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Apology, infighting at hospital meeting

By STEVE BAUER

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

What started as an apology to physicians at DeSoto Memorial Hospital from CEO Vince Sica morphed into a war of words between a DMH board member and a handful of the hospital's doctors.

Sica begin his CEO report by apologizing to the hospital's physicians for not stepping in during a May 8 meeting between board members and doctors aimed at generating ideas for

improving the hospital. The meeting was marred by insults and personal attacks, with many of the hospital's doctors accused of referring patients to outside facilities and performing exams and tests themselves instead of using the hospital's facilities.

"I made the conscious decision not to initiate or facilitate the discussions," Sica said. "At that time I thought it would be better if it came from the board and the medical staff, and believed it would be more productive without my input. In retrospect, that

was a very bad decision on my part.

"I need to publicly apologize to the board for failing to use my skills and experience in a manner that would have served the best interests of the hospital. I need to publicly apologize to all of our physicians and our entire medical staff. Not only did I fail to facilitate a creative exchange of ideas, I failed to acknowledge the contributions of the physicians who have earned my respect and have a vested interest in the success of the hospital."

Sica continued that his failure to

NEXT MEETING

The DMH board meets again at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25 in the hospital's McSwain room.

react allowed misinformation about the hospital's physicians to spread in the community. "I feel responsible for allowing things to be said that were inaccurate and hurtful for those who truly support the hospital, and I have an obligation to set the record straight,"

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Fighting fires out west challenges local Forest Rangers

By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

ARCADIAN EDITOR

Three area Forest Rangers were among many firefighters from across the nation who were called on recently to help battle massive blazes out west. From the Myakka River District which serves DeSoto County, Glen Mayfield, Mike Porter and Cameron Durham each spent a month fighting fires in Washington and Oregon. They sat down with *The Arcadian* recently to talk about their experiