never provide personal information to an unfamiliar source, either by phone or email.

The Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers, established in 1969, is a statewide, non-profit member association. The association is comprised of the Florida Clerks of the Circuit Court and Comptrollers. The association provides education and accreditation for Clerks of the Court and Comptrollers, information and technical assistance to local governments.

Historical Society screens 1926 movie of Arcadia

The DeSoto County Historical Society invites everyone to an evening meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, at

Trinity United Methodist Fellowship Hall. The meeting will begin with Pastor Jim Wade's invocation in memory of those who died in the 2001 tragedy. Then a short, silent movie of Arcadia filmed in 1926 will be shown. Dinner is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$10 and includes baked chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, dessert, and beverage. Tickets are on sale at Mary Margaret's Tea and Biscuit, 10 S. Polk Ave.; at the Society's Howard and Melton Historical Research Library, 120 W. Whidden St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays or second Saturday; or call 863-494-6607.

Ministerial Assoc. holds monthly luncheon

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, the Ministerial Association of DeSoto County will hold its first luncheon meeting, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the conference room at Arcadia Housing Authority, 7 Booker T. Washington Rd. We will offer a time of fellowship and a free light lunch, then we will hear from Vince Sica and Kristen Spahr from DMH, speaking to us about the urgent plight of the hospital, and the need for "keeping state-of-the-art medical care when and where you need it!" in our county. While the meeting is primarily for church and religious leaders, all county residents and community leaders are encouraged to attend and become a part of the Ministerial Assn.

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Is seeking 17 temporary Agriculture Equipment Operators to operate equipment used to harvest citrus for the contract period of September 16, 2014 to July 14, 2015. Applicants must be able to operate the equipment used to move citrus from the inside of the grove to the trailers and from trailers to the storage facility, operate the equipment used to transport workers to and from work sites and operate equipment used to move supplies and harvesting equipment to and from work sites. The applicant is required to have the correct type of driver's license required by the State and Federal government. All drivers must pass a DOT approved Physical and Drug test. The adverse effect wage rate of \$10.26 per hour will apply to this job. Employer will offer 3/4 guarantee for the work period for each employee. DeSoto Fruit & Harvesting, Inc. will at no cost, provide tools and equipment necessary to perform the task of the worker. Housing will be provided for individual workers outside normal commuting distance. Qualified workers will be provided transportation and subsistence expenses to the workplace. Apply for this job at the nearest office of the Department of Economic Opt/Foreign Labor Cert-H2A, MSCG-300 Caldwell Building - 107 E. Madison St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4140; phone 850-921-3466; Job Order #9919637.

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Historical society's Show and Tell

BY CAROL MAHLER

The DeSoto County Historical Society held Show and Tell at its Aug. 21 meeting, in which members brought interesting old items to display and explain.

Next month, the society will enjoy a movie filmed of Arcadia in 1926 at a special evening meeting at 6 p.m. on Sept. 11, at Trinity United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. A dinner of baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, dessert, and beverage will be served at 5:30 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$10 each, available at Mary Margaret's Tea and Biscuit, 10 S. Polk Ave., or on

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Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Howard and Velma Melton's Historical Research Library in the Ingraham Seed House, 120 W. Whidden Street, or call 863-494-6607.



PHOTOS BY CAROL MAHLER

Margaret Way described how she found a child's tea set — made in England or Germany before 1891 — wrapped in woolen underwear in her grandfather's World War I trunk. She showcased several other items, including a photograph of her grandmother, Muriel Way, as a "House Mother" for Arcadia's soldier's club for the Carlstrom and Dorr Field cadets during World War I. She is seated next to the driver in the transport vehicle at the corner of Oak Street and DeSoto Avenue with the DeSoto County Bank (later the Union Bus Station) in the background.



Irma Avant related how the legendary "Bone" Mizell was feeling poorly and asked her father to drive him to the train station. On the way, Mizell told the elder Avant that if anything should happen, Avant should keep Mizell's horse and saddle. Mizell died that day — July 14, 1921 — and the saddle has been in Irma's family ever since.



Tod Backer showed James Bond's Aston Martin DB5 made by Corgi Toys. It's modeled after the one Bond drove in the movie "Goldfinger."



Arthur Southwell displays a gasoline-powered clothes iron.



Karen Smoke explained that quilts are dated by the most recent fabric used in them. Although the one she had from New Jersey included fabrics commemorating the U.S. Centennial, it was probably completed in 1900 when the red cloth was made. She reminded everyone about the Pine Level Art and Archaeology Day art contest and quilt challenge (details online at www.desotoartscouncil.org/events.html and www.historic-desoto.org/Page2.html).



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It's time to arm cops — with cameras

Even as the police shooting in Ferguson, Mo., slowly plays out with the world watching, a lot of people clearly believe they already know the truth:

This was an overzealous cop from a mostly white department policing a mostly black community, with the victim both unarmed and black.

Or, this 18-year-old who had just committed a robbery was the aggressor when he crossed paths with police.

But what if there was video of the shooting, with the potential to show dispassionately and exactly what happened?

What if one day police routinely record their encounters with the public?

Last year and long before Ferguson, Sarasota police Chief Bernadette DiPino was looking at police body cameras — cop cams, some call them. They're worn on officers' collars, hats or sunglasses to record a traffic stop, police call or encounter. This month, the Sarasota City Commission voted to use a federal grant of about \$36,000 for a yearlong pilot program to equip officers with 24 of those cameras.

"I think it modifies people's behavior — both police officers and citizens," DiPino told me this week.

And yes, it's hard to miss the potential benefit for both police and the policed — no matter who it benefits in the end. "Any time you record an incident and you have the facts right in front of you, I think that builds up trust," DiPino says.

Okay, so some of us do not love the ever-present surveillance, security and sundry cameras that are now part of our daily lives, the American Civil Liberties Union in particular. But even the ACLU sees police cameras' win-win potential for "helping protect the public against police misconduct, and ... helping protect police against false accusations of abuse." With the right policies in place, of course.

Here's another buy-in: Tampa criminal defense lawyer and former prosecutor Lyann Goudie calls it a great idea that cuts both ways for law enforcement and defendants.

"It just makes everything that much easier to sort through and resolve in the end," she says.

Progressive police departments are paying attention. The Tampa Police Department intends to outfit 20 officers in each of the city's three districts to test them out. Chief Jane Castor says she expects these cameras in every police department in the United States in the next five years.

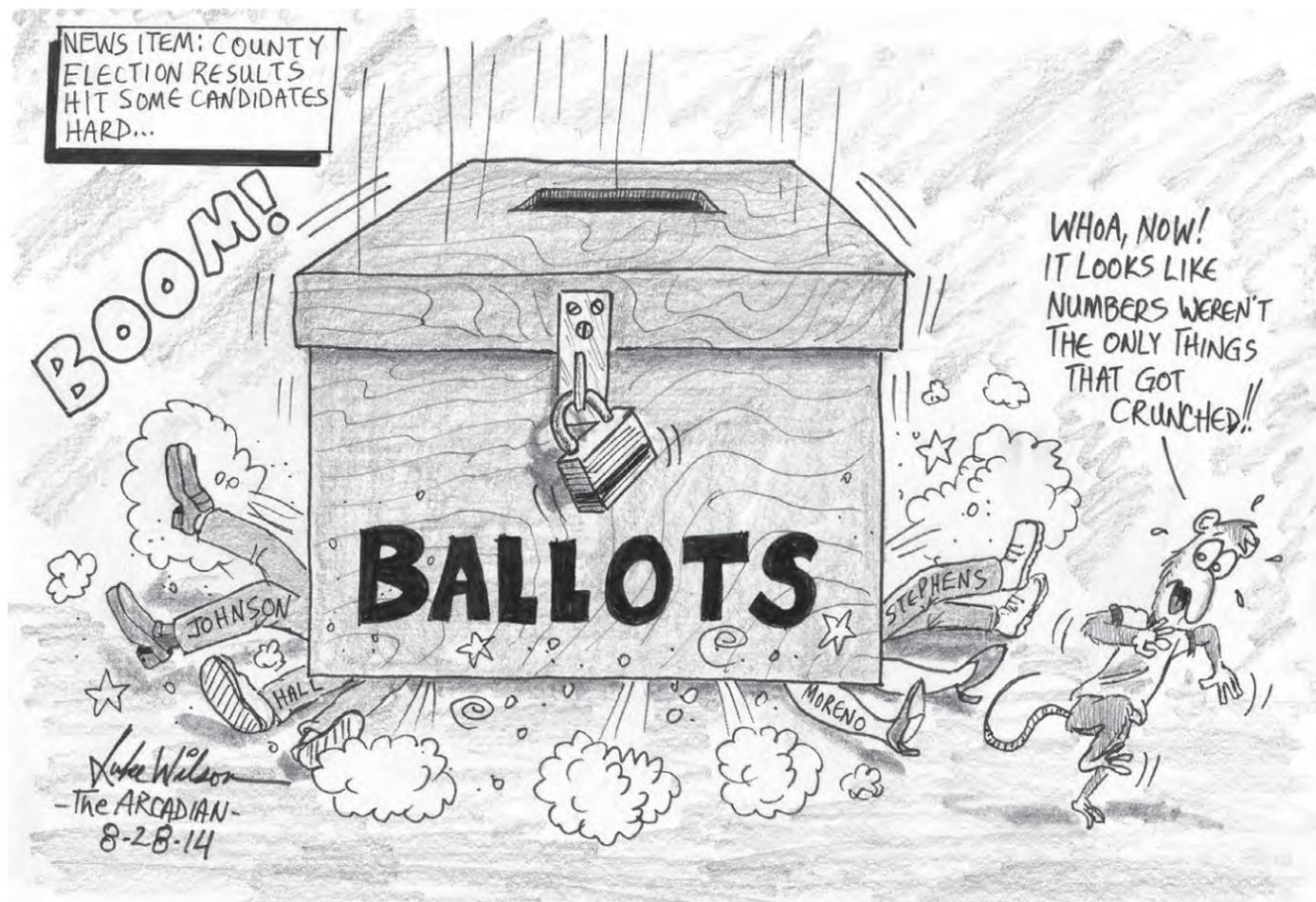
And the new chief in St. Petersburg sounds interested in their potential. "I'd like to look at them to see what they can and can't do," Chief Tony Holloway told me this week. "I think it would be a great tool down the road" — particularly in specific situations like civil unrest, he said.

Studies, like one under way by the University of South Florida working with the Orlando Police Department, are still assessing the impact. But one California police department has reported dramatic drops in both the use of force by officers and complaints against police.

Which only makes sense when there's a tiny camera on hand.

No doubt, we'll see glitches and complications. Will a camera's presence make people less likely to approach a cop? Will some officers make self-serving choices on what they record?

But when it comes to sobering moments like the deadly encounter in a Missouri town — with the world watching — seeing for ourselves could be one step toward the truth.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't neglect storm prep

Editor:

This is a subject that stays heavy on my mind. It has been 10 years since Charley came through Arcadia. There were three hurricanes, one right after another.

People forget and become very comfortable again as the years go by. I know I was totally destroyed in 2004, a time that I will never forget.

Hurricane preparedness should be a part of the planning in our day-to-day lives. Here in Florida, we need to have the supplies we need now, not when it's about to hit. And have a plan. It is terrible to run out and get lumber, generators, water, food, etc., when it's right here on top of us. We need to have this as part of our everyday lives.

Make it your concern to remind your neighbors.

Jackie Tucker
Arcadia

Preteen pregnancy: Who is at fault?

Editor:

The uncle of a 12-year-old school child here in DeSoto County told me he asked his niece if she was going to go visit a maternal grandmother in another state. The child said her grandmother whom she lives with wouldn't let her go, because she (the child) had told her that six of her 12-year-old classmates were pregnant, and she didn't want her grandchild away from herself.

If this is true, then the school and the law enforcement failed to do their jobs.

Charges of molestation, child endangerment, rape and many other charges are due to some people.

Neville Smith
Arcadia

Response to ISIS too little, too late

Editor:

Here we sit, 2014, dumber than a box of rocks with our world falling apart around us. Those who went through the era of WWII, late '30s-early '40s and '50s, know exactly what I am referring to. We have had only two presidents since WWII who have had the guts to face evil threats to our way of life.

Harry Truman, a Democrat, dropped the atom bomb ending WWII. Ronald Reagan, a Republican, told Khrushchev where to stick it. The gutless wonders who run our country today, both Republicans and Democrats, only try to "talk" evil to death. You need to destroy it — period.

I heard Joseph Stalin say, "We will never have to engage the United States militarily

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GRITS & PIECES

That 70s Reunion — feelin' groovy and stayin' alive

Hear ye, hear ye, calling all DeSoto High Bulldogs who were part of the graduating classes of 1970 through 1979 — That 70s Reunion is upon us again, so let's get ready to rumble!

This year's gathering will take place Sept. 26 and 27 at The Turner Center with an informal tailgate party the first night and the big reunion on the second. Dress is informal/casual — dress comfortably both nights so you can enjoy both nights!

This will be our third such reunion, with past gatherings being in 2010 and 2012, and we expect it to be just



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as fun and memorable this year. The tailgate party is quite casual, to be held beneath the overhang in front of The Turner Center, and we'll have access to the lobby, restrooms, and concession booth. Friday night is free to all DCHS

classmates from the 1970s, other than buying your own concessions. Please bring a folding chair of some sort, as we'll be there until 11:30 p.m. There will be no program or formalities, just coming together to catch up with old friends, because one night just isn't enough.

Saturday's event costs \$35 per person, to help pay for food, music, rental of the building, and more. Deadline for registration is coming up soon — Sept. 15 — so please make out your check to Class of 1978 or get

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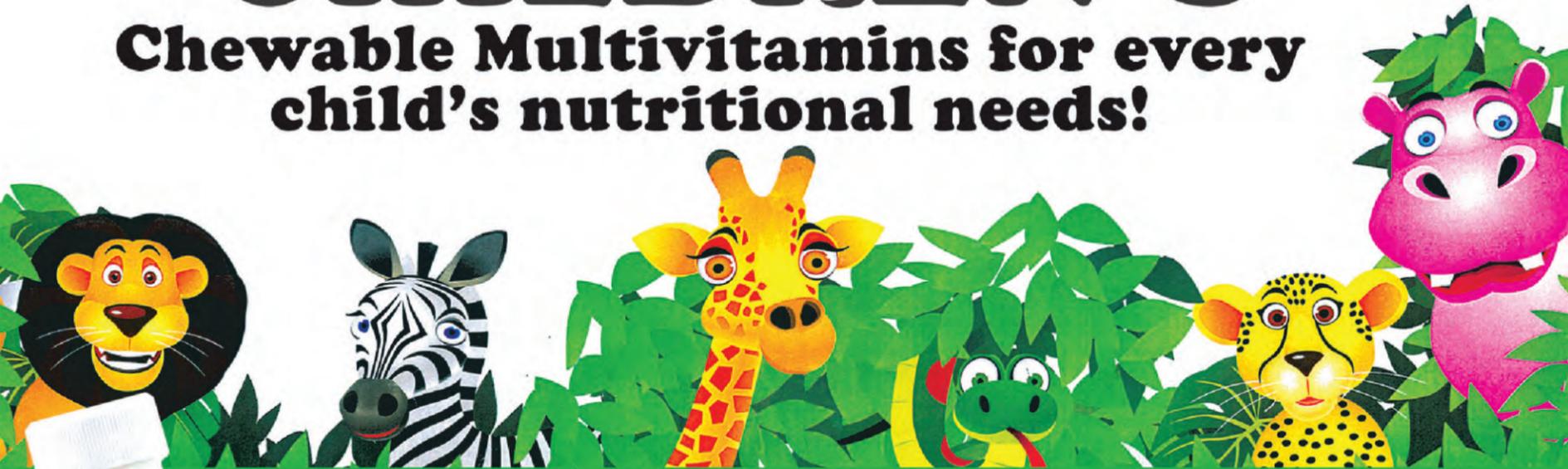
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- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at Mount Olive CME, 7683 S.W. Hull Ave., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 28, Sept. 25 and Oct. 23.
- The Treasure Coast Dog Show takes place at the Turner Center Aug. 28-31.
- Caregiver 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.
- Habitat for Humanity is dedicating its next home at 5L30 p.m. Aug. 28, at 2261 S.W. Lois Ave.
- The Family Safety Alliance meeting for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. at the McClure Center, 4215 Concept Court, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call 941-316-6009.
- AA Second Tradition Anniversary Night is the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St. Potluck/barbeque before the meeting.
- AA Second Tradition Anniversary Night is the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St. Open speaker.
- 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.
- Relaxation Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m. 6 p.m. Sign-in 4:50 p.m. Enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept. conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.

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

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

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.

- Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 103

■ FRIDAY

- The Treasure Coast Dog Show takes place at the Turner Center Aug. 28-31.

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

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

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

- Friday Night Live — the City Takers for Christ presents "Friday Night Live" with Rev. Troy Rowe, every Friday. Come and experience what God is doing in this season through His word and praise and worship. 37 W. Magnolia St. (across from SunTrust drive-through). For information call 244-4341.

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

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

■ SATURDAY

- The Treasure Coast Dog Show takes place at the Turner Center Aug. 28-31.

- DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.

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

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

■ SUNDAY

- The Treasure Coast Dog Show takes place at the Turner Center Aug. 28-31.

- 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

- Happy Labor Day to our readers!

- There will be no trash collection on Monday, Sept. 1, in honor of Labor Day. The landfill is closed that day. The next service day for DeSoto County Monday customers will be Thursday, Sept. 4. For more information, visit www.womacksanitation.com.

- 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.district-13sofial-anon.org.

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■ TUESDAY

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

- Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.

- Every Tuesday night, line dance class at the Palace Dance Hall (17N). Beginners welcome. \$3 donation. For more info, call Jennie Martin at 494-2749.

- Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1509 E. Oak St. For details visit www.weightwatchers.com and "find a meeting" or call 800-651-6000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Suncoast Community Blood Bank is open from noon to 6 p.m. today at 710 N. Brevard Ave. (U.S. 17 North), Arcadia. For more information, call 993-9366.

■ WEDNESDAY

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

7:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church, 1004 W. Oak St.

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

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

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

- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.

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

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

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

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■ THURSDAY

- DeSoto County 4-H will hold Open House from 5-7 p.m. on Sept. 4. For more information, call Kristie at 993-4846.

- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at the DeSoto Homeless Center, 1425 MLK Jr. St., from 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.

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

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

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

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

- 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.

- Relaxation Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m. 6 p.m. Sign-in 4:50 p.m. Enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept. conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.

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

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

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■ COMING EVENTS

- The DeSoto branch of the NAACP is hosting a Youth and Young Adult Empowering Symposium from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 6 at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave. The program will address such topics as education, GPA, HS diploma and higher learning, careers, job search and more. Parent or guardian must accompany participant. For details call Minister Wendell Campbell at 244-3425, Linda Howell at 558-2919 or Deborah Clifton at 494-5707.

■ SPECIAL

- Veterans — Free rides are available to area VA clinics. (Some restrictions apply.) For details, call 993-9670.

- 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.

- Your clutter may be someone else's treasure, so please donate your gently used items to the DeSoto County Historical Society for their annual Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, at the Fairgrounds Exhibition Building, 124 Heard St., Arcadia. Drop off your donations on Thursdays before 1 p.m. at the Howard and Velma Melton Historical Research Library in the Ingraham Seed House, 120 W. Whidden Street, or call 863-494-6607. All proceeds will benefit the Society's efforts to preserve and promote the history of DeSoto County for future generations.

- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at Nocatee Elementary School, 4846 S.W. Shores Ave., Nocatee, from 4:30-6 p.m. (not open to the public before 4:15 p.m.) on Sept. 9 and 23, Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 11 and 25, and Dec. 9.

- The DeSoto County Ministerial Association will hold its first luncheon meeting 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 10, in the conference room at Arcadia Housing Authority, 7 Booker T. Washington Rd. We will offer a time of fellowship and a free light lunch, then Vince Sica and Kristen Spahr from DeSoto Memorial Hospital will speak about the urgent plight of the hospital, and the need for keeping DMH in the county. While the meeting is primarily for church and religious leaders, all county residents and community leaders are encouraged to attend and become a part of the Ministerial Assn.

- The Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at the Bartow Public Library, Second Floor Conference Room, 2150 South Broadway Ave., Bartow. The Agenda Packet will be posted to the Council's website at www.cfrpc.org. For more information email Patricia M. Steed, Executive Director at psteed@cfrpc.org or call 863-534-7130 ext. 130.

- On Sept. 11, the DeSoto County Historical Society will have an evening dinner meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church. The meeting will feature a silent film about Arcadia filmed in 1926. The meal will start at 5:30 with the meeting and movie to follow at 6 p.m. Buy tickets by Sept. 7 at the August meeting, Mary Margaret's Tea & Biscuits or at the Ingraham Seed House, or by calling Bebe Bradbury at 494-6607. Dinner is chicken breast, mashed potato and gravy, vegetables, salad and dessert. For more information, call 494-6607. (It is free to attend the film only, without the meal.)

- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 101 S. Orange Ave., from 5-7 p.m. on Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11.

- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free fresh produce to those in need at the DeSoto Housing Authority, 7 Booker T. Washington Road, from 10-11:30 p.m. on Fridays Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 14 and 28 and Dec. 12.

- First Baptist Church Arcadia will be hosting a free concert featuring Jonny Diaz, an American Contemporary Christian pop artist originally from Lakeland, Fla., at 7 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the church.

- Sunday, Sept. 14, Open house 1-4 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. High Holy tickets will be available.

- The DeSoto County Library Association will meet on Monday, Sept 15 at 5 p.m. in the DeSoto County Library.

- 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.

- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at 7th Day Adventist Church, 2865 SE Ami Drive, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at Nocatee Elementary School, 4846 S.W. Shores Ave., Nocatee, from 4:30-6 p.m. (not open to the public before 4:15 p.m.) on Sept. 23, Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 11 and 25, and Dec. 9.

- Wed., Sept. 24, Erev Rosh Hashana service begins at 7:30 p.m., at Temple Beth El, 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port.

- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at Mount Olive CME, 7683 S.W. Hull Ave., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 25 and Oct. 23.



Family Album



FAMILY ALBUM PHOTOS

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

Conleys celebrate golden anniversary

Friends and relatives are invited to join in the celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary at a reception for Warren and Arlene Conley from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Family Service Center Annex, 310 West Whidden Street, Arcadia.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

The Conleys will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sept. 6.

Arlene Williams of Avon Park, and formerly of the Fish Branch community in Hardee County, became the bride of Warren Conley of Bartow on Sept. 5, 1964 at the Avon Park Church of Christ in a double ring ceremony

officialiated by the bridegroom's father, Byron B. Conley. Arlene graduated from Hardee High in 1958 and after attending Florida Christian College in Tampa, worked for the State for several years, then in insurance and banking, and retired

from the Hardee County Property Appraiser's Office in Wauchula. Warren is a 1958 graduate of Summerlin Institute in Bartow

and Troy State College (Troy, Ala.) in 1962. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he worked in accounting for many years and retired from Grimsley Oil Company in 2000.

The Conleys have resided in DeSoto County for the last 25 years. They are members of the Fort Ogden Church of Christ and are active in the DeSoto County Historical Society. No gifts please.



The Conleys as newlyweds in 1964.

Thank you

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.*

— Thank you from the Family of Della Mae "David" Tolbert

Thank you

The Fales Family wants to thank everyone who came out, showed up, helped, pitched in, saddled up, rode hard, prayed harder, gave their time, love, money, hugs during the fundraiser held for our son. Words will never be enough. Big thank you to the Arcadia All Florida Saddle Club, DeSoto Auto Mall, Fussell Meats, and everyone who helped make SJ's benefit a huge success! All our love and thanks, The Fales Family

Gift of layettes for new mothers



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JANE POWERS

From left, MaryLou, Ellen, Suzie, Norma and Barbara from the Ladies Mission Group of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Sarasota are shown with Amy, OB Supervisor at DeDoto Memorial Hospital. They brought 30 sets of layettes to the OB Department at DeSoto Memorial Hospital. They took the time not only to make these layettes but also to bring them personally to the OB Department. They got to see one of the newborns as well. This is a donation made every year and is most appreciated by the OB nursing staff. No doubt the new mothers are equally thrilled with such beautiful layettes.

Community leaders deepen their skills



PHOTO PROVIDED BY KRISTEN SPAHR

Several community leaders in DeSoto County were invited to participate in The Harwood Public Innovators Lab offered through a scholarship with The Patterson Foundation. They offered this unique opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of our community and how to use that knowledge to fundamentally change the way we have conversations and solve challenges. This initiative included a three-day lab in Sarasota for training and will result in a yearlong journey with a community project. Pictured here are, from left, Kristen Spahr of DeSoto Memorial Hospital, Cheryl Gorman of The Harwood Institute, VP National Programs, Ashley Coone of DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce, and Mike Provau of Drug Free DeSoto County.

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APD nabs three robbery suspects

STAFF REPORT

The Arcadia Police Department arrested three men last week in connection with a gas station robbery.

APD officers responded to a 911 call at the Citgo station on Brevard Avenue in Arcadia around 11 p.m. on Aug. 17. A review of store surveillance video showed two masked men, one armed with a modified .30-06 hunting rifle, taking cash from a register before fleeing.



BING



DUPREE



ROBINSON

Officials said three minutes prior to the robbery, someone called 911 reporting an "emergency" in the Harlem Circle area of Arcadia. Although investigators say the call was designed to keep APD officers away from the site of the robbery, it ended up leading detectives to one of the suspects.

"We were able to use the information from that phone call to obtain a search warrant on a residence in the Stonegate apartment complex Aug. 20, which resulted in us finding items used in the robbery," APD detective Gary Evans said.

Specifically, officers found the rifle



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY STEVE BAUER

This modified .30-06 rifle was confiscated during the search of a residence at the Stonegate Apartments complex. APD detectives say when they found the firearm a bullet (pictured) was loaded in the gun's chamber.

used at the scene and a purple shirt worn by the one of the suspects. A live ammunition cartridge was also found in the chamber of the rifle. The next day, police arrested Kinajie Dupree in connection with the robbery.

After initially refusing to talk, on Friday morning Dupree gave investigators the names of two people he said were involved in the crime. APD officers arrested Marcus Bing and Eric Robinson that afternoon without incident.

Investigators say Bing held the rifle during the robbery while Robinson took cash from the register. Although not seen on the video, police determined Dupree drove the getaway vehicle. Citgo employees told police the men took between \$1,200-\$1,500 in cash.

Bing, Dupree and Robinson were charged with grand theft of more than \$300 and less than \$5,000; robbery with a firearm; and committing a felony while wearing a mask or hood. Bing and Dupree were also charged with



The purple shirt worn by Robertson during the robbery was one of several items investigators confiscated during the search of a residence in the Stonegate Apartments complex.

possession of a weapon or ammunition by gang-related felon or delinquent; and possession of a weapon (short-barreled



PHOTO PROVIDED

Arcadia Police Department detectives used the Citgo store's surveillance footage to help identify suspects Eric Robertson (purple shirt) and Marcus Bing (black clothing).

gun, rifle or machine gun). Bing is being held without bond, while Robinson's bond is set at \$130,500.

Robinson is also being held for an unrelated incident where he allegedly broke into his girlfriend's residence. He was charged with unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling; violation of a domestic protection order; and false imprisonment of an individual under 13 years old. Combined with the robbery charges, he is being held on \$421,000 bond.

Eischen charged with bilking elderly couple

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office arrested James Robert Eischen, 77, on charges he defrauded an elderly couple of more than \$50,000.

Eischen, of the 2500 block of N.E. Turner Ave., Arcadia, was released on his own recognizance.

According to the arrest report, in 2012, Eischen befriended an elderly man, who was in poor health, and began to act as a caretaker for him and his wife, who was also not in good health. Eischen reportedly convinced the man to give Eischen the power of attorney, and asked Eischen to take care of the man's 87-year-old wife upon his death.

When the man died two weeks later, Eischen at first said he would sell the man's mobile home and give the assets to the surviving wife. However, later he said the man told him he could keep



EISCHEN

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.

the home as well as his car.

In Jan. 2013, the wife went to live at an assisted living facility. She believed Eischen was watching over her property including the mobile home, as well as her estate. The understanding with the ALF was that she would pay them once her assets were sold, which Eischen was supposed to have been overseeing.

However, in Dec. 2012, Eischen had title of both the mobile home and vehicle transferred to himself and his wife, saying these were "gifts" the decedent had given him. He presented the power of attorney to the tax collector's office. He and his wife reportedly moved into the mobile home, and took a few boxes of personal property to the wife at the ALF.

Staff at the ALF later became suspicious and contacted Florida's Department of Children and Families. The report states a bank account was established late in 2012 for the purpose of allowing Eischen to manage the man's estate and provide for the care of the surviving wife. However, records show that he apparently paid for rental on his own mobile home lot for one month out of this "caregiver" account, and also made multiple payments for lot rental of the decedent's mobile home (where Eischen and his wife now lived), as well as issuing checks for various services and taxes. Another check, of more than \$4,800, was written out of the account to Eischen. He offered no explanation why, if the mobile home and vehicle were titled in his name, payments for lot rental and taxes were being made out of the caregiver account.

Later he reportedly told investigators he would be willing to repay the wife the funds he misappropriated from the caregiver account. He felt, however, the mobile home and vehicle had been owed to him in return for his caring for the man and his wife.

DCSO claims Eischen misappropriated personal funds of more than \$9,300, and the mobile home and vehicle valued at \$43,900, for a total of more than \$53,200.

Eischen was arrested Friday on charges he exploited an elderly victim for an amount between \$20,000 to \$100,000, and for theft of \$50,000 or more from a person 65 or older. His arraignment is scheduled for Sept. 2.

FCCC resident charged with battery

Bruce Wayne Whitehead, 46, a resident of the Florida Civil Commitment Center (Jimmy Ryce Center) in DeSoto County, was arrested on three counts of battery on staff members there.

According to the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office arrest report, Whitehead reportedly initiated a disturbance at FCCC by kicking a door and cursing. When one of the officers told him to stop kicking the door, Whitehead said he was going to stab him and kill him.

Two other officers tried to calm Whitehead down, but he continued to threaten the first officer. Two more officers came in and Whitehead began arguing with them.

According to DCSO's report, Whitehead came at one of those officers, purposely bumping into him, and the officer's glasses were knocked off. Another officer grabbed Whitehead, and Whitehead approached him with fists balled up. As three officers worked to subdue and handcuff him, Whitehead continued to struggle and kick the officers, and tried to bite one of them.

Whitehead was arrested and charged with three counts of felony battery on staff of a violent sexual predator facility. He is being held without bond in the DeSoto County Jail.

According to the Florida Department of Corrections website, Whitehead was previously sentenced to 30 years in prison for attempted murder, kidnap



WHITEHEAD

and sexual battery with the use or threat to use a deadly weapon or use of physical force in Duval County in 1986. He is a registered sexual predator. Since his confinement in DeSoto County, in 2009 he was adjudicated guilty of possession of marijuana and criminal mischief. He also filed a civil rights case in 2010 that was dismissed, as well as a habeas corpus petition in 2010 which was denied and dismissed.

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

- Dominique Raphael LaCroix, 33, 1500 block of S.W. County Road 769, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- William Winford Sexton III, 29, 500 block of N. 10th Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$240.
- Robin Melinda Mancera, 40, 1300 block of S.E. 3rd Ave., Arcadia. Charge: habitually driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$2,000.
- Mark Wayne Taylor, 22, 2200 block of S.W. Mango Drive, Arcadia. Charge: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$1,000.
- Steve Lamont Williams, 42, 1400 block of E. Cypress St., Arcadia. Charges: two counts of failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$100.
- Elmer Wayne Wood III, 76, 4300 block of S.W. U.S. Hwy. 17, Arcadia. Charge: DUI with alcohol or drugs. Bond: \$500.
- Lamar Lee Alvarez, 34, 1300 block of Oak Trail, Arcadia. Charges: shoplifting from merchant, second offense and petty theft. Bond: \$240.
- Jason Adam Brown, 34, 300 block of N. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- John Keith Davis, 33, 6600 block of N.W. Pinehurst Drive, Arcadia. Charges: two counts of failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,200.
- Daniel Paul Fugate, 60, 300 block of N. Manatee Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$2,000.

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This Week in DeSoto History

1964:

• Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Whidden of Arcadia, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Louella Whidden, to Mr. William H. Hollingsworth, also of Arcadia. The couple have planned the wedding date for September 18th at Oak Hill Baptist Church.

• Mrs. Mildred Tisdale, Mrs. Edna Mercer, and Mrs. Myrtle went to Sarasota on business Friday.

• Beth Tisdale spent the night with Terrie Lynn Ritch.

• Carla Tisdale, Linda Mercer and Lelon Murphy visited Mrs. Perch Jones in Lake Wales Saturday night.

1979:

• Dr. and Mrs. Terry Saunders and children are doing fine this week after they narrowly escaped a fire that heavily damaged their home on South Brevard Avenue last week. They are temporarily staying with his parents. Doctor Saunders has relocated his office in the Martin Building.

• The DeSoto County Youth Athletic Association presented a cheerleading camp which was held at the KOA Campgrounds, for 76 girls. The girls ranged from ages 8-14, and were separated into age groups. Six DeSoto High School Varsity Cheerleaders, Mary Allison Treadwell, Susie Blackburn, Cassandra Parker, Kay Boyd, Jenny Griffin, and Kathy Markett, taught the girls some chants, cheers, and jumps in order to prepare them for the upcoming season of the Red Raiders.

• While DeSoto High School Football Coach Richard Bowers is getting into full swing for the upcoming season



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this week, those students who play basketball this year are still wondering who their coach will be. He'll be Ray Etters, formally of Eustis, the *Arcadian* has learned. He's already been hired as an English and science teacher by the school board.

• Six DeSoto High School football athletes will be playing for college teams in the upcoming season. Johnny Rembert, the only boy selected from District 2 to play in the High School All-Star game in Gainseville recently. Rembert will play at the Community College in Kansas. Bruce Aaron and Michael Messina will play for Central Florida College, and Manuel Jenkins will play for Orlando Southern College and Johnny Lee is playing for Bethune Cookman College, Daytona.

• A group of Arcadians took a cruise aboard the SS Emerald Seas to the Bahamas the weekend of August 3-6. Traveling to the Bahamas were John and Sue Parker, Stan and Beth Crews, Buddy Strickland, Jerry Gaskins, Marion Carroll, Scott Fisher, David and Kay Holloman, Mike and Lee Sanders, Bob and Mary Rush, Jimmy and Lisa Norris, Bobby and Shirley Kelly, Jim and Donna Henderson, Darryl and Judy Wertz, and Bobby and Tess Williams. A highlight of the trip was shopping at the unique Straw Market.

ARRESTS

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• Aurelio Gonzales Antonio, 47, Bonita Springs, Fla. Charges: habitually driving while license is suspended, and resisting or obstructing an officer without violence. Bond: \$2,750.

• Shane Joseph Little, 26, 700 block of N. 17th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• Crystal Ann Coker, 25, 8th St., Arcadia. Charge: grand theft auto. Bond: \$7,500.

• Melissa Diane Franko, 42, 1300 block of N.E. Sunset Ave., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft, between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$120.

• Jose S. Galicia Ortega, 40, Ruskin, Fla. Charge: driving while license is suspended, second offense. Bond: \$500.

• Shauna Gabrielle Harrison, 19, no address, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.

• Joanne Gertrude Simmons, 78, 1100 block of S.W. Fletcher St., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: \$120.

• James Randolph Stewart, 38, 200 block of N. Brevard Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

• Frankie Michelle Terry, 40, no address, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Released on recognizance.

• Daniel Lee Vega, 27, 1000 block of S.E. Adel St., Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$500.

• James Lesley Allen, 48, 1200 block of Harlem Circle, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.

• Brittany Rushell Hatten, 25, Avon Park, Fla. Charges: three counts of failure to appear. Bond: \$6,000.

• Tyquin Jeremy Kelly, 24, 1000 block of S.W. Golden Drive, Arcadia. Charge: habitually driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$2,000.

• Theresa Lynn Schlier, 39, 5000 block of N.E. Country Ranches Road, Arcadia.

Charges: disorderly public intoxication and assault on an officer, firefighter or EMT. Bond: none.

• Judgie Ware, 43, Labelle, Fla. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• Austin Hames Judson, 35, 6100 block of S.W. Shores Ave., Arcadia. Charges: driving while license is suspended and failing to register motor vehicle. Bond: \$240.

• Krystal Nicole Hernandez, 28, 11900 block of S.W. Spring Lake Drive, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• Antonio Cuesta Huerta, 33, Sebring. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: \$3,115.

• Daniel Ray Lynch, 24, 200 block of Providence St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: \$745.

• Kelly Lynn Meringolo, 26, 1300 block of S.E. Peach Drive, Arcadia. Charges: two counts of sale of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, and three counts of possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$11,360.

• Jeffrey Thomas Moxley, 21, St. Augustine. Charges: driving without a valid license and resisting or obstructing an officer without violence. Bond: \$870.

• Rosalino Aguirre Chamu, 64, Stuart, Fla. Charge: habitually driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$2,000.

• Amanda Lynn Simes, 26, 7000 block of S.W. Fugate St., Fort Ogden. Charges: seven counts of unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure, three counts of grand theft between \$100-\$300, and two counts of petty theft. Bond: \$55,740. Released on recognizance.

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

• Jason Adam Brown, 34, 300 block of N. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation or community control. Bond: none.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman



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 Wednesday 6:30pm
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Look for the best in others

Want a simple formula for a miserable life? Just focus on the faults of others.

Zeroing in on what's wrong with everybody may sound like great sport but it just wounds and destroys.

A century ago, the eloquent minister, DeWitt Talmadge, wrote: "There is in every community and every church, watch dogs who feel called upon to keep their eyes on others and growl. They are always the first to hear of anything wrong. Vultures are always the first to smell carrion.

"These critics are self-appointed detectives ... always looking for something mean instead of something grand. They look at their neighbor's imperfections through a telescope upside down."

The Bible describes these hypocritical people as cannibals: "If ye bite and



Roger Campbell

devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another" (Galatians 5:15).

This is a fitting description of them because these critics are always eating away at the character and reputation of others; always putting people down and in doing so they weaken their homes, their churches, even their nation. They have chosen a path of self destruction.

There's a better way to live.

Try looking for the best in others. When we do so, we find them easier to love. And in loving the ones around us we become more like our Lord.

Paul's letter to his friends in Phillipi contains this startling statement: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Philippians 1:3).

How could the great apostle write this? Was the church to which he wrote perfect? Of course not! Churches are made up of imperfect people.

Someone told the still highly respected English minister, C.H. Spurgeon, that he was looking for a perfect church.

"If you find one, don't join it or you'll spoil it," replied Spurgeon.

The first century church was an excellent example of people conquering critical attitudes. There were 120 people gathered in an upper room following the resurrection of Christ

and most of their leaders were proven failures. Peter had denied his Lord. Thomas had doubted the resurrection. Philip had a reputation for expecting the least. James and John had tried to outrank the others and the women had gone to the tomb of Jesus with spices to do the work of undertakers, not expecting Him to be alive. In other words, the seeds of failure were among them.

Still this unlikely group put away their differences, refused to focus on their faults and became world changers.

We're still reaping the benefits of their wise decision.

Like them, let's look for the best in others.

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

Another tragedy, another scam

It has happened again. As I have written about before, whenever a tragedy occurs anywhere in the world, in this day of instant communication, criminals find a way to profit some others' misfortune.

In this case, I am referring to the Ebola outbreak that has touched many people in several African countries, as well as people from other countries, including ours, who have gone to the affected areas to provide aid and assistance.

I am not a person with medical background, nor do I claim to know a great deal about Ebola, so for that kind of information you will need to seek another source. What I can share with you is the fact that already there



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are criminals offering, on-line, bogus products that claim to prevent or treat the disease.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, the government agency that has oversight responsibility for new drugs and medications, there is currently no approved treatment or cure for Ebola. While a small number of people

showing symptoms of the disease are being treated with real drugs, the agency emphasizes that the drugs are still experimental and under continuing investigation.

This information, which the FDA has circulated both on-line and in the media, is in direct contradiction to the claims being made by some of the on-line criminals about their products. Should you be tempted to purchase any of these products, be aware that one of the popular ones is a powder, Garcinia cambogia. One of the individuals is selling a product that has been shown to contain insecticides. If the seller is claiming his product is a dietary supplement, he is breaking yet another law. It is illegal to claim a dietary supplement

can prevent or cure a disease.

Should you become aware of any of these phony product offers, obtain as much information as you can about them, without involving yourself, and report the information to the FDA. They can be reached at 1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332).

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

GRITS & PIECES

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a money order and mail it soon to P.O. Box 443, Arcadia FL 34265, or you may drop by the Holiday Inn Express Hotel in Arcadia during weekdays, ask for Karen, and give it to her.

Our meal will be catered by the same group as last year, as they got rave reviews for the wonderful meal they provided us. Tea or water will come with the meal, and a cash bar will be available for the purchase of alcohol and soft drinks.

We will have a brief program Saturday evening, as well as dancing, and a special photo booth will be set

up for classmates to take their own photos in, at no charge. On display will be the signature banner from our first reunion in 2010, which was attended by more than 600, counting spouses and teachers. It is something to behold and takes a good while to look over, with so many signatures. Sadly, some of those signers are no longer with us, which is why we want to display it, and why we urge every 1970s classmate to attend — we're losing way too many.

Members of the Class of '74 should be especially excited about coming, as this will be their 40th year after graduation, and because they were cheated out of their 30th, which had been planned for 2004 just before Hurricane Charley hit. Also, the Class of '79 will celebrate its 35th, so we're hoping for a

strong showing from them as well.

We have a number of teachers and educators scheduled to be with us, including John Gambrell, George Latimer, Roosevelt and Betty Johnson, Rocco Russomano, Jesse Blanton, and others, so please make all efforts to come and reacquaint yourself with them and help us give them the rock star treatment they deserve for having had to put up with us back in the day.

There is a 10-year age difference in the oldest and youngest class, but after so many years, it seems that we've caught up with each other and it often feels as though we're all the same age. One unique thing about a decade's worth of classes coming together, compared with a regular reunion of just one class, you'll see members of classes other than your own whom you'll know, whom you otherwise may not have ever seen again. And don't worry, we'll have name tags to help you put names with the faces, just in case you show up and wonder who all those old folks are.

If you are on Facebook and haven't joined That 70s Reunion's group page, please do so, and you'll not only find more information there, but can

scroll for hours, looking at photos and comments from our past gatherings. If you've not attended one, it might help you recognize some folks if you familiarize yourself with them now. You'll see what a fun time we've had for sure.

The reunion is not open to classes before 1970 or after 1979, so that we may hold true to our name, but others may come as a registered guest of a 1970s class member, one on one. Also, be aware that you need not have made it all the way through graduation to come — some were part of the 1970s classes but did not finish for whatever reason, or moved away before time to get their diploma, etc.

This should be enough information for you to have an idea of what to expect, and hopefully will entice you to come join us. The fun and music will be flowing freely with the great tunes of that era, and many memories will be shared and made this year.

So get your motor runnin', head out on the highway, lookin' for adventure, and come join us. Keep stayin' alive and feelin' groovy in the meantime, and remember, like a true nature's child, you were born to be wild!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida will have the first of two scheduled Budget Hearings on Monday, September 8, 2014, at 6:30 PM in the County Commission Meeting Room 103, Administration Building, 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida as follows:

TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED 2014/15 BUDGET

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The Nav-A-Gator Bar & Grill hosted a viewing party on Aug. 19 for customers to watch the "Extreme Catches" episode of Animal Planet's program, "Off the Hook." DeSoto residents Andy and Jayson Franklin were featured in an alligator hunting scene in this episode, which followed them from the Nav-A-Gator along the Peace River. In the photo, from left, are Andy Franklin and Jayson Franklin of Lake Suzy, along with Nancy and Dennis Kirk, owners of the Nav-A-Gator.

Nav-A-Gator featured in adventure show



A large crowd gathered at the Nav-A-Gator Grill and Marina on Aug. 19 to watch an episode of Animal Planet's "Off the Hook." The episode featured two Lake Suzy residents Andy and Jayson Franklin on a gator hunt along the Peace River.

Brrrr! — getting drenched for a good cause



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Outfitted with a snorkel mask and fins, DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ashley Coone is drenched with a bucket of ice water, thanks to Heather Nedley. Coone is one of many DeSoto County residents who have been tapped to take part in the viral fundraiser, meant to raise money for ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Holland released from prison

Staff Report

Mason Holland, a former DeSoto County High School basketball star who gained notoriety for pushing a referee during a game, was released from state prison Sunday. Holland had been charged with battery of a sports official in December 2010 after he shoved referee Jim Hamm and then picked him up and threw him on the floor, during a

basketball game at DeSoto against the Port Charlotte Pirates.

Video of the game quickly went viral on YouTube.

Holland was charged with battery of a sports official and was found guilty in February 2013.

While his battery case was pending, he was also charged with a sex offense with a victim age 12 to 15, when he was alleged to have had sex with his girlfriend. He was found

guilty in Feb. 2013. (A second sex-related charge stemming from the same incident was later dropped.)

Holland was sentenced to three years, one month and 11 days in state prison with credit for time served, for both the battery and sex offense cases.

He served his time at the Sumter Correctional Institution and was released Sunday.



HOLLAND

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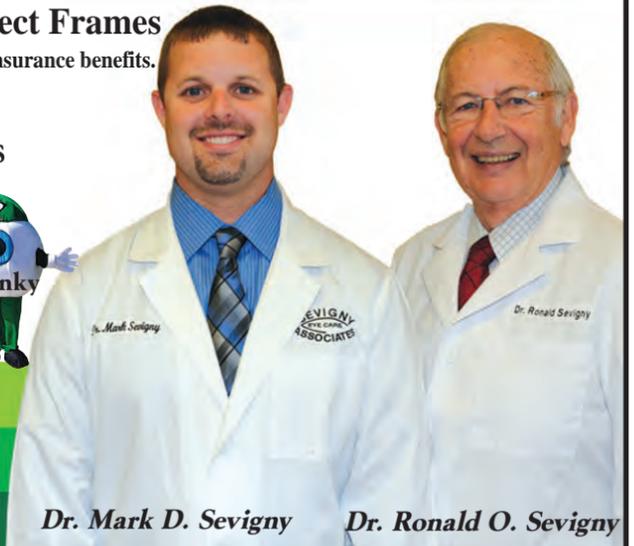
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Roosevelt Johnson, right, shakes hands to congratulate Danny Via who won the School Board District 1 race. Many of the candidates and their supporters gathered in the DeSoto County Commissioners meeting room to watch as the Supervisor of Elections posted results updated throughout the evening.



DeSoto County Supervisor of Elections Mark Negley, left, and Kelli Johnson confer before posting updated election results Tuesday night.

PRIMARIES

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1,229 votes, with Hall at 916. Selph now faces Republican write-in candidate Virginia Algar in November's general election.

"It's been an exhausting few weeks of campaigning, and I thought Mr. Hall ran a good race; we both worked hard at it," Selph said. "I appreciate the voters' support and their confidence in me."

Via, Allen win School Board races
DeSoto voters elected newcomer Daniel Via to the county's School Board Tuesday, in the seat long held by Rodney Hollingsworth, while incumbent Ronny Allen was awarded another term in office.

Via, who has no political experience, narrowly edged out Dr. Roosevelt Johnson by 41 votes in the District 1 race, 1,732 to 1,691. Johnson was employed with the DeSoto County School District for 46 years, and served on the Arcadia City Council and the Florida League of Cities.

"I want to thank the residents of DeSoto County. I'm really excited but also a little nervous," Via said. "This was my first political bout, and (Johnson) is a great man and had he been given the opportunity I'm



Jim Selph, who won the Democratic Party nod for DeSoto County Commission District 2, gets a congratulatory hug from his grandson Kale Tarver. Selph, who defeated challenger Mike Hall, will face Republican write-in Virginia Algar in November.

sure he would have done a great job. I look forward to serving the county residents."

Incumbent Ronny Allen defeated

challenger Maria Moreno in the District 5 race with nearly 57 percent of the vote. According to unofficial results by the DeSoto Supervisor of Elections Office, Allen received 1,950 votes compared to Moreno's 1,483.

"I want to thank the citizens for giving me the opportunity to serve them, and for those who didn't support me I hope to change their minds and work harder for our children," Allen said.

The DeSoto County Supervisor of Elections office reported residents cast 3,532 ballots during the primary vote, accounting for only 23.8 percent of the county's 14,840 registered voters. DeSoto voters were more active compared to counties such as Charlotte, however, which reported only a 17 percent turnout for its primary races.

"This was a similar turnout to what we've seen in the past," said DeSoto Supervisor of Elections Office's Kelli Johnson. "It's usually just under 30 percent for a midterm election, and the numbers for this year are roughly the same as they were for the last midterm in 2010."

Judicial, state results

In the 12th Judicial Circuit Judge race, Susan Maulucci defeated Art Jackman with 59 percent of the vote, receiving 55,352 votes to Jackman's 37,958. In DeSoto County, Maulucci received 1,645 votes to Jackman's 1,460.

Governor Rick Scott will officially face Charlie Crist in the November general election after both candidates easily won their primary races. In the Republican primary, Scott defeated challenger Nan Rich with 87 percent of the vote, 834,395 to 100,715 for Rich. Candidate Yinka Abosedo Adeshina finished a distant third with 16,903 votes. Crist won the Democratic primary with 74 percent of the vote, tallying 622,980 votes to challenger Nan Rich's 214,740. The numbers for both candidates in DeSoto County were similar, with Scott receiving 86 percent of the vote, and Crist receiving 62 percent.

George Sheldon defeated Perry Thurston in the state Attorney General Democratic primary, securing 61 percent of the vote. The final vote count was 457,747 for Sheldon and 296,871 for Thurston. Again, DeSoto County's numbers were similar, with Sheldon receiving 57 percent of the vote. Sheldon will square off with incumbent Attorney General Pam Bondi in November.

For more information on November's general election, including profiles and candidate forums for this fall's Arcadia City Council and Arcadia Police Department races, watch future issues of the *Arcadian*. For questions or more information on Tuesday's primary races, contact the DeSoto Supervisor of Elections Office at 863-993-4871.

NEWS BRIEFS

Limited harvest starts Sept. 1 for snook

The recreational harvest season for Florida's premier game fish, snook, opens Sept. 1 statewide. Unique to the region, snook are one of the many reasons Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World.

While the fishery is already more than 90 percent catch-and-release, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission encourages anglers to continue to use moderation when determining whether or not to take a snook home. Gulf snook populations were negatively impacted by a 2010 cold kill. Gulf snook numbers currently exceed FWC management goals but are still rebuilding to pre-cold-kill levels, which is one of the reasons why it is important to handle fish with care in this region and use moderation when determining whether or not to harvest one.

When releasing a snook, proper handling methods can help ensure the species' abundance for anglers today and generations to come. To learn more about catch-and-release and the best way to handle a fish, visit www.MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater,"

then "Recreational Regulations."

Regular season closures are designed to help protect the species during vulnerable times such as cold weather and spawning. Snook are closed to harvest Dec. 1 through the end of February, and May 1 through Aug. 31 in Gulf state and federal waters, including Monroe County and Everglades National Park. In Atlantic state and federal waters, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, snook is closed Dec. 15 through Jan. 31 and June 1 through Aug. 31.

Management measures such as the one-fish-per-person, per-day bag limit, annual closed seasons and size limits will help continue rebuilding snook populations on both coasts.

Minimum and maximum size limits help protect juvenile and older breeding fish within the population. In the Atlantic, snook must be not less than 28 inches and not more than 32 inches total length, which is measured from the most forward point of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed while the fish is lying on its side. In the Gulf, they must be not less than 28 inches and not more than

33 inches total length.

A snook permit as well as a recreational saltwater license is required unless the angler is exempt from having a license. Snook may be targeted or harvested with hook and line gear only. Snagging is prohibited.

It is illegal to buy or sell snook. Anglers can report their catch on the Snook & Gamefish Foundation's website at www.SnookFoundation.org by clicking on the Angler Action link. Researchers also ask anglers who harvest the fish to save their filleted carcasses and provide them to the FWC by dropping them off at a participating bait and tackle store. For the county-by-county list, go to www.MyFWC.com/Research and click on "Saltwater," then "Snook" (under "Saltwater Fish") and "Snook Anglers Asked to Help with Research."

These carcasses provide biological data, including the size, age, maturity and sex of the catch. This information is important to the FWC in completing stock assessments on species such as snook. If you see a snook fishery violation, please call the Wildlife Alert Program at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

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Newspapers

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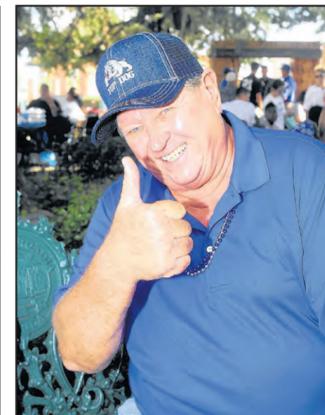
The single-copy price at racks and dealers will increase to 75¢ each.

School spirit rises at Tree of Knowledge Park



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Members of the DeSoto County High School varsity football team pose with Willy Bailey. Earlier this year, Bailey was honored with the "Do the Right Thing" award after saving a young friend from drowning.



Bob Miller, Bulldogs fan and member of the Big Dog Club, gives the thumbs-up sign at the Tailgate Party Friday.

Below: Summer Stimson, Skylar Holder, Adreanna White and Diana Moya of the Delta Omegas share their school spirit Friday at the Tree of Knowledge Park.



The Bulldogs cheerleaders show off some of their moves at the Tree of Knowledge Park before the Kickoff Classic on Friday.



Young Bulldogs Tyler Demetrik and Powers Shine show off their throwing arms during Friday's Tailgate Party.



Hayden and Andy Ames wear their Bulldogs shirts with pride.



From left, Logan Adams, Rob Adams, Hooker Browning, Marshal Matt Anderson, Pam Ames and Jeff Adams promote the BBQ dinners for sale at Friday's Tailgate Party.

A look back at some old-fashioned items

Tod Backer displayed toy vehicles from the 1930s and '40s that belonged to his father and from the 1950s, '60s, and '70s that his dad gave to him and his brother. Backer had some with moveable parts.



PHOTOS BY CAROL MAHLER



Wilda Meier unfolded a crazy quilt made in 1902 by Orpha Ross, a relative included in the book Meier also showed "The Genealogy of the Descendants of Robert Smith 1723-1923."



Barbara Nicholson presented an envelope from the First National Bank of Arcadia that her mother, Opal Keen McCray, had saved from the 1920s. One of the small colorized photographs printed on it depicts Nicholson's grandfather, Rhoden E. Keen, standing beside a truckload of watermelons with his daughters, Opal and Polly, sitting nearby eating watermelon.



Check out our continued coverage of the varsity football and volleyball teams' preseason game action.

Second-half collapse dooms Bulldogs

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

Last season the DeSoto County varsity football team mirrored the Clint Eastwood movie "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly." They had moments when they actually played well, while other times they looked pretty bad. All too often they were just plain ugly with penalties, fumbles and mental mistakes resulting in a 2-8 record.

During last Friday's 33-6 loss to the eighth-ranked Port Charlotte Pirates, they looked pretty good at times and downright bad at others. But contrary to last season, they never ventured into the "ugly" category.

The Bulldogs had several penalties, but many can be attributed to rust, considering it was their first game and the team has been practicing most of the preseason in the gym due to bad weather. They played hard and the large home crowd helped keep the team's spirit up even late in the game when the outcome had already been decided.

"We played a lot better than I thought we would, especially since we had so many practices inside this season," Senior Tajahs Jackson said.

Dawayne Hearn had one of two



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DeSoto Coach Wade Huckabe talks with kicker Cesar Barajas prior to halftime. Barajas' second field goal of the game brought the Bulldogs to within three points at the half.

Bulldog interceptions from highly touted Pirate quarterback Anthony Stephens. Hearn's pick stopped a Pirate drive at the Bulldog 35-yard-line. Jackson nearly picked off a third Stephens pass, but the ball went through his hands at midfield. Alfredrick Tyson also recovered a fumble, and the Bulldogs matched the Pirates play-for-play in the first two quarters, trailing only 9-6 at the half.

The Bulldogs found an accurate field goal kicker in the right foot of sophomore Cesar Barajas. He accounted for all six Bulldog points on two field goals, with the final one from 39 yards just as time expired in the first half.

"My limit is about 46 yards," Barajas said. He was named WFLN 1480 am radio's "Player of the Game."

Costly mistakes

The Bulldogs proved to be their own worst enemy several times Friday night, starting with their first series of the game. On the first play from scrimmage the Bulldogs had a penalty. Jackson ran for a nice gain on the second play that was called back by



Quarterback Reggie Jones picks up a nice gain but fumbles deep into Pirate territory in the 33-6 loss to Port Charlotte.

another penalty. The third play resulted in a safety for Port Charlotte when the center's snap sailed over Jackson's head and he recovered it in the end zone for a 2-0 Pirate lead.

Jackson had a nice 73-yard kickoff return deep into Pirate territory, but the Bulldogs offense was unable to punch it in for a touchdown. "We got to work on our end zone plays. We just couldn't get it in," Jackson said.

Alternating at quarterback with Jackson was senior Reggie Jones. He led the team with 50 yards rushing and had some exciting carries. His lost fumble deep in Pirate territory, however, cost the Bulldogs a shot at the lead just before the half.

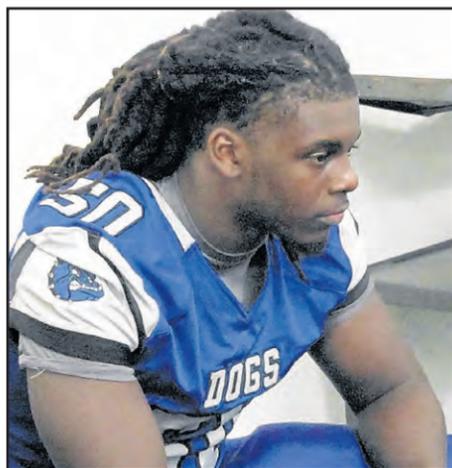
"We will need to work on some things in practice tomorrow, but we'll

be all right," Jones said.

Defensive letdowns

The DeSoto County defense played well in the first half, but surrendered several big gains in the second half that put the game out of reach. The aggressive Bulldogs defense gave up long runs to Stephens of 55 and 31 yards. The back-breaker came on a third-and-40 deep in the Pirates' own territory. Stephens ripped off a 56-yard gain, and the Pirates went from their own 10-yard-line to the Bulldogs' 5 in just two plays. Stephens rushed for 193 yards and a touchdown and threw for two more scores.

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Senior lineman Earnest Robinson gets ready for the first game of the season. The team had to wait more than an hour for the kickoff due to weather conditions.



Alfredrick Tyson (20) comes on to help Deionte "Juice" Turner and an unidentified player bring down Pirate quarterback Anthony Stephens for a loss. Stephens scored three times in the 33-6 win over DeSoto County.



Anthony Lee (11) and Stefan "Thumpa" Williams give chase to a Port Charlotte ball carrier in the 33-6 loss at home Aug. 22.

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Lucero Perez passes the ball to the target as Micaela Roberts looks on. The Bulldogs lost to Labelle 3-1 in a preseason warmup.



Josie Deriso attacks out of the middle in a game against Cypress Lake. The Bulldogs went on to win the match 3-0.



Kacey Steyer flashes a playful "what's up?" look to a teammate after getting a kill against Labelle in the preseason classic. The Dawgs dropped the match 3-1.



Bethany Bonville and Josie Deriso put up a strong double block in a preseason exhibition against Labelle. The Dawgs dropped the match 3-1.

Lady Bulldogs earn preseason split

By DAVE BREMER
SPORTS WRITER

Probably the only time varsity volleyball coach Laura White is more concerned about how her team plays than the final score is during the preseason. The wins and losses don't count, referees are being trained and coaches can move their players around and hopefully get an indication of how they'll perform in the regular season.

Entering her third year, White knows her team well. Nine players competed on her club team during

the offseason, and eight were on the varsity squad last season. The road to the season opener began this summer with a team camp at Florida Southern, followed by regular open gym sessions for skills training.

White recently made rotational changes to the lineup, however, leaving questions about some of the skill positions on the team. A pair of preseason matches last week allowed her to see how much of an impact the moves would have on the team's play.

"We had a traditional 6-2 offense during the club season. We realized over the summer, however, that we

needed Bethany Bonville as an outside hitter when she was in the front row and a setter when she was in the back row," White said.

With that in mind, White introduced her new lineup with about five practices left before the preseason games. Although the Bulldogs lost their match against Labelle 3-1, Bonville knocked down 17 kills and added five assists. "The match was pretty even," White said. "We had 90 points and they had 95 for the match. Our 15 service errors more than made that deficit."

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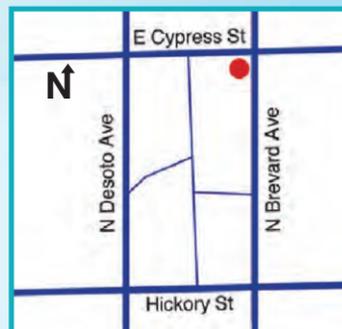


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Two days later the Lady Bulldogs came back to Riverdale High School (Lee County) to play Cypress Lake. The team's serving improved (22 service aces to seven service errors), and

DeSoto easily won three straight sets. For the match, the team outscored its opponent 75-20.

Work in progress

After watching her team in the preseason, White indicated there are two specific areas that need added attention. "We worked on our movement

and passing all summer and it's still a work in progress," she said. "We're trying to get our bodies in motion before the attack so we can cover more ground on defense, which takes a lot of repetition and muscle memory."

When asked about the positives she took away from the games, White was quick to compliment her team. "Datasia Wallace set the ball well, which is a key for us," she said. "Our outside hitters were very consistent and our middle hitters did fine; they

just need a little more zip in their attacks."

White added she believes this was one of the more versatile teams she's coached. "Our two newcomers, Jayla Cowell and Cassidy Furr, can play anywhere in the front row," she said. "It's nice to know you can put either of them in on the left side, middle or right, and they know what to do. They were also talking strategy out there on the court, which was good to see."

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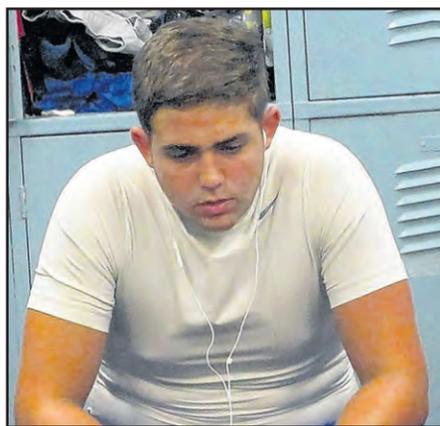
The Bulldogs had several drives where they moved the ball well against the Pirates defense. "That DeSoto team is much improved over what they were last year," Pirates Head Coach Dave Hofer said after the game.

In the post-game talk, DeSoto County Head Coach Matt Egloff applauded his players' efforts but said they need to play smarter.

"I have to tell you that I think you played your fannies off tonight, but we're like Skud missiles out there," he said. "I hope I'm explaining this right in that Skud missiles were developed to stop incoming missiles but their direction was off and they ended up exploding all over the place. We can explode but now we have to work on getting our direction better. We need to know our plays better; we need to work harder in practice and get in better shape."

Strong fan support

One notable positive on the night came from the fans. With over an hour delay in the starting time due to inclement weather, the fans hung around the parking lot and a few even tailgated before the game. The visitors' stands were packed and the Bulldogs'



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Lineman Chace Higgins listens to music as the Bulldogs waited out bad weather conditions before their Kick Off Classic against Port Charlotte.

stands were nearly full, too.

The fans' reaction to positive plays for the Bulldogs were appreciated by the team, and during the game many players turned back to admire the biggest crowd many of them had ever played for. Please continue to support the team; they open their season with two straight regular season games at home.

The Bulldogs will be firing their missiles at home tomorrow night at 7 p.m. as they host the Lake Region Thunder. The Thunder edged the Bulldogs last season 19-18.



PHOTOS BY DAVE BREMER

The Lady Bulldogs huddle up for the first time in the 2014 season before playing Labelle in a preseason exhibition. The Dawgs lost the match 3-1.



Lucero Perez takes a serve receive with Micaela Roberts and Bethany Bonville surrounding her. The Bulldogs dropped the preseason match against Labelle 3-1.



Bethany Bonville, Kacey Steyer, and Kaitlin Steyer get ready to switch to their specialty areas in an exhibition against Cypress Lake. The Bulldogs won the match 3-0.



Port Charlotte linebacker (and former DeSoto resident) Martin Luther reunites with former teammates Deionte Turner and RayShawn Stroman (64).

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Lady Bulldogs head coach Laura White goes over last-minute instructions before the team's preseason exhibition against Cypress Lake. DeSoto won the match 3-0.



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The Peace River Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association sponsors a Kids' Fishing Clinic at Lake Katherine every year, and each participating child receives a rod and reel.



The Peace River Coastal Conservation Association banquet committee is planning the third annual CCA banquet for Oct. 16.

Coastal Conservation dinner planned for October

By JO RIDER

COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

The Peace River chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association is organizing its annual banquet. As they begin the third year of planning for the coming event, they welcome several new committee members again this year.

It proves to be a bigger and better success with each passing year as

new interest, ideas and energy are generated.

As in the past, the Arcadia Turner Agri-Civic Center will be the venue for the banquet, which will be held starting at 6 p.m. on Oct. 16. Texas Cattle Co. will provide dinner and there will be a cash bar. A silent auction, live auction, and raffles will be held. Tickets prices are \$120 per couple; or \$65 per individual. Kids (with a children's meal) are

\$25 each, and a table is \$800. All tickets are sold in advance. None will be sold at the door.

The committee is looking for sponsors, donations, and new members. Save the date and help support CCA Florida, "Dedicated To Conserving And Protecting Florida's Marine Resources."

The Peace River Chapter has supported a Kids' Fishing Clinic the past two years, bringing many happy

memories and joy to the youth of DeSoto County. Instruction, rods and reels were provided by the Peace River Chapter.

For tickets or more information, contact any committee member or email Adam Miller, Regional Director, at amiller@ccaflorida.org, or by cell at 941-270-0895; or Chapter President Jim Bushouse at jim@jamesbushouseinc.com or jrbushouse@embarqmail.com.

LETTERS

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as they'll first destroy themselves through their political and educational systems." Our president knew months ago what ISIS was about to do and he did nothing. Recently, he reluctantly chose limited bombing — but he could have challenged ISIS much earlier in exposed desert terrain. President Obama's delayed military response has put millions of innocents in major population centers in the hands of ISIS terrorists. Military action is now far more difficult as ISIS is embedded within these communities who will now be exposed to grave collateral damage from any contemplated military action.

Now we have a U.S. journalist decapitated, innocent females and children kidnapped and butchered, all in the name of Islamic Jihad. The president refuses to call them what they are: butchers and terrorists. He prefers they be called "militants." President Obama is leading us down the road to destruction. I for one believe he knows what he is doing is intentional. I can hardly believe he is that stupid.

There are three trains of thought: 1) He knows what he is doing; 2) He really is stupid; 3) He is an intellectual idiot.

Pick your poison. We are all going to pay a horrible price.

George Pratt
Arcadia

[More letters received in support of DeSoto Memorial Hospital. There are still additional letters not yet published which will appear at a future date.]

Editor:

In the 1960s the owner of the hospital announced he was closing the hospital. We would be without a hospital.

Your board of county commissioners, of which I was a member, met with our Senator, Doyle Carlton, and Fletcher Brown, a local attorney. They recommended that DeSoto County participate with the federal government in the federal program where the government matches funds put up by the county.

We put off the decision for several weeks to see what our citizens felt was the thing to do. A.C. Polk called a public meeting to advise the public to tell their commissioner to go for it.

I remember speaking with Mr. Albert Carlton about it, and he said I was the commissioner, do what I thought.

We voted to build a new hospital and bonded the county for our part, \$1 million.

Chairman Harold Garner flew to New York City to slow the bonds. We appointed a hospital board and the hospital was built.

The commissioners were Garner, Donald McKay, Bob Wertz, Mr. Procter and myself, Bob Avant.

I had two daughters born in the old hospital and my daddy died there in 1968. My brother died in the new hospital in 1969.

Folks, we need our hospital. Let's find a way to keep it.

Bob Avant
Ret. County Commissioner
Arcadia

I had a very good experience in a recent stay while being admitted to the DeSoto Memorial Hospital, one well worthy of writing about. The entire staff that dealt with my issues was highly trained, detailed, courteous, dedicated and informative in their profession.

The food prepared for me for my two-day stay was nothing but superior in all respects and well accepted and enjoyed by me. For this, I want to thank everyone for a much appreciated stay on my part and rate them very well against any other hospital staff in the state on this level.

Thank you again,

Maurice Brown
Arcadia

As retirees, we find it very convenient to be so close to a hospital. We feel comfortable going to DMH. It's not as nerve-wracking as having to go to/be transported to Charlotte or Sarasota. With no hospital, DeSoto County would be an unsafe place to live. Also, the housing market is bad enough, with no hospital why would anyone want to move here?

Karen Hansen
Arcadia

If we want to bring jobs and industry to DeSoto County, we must have a hospital to attract a better grade of employment options.

Byron and Ruth Barney
Arcadia

I have been in this local hospital (for a) kidney stone, colonoscopy, MRI and other exams. We must not be required to go to other cities to take care of our problems.

Lois and Harold Augustat
Arcadia

We need a local hospital.

Cheryl Harmon
Arcadia

We have a lot of older people and workers. We need the hospital.

Kevin DeWitt
Arcadia

Even though it's not the best hospital, it's the only one we have.

Linda Brodowsky
Arcadia

I use the clinic at the hospital and also for the ER. I need to be able to have X-rays and other procedures done locally. We need a hospital instead of being transported to a hospital 30-50 miles away. This would probably be a life flight that I can't afford to pay.

Connie Abbott
Arcadia

Employment, too far to go in emergency, people will move closer to hospital access. Property values will decline.

Terry and Martha Bartholamew
Arcadia

If we don't have a hospital in DeSoto County, the availability of health care would be a problem. We are at least 45 minutes to an hour away from the next closest hospital. Many lives would be affected by the long delay. There are many retirement communities in the area that would be affected.

Sandra Stantz
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Learning the truth about Charley

On Aug. 14, Mac Martin hosted a reception for the "Hurricane Charley Retrospective," an evening to share art, essays, poems and songs, and heartfelt memories about that terrible day in 2004 when Charley came calling in DeSoto County.

I wasn't here then — I did not move to Florida until the following year, when my husband came here to help a friend invest in the real estate business, which was booming a year after



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the hurricane. (Of course, the market started to tank just about the time the ink on our mortgage papers dried. But by then we were settled and happy to be living in Florida.)

But I did not live through the storm and had no story to share. Even the photos I brought to the event weren't my own, but taken from *The Arcadian's* 10-year-old files.

That's why I was so impressed, and so emotionally moved, hearing the first-hand tales others shared.

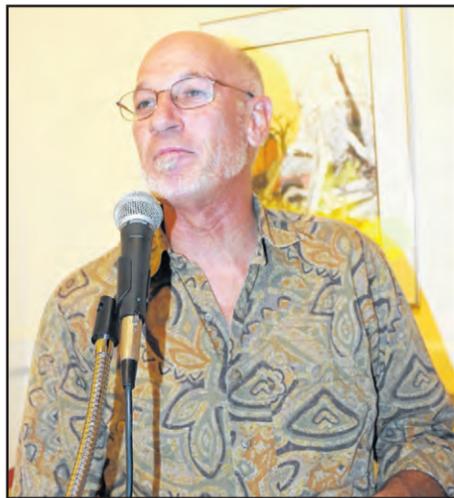
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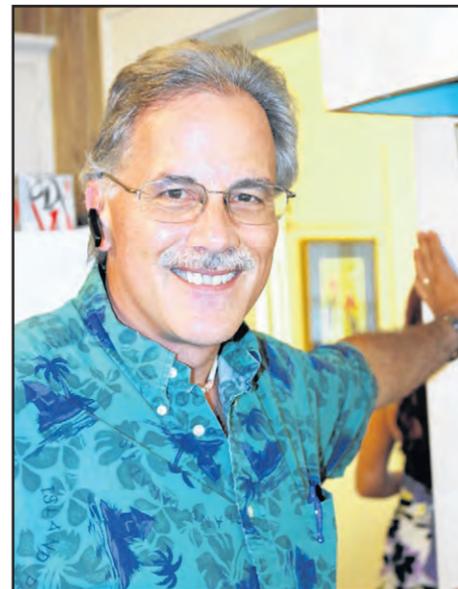
Sarah Hollenhorst read her essay in the book "Summer of the Storms" about surviving Hurricane Charley by holing up in an old bread truck.



Michael Haymans of the Peace River Writers Group gave personal insight into what it was like to live through the hurricane.



Frank Desguin of the Peace River Writers Group shared his personal memories of surviving Hurricane Charley.



Rob Herron came to the Hurricane Charley Retrospective. People gathered at Mac Martin's Gallery to learn more and share memories about the major storm that destroyed much of DeSoto County 10 years ago.



Gordon "Mac" Martin played and sang some of his original songs inspired by Hurricane Charley.



Debra Fewell of the Peace River Writers Group introduced the speakers who shared their personal experiences of Hurricane Charley.



Carol Mahler read her poem about a mighty oak tree that split in half, during the Charley Retrospective on Aug. 14.



Lois Hendricks read her memoir about seeking shelter in the Turner Center, only to have part of the roof blow off. Her essay repeated the frequent announcements made on the PA system there, making a listener feel as if he were there in person.



Three prospective buyers from China had spent the day looking at DeSoto County properties before coming to Mac Martin's Charley Retrospective.



A rapt audience listens to speakers relate their first-hand experiences of surviving Hurricane Charley.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.:
14-2009-CA-001298
DIVISION: Z
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff,
vs.
BETTY L. PHILLIPS A/K/A BETTY PHILLIPS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 13, 2014 and entered in Case No. 14-2009-CA-001298 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, is the Plaintiff and BETTY L. PHILLIPS A/K/A BETTY PHILLIPS; JAMES D PHILLIPS; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 at 11:00AM, on the 23rd day of September, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: **LOT 2, BLOCK "N", FOREST PINE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9 AT PAGE 20 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 2004 DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME; VIN NO. H181430 G L&R A/K/A 1336 SE Pear 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 sixty (60) days

after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 18, 2014.
Mitzie McGavic
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk
**** See Americans with Disabilities Act**

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Published 8/21/14 & 8/28/14 234766 3077524

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.:
14-2012-CA-000073
DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RALI 2005QA7, Plaintiff,
VS.
GASTON GOSSELIN; et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on December 4, 2012 in Civil Case No. 14-2012-CA-000073, of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida, wherein, DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-QA7 is the Plaintiff, and GASTON GOSSELIN; JOHN DOE N/K/A JOSEPH LEE HAMPTON; JANE DOE N/K/A LAVETRA HAMPTON ; 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 AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants. The clerk of the court, Mitzie W. McGavic will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Desoto County Courthouse located at 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 at 11:00 am. on the 23rd day of September, 2014, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit: **LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK "B", WALDRON'S SUBDIVISION**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.:
2013CA000061AXMA
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
vs.
PEDRO SANCHEZ A/K/A PEDRO SANCHEZ, JR, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated August 18, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013CA000061AXMA of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DE SOTO COUNTY, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is Plaintiff, and PEDRO SANCHEZ A/K/A PEDRO SANCHEZ, JR, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, in accordance with Chapter 45,

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**NOTICE OF ACTION
3116**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: 2014DR406
Division:
Michelle C. Fields & Lawson J. Fields, Petitioners and Matthew J. Oliver, Respondent.
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY BE EXTENDED FAMILY TO: Matthew J. Oliver
Last known address: 1245 Dorchester St. Port Charlotte, FL 33952
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Temporary Custody has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Michelle C. Fields & Lawson J. Fields, whose address is 6347 NW Pine Level Street Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before September 12, 2012, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 115 E. Oak Street, 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 the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the the Clerk of Circuit Court's office. You may

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

Florida Statutes, on the 02 day of October, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Commence at iron Stake in Road at Center Point of North Side of Block 11, railroad Survey of Nocatee, Florida and run South 315 Feet at P.O.B. West 165 feet, South 70 feet East 165 feet, North 70 feet to P.O.B. all Desoto County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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 at Arcadia, DE SOTO COUNTY, Florida, this 20th day of August, 2014.

Mitzie W. McGavic
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerks 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 seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Published 8/28/14 & 9/4/14 336737 3080397

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.

14-2013-CA-000323
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.

GEORGE DELVALLE A/K/A GEORGE PAULINO DEL VALLE A/K/A GEORGE P. DEL VALLE; ADELA DELVALLE A/K/A ADELA DEL VALLE; UNKNOWN TENANT(S),
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 30, 2014, and entered in 14-2013-CA-000323 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC. is the Plaintiff and GEORGE DELVALLE A/K/A GEORGE PAULINO DEL VALLE A/K/A GEORGE P. DEL VALLE; ADELA DELVALLE A/K/A ADELA DEL VALLE; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendant(s). Mitzie McGavic as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Door 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 AM, on September 04, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 19, BLOCK "K" FOREST PINE 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 9, PAGE 20, AND THAT CERTAIN 1995 STONER TRAIL DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME VIN# FLFLR70A22461SK & FLFLR70B22461SK.

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 31st day of July, 2014.

Mitzie McGavic
As Clerk of the Court

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

By: /s/ B. Wynn
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance: Please contact DeSoto County Jury Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. Telephone: (863) 993-4876. At least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. Published 8/21/14 & 8/28/14 331723 3075398

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.

14-2013-CA-000346
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,

v.
LINDA L. GUARD; RICHARD L. GUARD A/K/A LAVERNE RICHARD GUARD A/K/A RICHARD GUARD; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 18, 2014, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of De Soto County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in De Soto County, Florida, described as: THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/3 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THE WESTELY 33 FEET FOR ROAD RIGHT OF WAY TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2005 PALM HARBOR HOMES DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME VIN #PH235909A, TITLE #95868004 AND VIN #PH235909B, TITLE #95868137, WHICH HAS BEEN RETIRED. a/k/a 3816 N.E. BONANZA PARK AVENUE, ARCADIA, FL 34266 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the South door of the Desoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, on September 25, 2014 beginning at 11:00 AM. If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. Dated this 20th day of August, 2014.

Mitzie W. McGavic
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMODATION 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

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711. Published 8/28/14 & 9/4/14 146641 3080411

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that we will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following self storage units in order to satisfy the delinquent storage lien placed in accordance with the State of Florida Statute 83.806.

UNIT# NAME CONTENTS
70W016 Leslie A. Brannan Household Goods
The above 1 unit(s) are located @ 4599 NW Hwy 70, Arcadia, FL 34266

17N051 Jammie R. Harris Household Goods
17N059 Katie L. Franco Household Goods
The above 2 unit(s) is located @ 3153 NE Hwy 17, Arcadia, FL 34266

NS099 Michael J. Muse Household Goods
The above 1 unit(s) is located @ 4981 SW Hwy 17, Arcadia, FL 34266

The public sale will be conducted at Easy Mini Storage, 4599 N.W. Hwy. 70, Arcadia, Fl. 34266, at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014. Units will be sold to the highest bidder. Open door sale, cash only. A cleaning deposit will be taken. (863) 993-2220 Published 8/28/14 & 9/4/14 222020 3080401

TAX DEEDS 3132

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **EDWARD O & DELTA B ADAMS** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 405
Issuance Date: MAY 30, 2008
Tax Deed File #: 14-25-TD
Description of Property: THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 2 AND ALL OF LOT 3, BLOCK 5, GIBSON AND SMITH'S 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 64.

Names in which assessed:
JIM WILLIAMS
3300 HWY 31
ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **OCTOBER 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 8/21/14, 8/28/14, 9/4/14 & 9/11/14 112132 3077387

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **EDWARD O & DELTA B ADAMS** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 264

TAX DEEDS 3132

Issuance Date: MAY 30, 2008
Tax Deed File #: 14-26-TD
Description of Property: THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 19, BLOCK, 1 SECTION 10, SUNNYBREEZE HARBOR, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 84.

Names in which assessed:
JESSE LEE TAYLOR
600 DETGENS DAIRY ROAD
VENUS, FL 33960

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **OCTOBER 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 8/21/14, 8/28/14, 9/4/14 & 9/11/14 112132 3077407

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **EDWARD O & DELTA B ADAMS** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 1750
Issuance Date: MAY 30, 2008
Tax Deed File #: 14-27-TD
Description of Property: LOT 4 AND THE EAST 1/3 OF LOT 5, BLOCK 5, DAVID AND WRIGHT ADDITION TO NOCATEE, FLORIDA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 80.

NOTE: THERE ARE MOBILE HOMES ON THIS PROPERTY, HOWEVER NEITHER THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OR THE TAX COLLECTOR OF DESOTO COUNTY HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE MOBILE HOME TITLES.

Names in which assessed:
GERALD P THOMLINSON
1885 SW PAX DUCES
ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **OCTOBER 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 8/21/14, 8/28/14, 9/4/14 & 9/11/14 112132 3077412

TAX DEEDS 3132

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **EDWARD O & DELTA B ADAMS** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 412
Issuance Date: MAY 30, 2008
Tax Deed File #: 14-28-TD
Description of Property:

LOT 3 & 4, BLOCK 8, GIBSON & SMITH'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN, NOW CITY, OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Names in which assessed:
ALICE E MCCLELLAND
C/O PALM OF PUNTA GORDA
2295 SHREVE STREET
PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **OCTOBER 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 8/21/14, 8/28/14, 9/4/14 & 9/11/14 112132 3077418

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **EDWARD O & DELTA B ADAMS** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 2312
Issuance Date: MAY 30, 2008
Tax Deed File #: 14-29-TD
Description of Property: LOT 6, BLOCK "M", FOREST PINE 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 9, PAGE 20

TOGETHER WITH A 1973 VANDY DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME. IDENTIFICATION #50328R AND IDENTIFICATION #50328L. TITLE #6125053 AND TITLE #6125054.
NOTE: MOBILE HOME HAS APPARENTLY BEEN REMOVED FROM PROPERTY AS A DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE.

Names in which assessed:
ILA ESTES
1448 SE PEACH DRIVE
ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate

or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **OCTOBER 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 8/21/14, 8/28/14, 9/4/14 & 9/11/14 112132 3077425

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **TC 12, LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 785
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2008
Tax Deed File #: 14-30-TD
Description of Property:

LOT 5, BLOCK "H", GOLDEN MELODY SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 24, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Names in which assessed:
RUZELL DURHAM
& JAMORA S CLARK
1126 SW MELODY DRIVE
ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **OCTOBER 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 8/21/14, 8/28/14, 9/4/14 & 9/11/14 112132 3077434

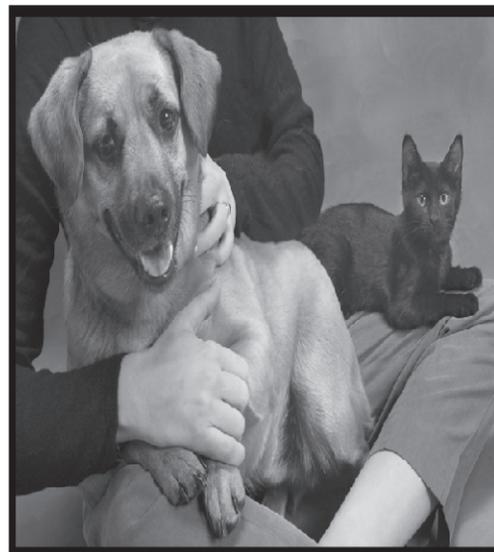
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **TC 12, LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 1472
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012
Tax Deed File #: 14-31-TD
Description of Property:

LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK "E", OAK CREST SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1975 TWIN MANOR DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME. IDENTIFICATION #T25221462A AND IDENTIFICATION #T25221462B.

Names in which assessed:
DANIEL CENDEJAS
1130 NE POLK AVE



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ARCADIA, FL 34266
All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **OCTOBER 8, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 22nd DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.
MITZIE W. McGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 8/28/14, 9/4/14, 9/11/14, 9/18/14
112132 3080364

OTHER NOTICES
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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION
Case No: 201203271
TO: James M. Brannan, Sr.,
A Notice of Suspension to suspend your license and eligibility for licensure has been filed against you. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 3168, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3168. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication, the right to hearing in this matter will be waived and the Department will dispose of this cause in accordance with law. Published 8/14/14, 8/21/14, 8/28/14 & 9/7/14 373040 3074350

DeSoto County Public Notice of Availability of FY 2014-2015 SHIP Funds
DeSoto County has been allocated its calculated distribution of State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program funds from the State of Florida for the state FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$350,000. The SHIP Program was created for the purpose of providing funds to local governments as an incentive for the creation of local housing partnerships, to expand production of and preserve affordable housing, and to increase housing-related employment.

A portion of these funds will be used to assist persons with special needs or developmental disabilities with an emphasis on home modifications, including technological enhancements and devices, which will allow homeowners to remain independent in their own homes and maintain their homeownership.

PROGRAM STRATEGIES AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Down Payment / Closing Cost Assistance program: This strategy outlines funds to be provided to homebuyers for the purchase of an existing home. The maximum award is \$10,000 with the maximum purchase price of \$150,000.

Owner Occupied Rehabilitation: Funds will be available for the rehabilitation of dilapidated single family structures which is the primary residence of the homeowner. Eligible home repairs include but are not limited to Energy Efficiency and Green housing related repairs: The maximum award is \$50,000 per unit.

Owner Occupied Replacement: Funds will be available for the replacement of dilapidated single family structures which is the primary residence of the homeowner. This strategy is designed to perform general code related repairs and improvements. The maximum award is \$100,000 per unit.

Foster Youth Housing/Rental Assistance Program: This strategy is designed to provide the stability of safe and affordable housing

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ing to young adults who leave the child welfare system. Funds can be used for the first month, last month and security deposit for an eligible rental property. The maximum award is \$2,000 per person.

INCOME LIMITS: Eligible households must qualify under specifically mandated income limits adjusted to family size as distributed by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for DeSoto County and in accordance with the specific guidelines created for each strategy.

APPLICATION AVAILABILITY: Applications for the above Programs can be picked up at the 201 East Oak Street, Suite 202, Arcadia, Florida, 34266 on October 1, 2014. Application period will begin **October 1, 2014**, and continue until the funds for the strategies are exhausted.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: To obtain additional information concerning any SHIP Program strategies, please contact the **DeSoto County Social Services**, 201 East Oak Street Suite 202, Arcadia, Florida or call (863) 993-4858.

All SHIP assistance recipients must agree to comply with all SHIP program criteria and requirements as set forth in Rule 67-37, Florida Administrative Code and subsequently modified or amended. The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to close any program application period by Board resolution. SHIP Programs do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or age (provided the applicant has the capacity to enter into a binding contract). Published 8/28/14 101305 3077664

ADULT CARE
5050

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5053

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6035

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NIGHT STAND 2 drawer all wood \$30 863-494-3652

Sofa Large Dark Blue \$25 863-494-1171

ELECTRONICS
6038

NINTENDO WII 2 controllers, 2 nunchucks, 1 steering wheel & approx 15 top games \$150 863-558-0666

ANTIQUES COLLECTIBLES
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TRAILER 5ft X 8ft \$385 863-832-2801

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

3	2	6	1	9	5	7	8	4
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1	9	5	2	8	3	6	7	4
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ANSWER:



ARIES — Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, exercise caution when expressing your needs. It can be difficult to stop when you are drumming up so much excitement. Now is not the time to take a risk.

TAURUS — Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may have overextended yourself this week. You didn't realize you had taken on so much until it was too late, but there is still time to backtrack.

GEMINI — May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, committing to a daily routine can have a strong impact on your overall health. Consider tailoring a new routine for yourself, and you'll reap the healthy rewards.

CANCER — Jun 22/Jul 22

Take things slow with a budding relationship this week, Cancer. You don't want to go too fast and find yourself in over your head. Let things develop gradually.

LEO — Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, carefully consider any offer that seems too good to be true this week. While the person making the offer is not ill-intentioned, you still must exercise caution.

VIRGO — Aug 24/Sept 22

Big ideas sweep in this week and leave you with a lot of inspiration, Virgo. Don't get too lost in fantastical ideas, though. Wait a little bit before finalizing plans.

LIBRA — Sept 23/Oct 23

Err on the side of caution with

regard to spending this week, Libra. You have to save up for a bigger purchase that's on the horizon, so try to save as much as you can now.

SCORPIO — Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, only now do you realize how much you have on your plate. Think about postponing a getaway until your schedule is less packed and you can enjoy the trip even more.

SAGITTARIUS — Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, turn work into play and things will move along that much more quickly. Split up the tasks at hand with a friend or colleague, and the week will fly by.

CAPRICORN — Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, even though you don't have much time for yourself, you feel compelled to spend more time with others. Make some time for yourself as well.

AQUARIUS — Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you secretly enjoy when others come to you for advice. Think carefully before making any suggestions, and your friends will be more appreciative because of it.

PISCES — Feb 19/Mar 20

Now is the time to further your studies, Pisces. Figure out how to finance a return to school and make the most of the opportunity.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- AUG. 24: John Green, author (37)
- AUG. 25: Blake Lively, actress (27)
- AUG. 26: Melissa McCarthy, comic actress (44)
- AUG. 27: Cesar Millan, dog trainer (45)
- AUG. 28: LeAnn Rimes, singer (32)
- AUG. 29: Jay Ryan, actor (33)
- AUG. 30: Cliff Lee, athlete (36)

Identifying Florida's venomous snakes

Most Floridians don't encounter snakes on a daily basis. But those of us who live in rural areas are much more likely to meet these legless reptiles. Thirty-five species of snakes are found in our region; some of the most common are the black racer and yellow rat snake.

Most snakes will flee at the vibrations of your approach. If a snake feels threatened it will escape in most situations. Shaking its tail does not mean it is about to strike. It is a bluff to scare predators. Since snakes only eat what they can swallow whole, they no more want to encounter you than you want to meet them. Use caution when you are in snake habitat, and stomp your feet to give reptiles warning and they will most likely avoid you.

Snakes should be respected rather than feared. The majority of snakes you are likely to encounter are harmless, but there are four species of venomous snakes that are found in central Florida. Two others, the timber or canebrake rattler and southern copperhead are only found in North Florida. The eastern diamondback and pigmy rattlesnake, water moccasin or cottonmouth and coral snake are our dangerous snakes.

Snakes may vary greatly in their appearance, making identification difficult. Juvenile snakes are often quite different than when they mature. Different habitats or how recently the snake has molted may affect their appearance. A good resource with photos of native snakes is <http://ufwildlife.ifas.ufl.edu/snakes/florida.shtml>.

There are no native snakes in our area with longitudinal stripes. The yellow rat snake, garter snake and ribbon snake are all harmless. So any snake you encounter with stripes running the length of its body poses no threat.

Two colorful non-venomous snakes are often mistaken for the venomous coral snake. The scarlet king snake and the Florida scarlet snake are both non-venomous and both have mostly red noses, while the coral snake has a black nose followed by a wide yellow band. The coral snake has bands of red and black bordered with narrow yellow bands. The two non-venomous snakes are similarly colored, but the red and black bands touch. Remember the saying: "red next to yellow kills a fellow, red next to black is a friend of Jack."

One of the most frequently mistaken harmless snakes is the Florida water snake. Both the cottonmouth and



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water snakes have a wide thick body with a dark blotched indistinct pattern, but the water snake's markings are typically even bands. The cottonmouth will often hold its head at a 45 degree angle to its body. When agitated they usually display their open mouth — and then there is no mistaking them. Cottonmouths have elliptical pupils, while water snakes have round pupils. Both are frequently found near water, but they may be found on high land also. When swimming the cottonmouth is very buoyant, while the body of a water snake is mostly submerged.

The Eastern diamondback rattlesnake is the biggest and deadliest native snake in our area. They may grow up to 8 feet in length. They're most commonly found in pinelands, in tall grass or thick palmetto stands. They often live in gopher tortoise burrows, and in cold weather may be seen basking in the sun in front of the burrow. They are probably the least aggressive venomous snake. They lie in ambush in the coiled position waiting for prey to come by, but they will usually not strike at something larger than what they can consume. Even if one is startled, it may take a defensive posture and rattle its tail, but then will slowly back away.

They can strike up to two thirds their length, and their venom is potent. The best defense is to be aware and wear protective boots and leggings if you are in snake territory.

The dusky pigmy rattlesnake probably bites more people than any other snake in our area. They are small, from 12 to 24 inches typically, and are found just about anywhere. They are feisty and aggressive, and their rattle sounds more like the buzz of an insect, and is frequently ignored. However, because of their small size, their venom is

seldom fatal.

Many other snakes have distinctive blotched patterns and are mistaken for rattlesnakes. The corn snake or red rat snake is a beautiful snake that may be quite colorful, or a gray and black variation. The eastern mud snake has a distinctive pattern of red or orange triangular bars that extend up the sides of the body, but the back is a solid glossy black. The hognose snake may be uniformly black with a light underside, or a blotched yellow and black pattern.

Only about 9 to 15 people die from snakebite annually, compared with over 100 each from lightnings strikes and insect bites. Almost half of all snake bites occur from handling or molesting snakes. About 50 percent of the strikes by venomous snakes are dry — no venom is injected. Venom injection is a voluntary reflex. Snakes depend on their deadly weapon to procure food; they are not likely to deploy it for no reason.

If you believe you have been bitten by a venomous snake, the only sound advice is to stay calm and get to a hospital or other medical facility. Symptoms may not show for about two hours. Don't try to kill the snake; a photo on your cell phone will serve just as well for identification. Most of the old remedies of using a tourniquet and cutting the wound site and sucking out the venom are no longer advised. You also should not put an ice pack on the wound, or take pain killers or alcohol.

Snakes fill an important niche in Florida's ecosystem. They are mid-level on the food chain, being both predator and prey. Snakes benefit us by keeping rats, mice, squirrels, rabbits, other snakes, frogs, toads, lizards, fish and insects in check. They're also important food to many mammals including opossums, raccoons and foxes. Birds such as hawks, owls, herons and egrets dine on snakes. Other reptiles including alligators, turtles, and snakes such as the kingsnake and coachwhip prey on snakes.

People with a fear of snakes often indiscriminately kill snakes, and others kill snakes because they think they've identified a venomous snake, taking the attitude better be safe than sorry. Removing or killing snakes disrupts the balance of other wildlife. Instead of fearing or destroying snakes, learn a bit about them, and give them respect and a wide range when encountered. Remove a truly dangerous snake only if it is habitually found in areas where it is a threat to children.



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PHOTO FROM SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

The coral snake delivers potent neurotoxin venom that attacks the nerve system. They are known to tolerate quite a bit of handling before actually biting. Coral snakes average about 30 inches in length. A full size snake can deliver a deadly amount of venom.



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ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY THOMAS SIMMONS

Smokey Bear was on his cycle Saturday for the Operation Outdoor Freedom fundraiser. While not actually riding, Smokey Bear symbolizes a love for the outdoors, as well as a reminder that those outdoors must be protected. This project will bring recognition to DeSoto County and Southwest Florida by providing a place for camping, fishing, and hunting for Florida's wounded veterans.

Bikers ride to get veterans outdoors



Glen Mayfield, Mike Porter and Cameron Durham work for the Florida Forest Service. They had just returned from fighting forest fires in the West in time to be part of the event Operation Outdoor Freedom. As Mike said, "This is a way for us to give back some thanks for what the wounded veterans have given for us. This is our way of helping them get back outdoors, our way of saying 'Thank You.'"



Pat Mahoney, center, along with Rick Christman and Eric Strickland, planned and organized Operation Outdoor Freedom. The funds raised will provide Florida's wounded military vets with a place for outdoor recreation free of charge to them. Land on Kings Highway in DeSoto County was provided by the State of Florida and is maintained by the Department of Agriculture and the Forestry Service.

Citrus industry seeking solutions to greening

By **LAURA RUANE**
FORT MYERS NEWS-PRESS

The citrus greening disease that kills trees but first slashes fruit yields hasn't been conquered. Neither has canker and a host of other pests and diseases.

Still, commercial citrus growers and people in related fields aren't giving up on a \$9-billion-a-year Florida industry that supports an estimated 76,000 jobs.

This year they've attracted more federal and state research dollars for fighting their biggest nemesis: greening, also called HLB.

Since first detected nine years ago in Miami-Dade County, greening has been found in every citrus-producing county in Florida, as well as in portions of Texas and Louisiana.

Until HLB-resistant varieties can be developed, growers are concentrating on keeping infected trees as robust as possible.

That's a major driver for the annual Citrus Expo seminar and trade show held last week at Lee Civic Center in North Fort Myers. It attracted an estimated 2,000 industry members over two days.

Top of mind for growers: Boosting yields of usable fruit even as the greening fight goes on.

"We've got to have enough product

to make our major juice producers a profit or they'll pull out — and the industry collapses," said Norman Todd, a citrus grower and consultant for more than 50 years.

Such a debacle doesn't look imminent. Last year the Coca-Cola Co. committed \$2 billion to support planting of 25,000 acres of new orange groves in Florida. For Duda Ranches' LaBelle properties, a portion of that investment will bring 2,900 acres of new plantings of oranges for the juice market.

"In a separate undertaking, we have begun filling in empty spaces in our existing 8,000 acres of juice and fresh (fruit) varieties," said Rob Atchley, Duda general manager for citrus groves in Florida and Texas.

Todd himself "is optimistic we'll survive greening, although it will be difficult and costly."

Helping out: The farm bill President Barack Obama signed into law early February gives a \$125 million emergency allocation over five years for studies into stopping the greening disease.

The \$77 million budget Gov. Rick Scott signed this spring pledges about \$3.5 million for pest and disease control.

And in June, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced another \$6.5 million for three Florida projects aimed



PHOTO BY LAURA RUANE, FORT MYERS NEWS-PRESS

The 2014 Citrus Expo was held last week at Lee Civic Center, North Fort Myers. It is exclusively for people who work with Florida's iconic, \$9-billion-a-year citrus industry. Southwest Florida has played host to this seminar-and-trade show program for 22 years. Organizers say it is a time for fellowship as well as for education and the sharing of ideas on how to keep the industry sustainable.

at fighting greening.

Through taxing themselves on the number of boxes of fruit harvested, Florida citrus growers have invested some \$70 million into greening research over the past five years, said

Wayne Simmons, head of LaBelle Fruit Co. and president of Gulf Citrus Growers Association.

"There's no quick and easy fix," Simmons said, adding: "We're closer than we were five years ago."

CHARLEY

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books and news accounts, and I've driven around and seen much of the damage for myself.

But listening to people telling their own personal stories was far more illuminating than anything I had heard before.

Sarah Hollenhorst told of holing up in an old bread truck in the middle

of a pasture, holding the door closed with great difficulty as they watched the terrible wind knock down an entire forest, and their home. I could hear the screaming wind and feel the strain in muscles holding that door — the only thing keeping them, and their animals, safe.

I could hear in her voice the relief of another woman who panicked seeing shingles blowing across her lawn, only to realize they weren't her shingles — her roof, and home, were still safe.

I heard the fear and awe in the voice

of Carol Mahler who watched a mighty oak — one it would have taken several people with arms extended to circle its girth — being cleaved in half, top to bottom.

I could feel the fear of everyone who took shelter at the Turner Center, only to see the roof open up like a sardine can; and through Lois Hendricks' voice I heard clearly the voice over the loudspeaker directing people where to go, what to do, and not to panic.

Through their eyes, and their stories, I could feel the foreboding, terrible

calm of the eye of the storm.

I came to appreciate, as a force of nature, the strength of Charley and the terror it laid at DeSoto County's doorstep.

But I also came to appreciate the resilience of those who survived it, and who went on to rebuild and reclaim their lives and their loved ones, even after losing almost everything they owned. Hearing it in person brought to me a deeper understanding of what it meant to survive Charley.

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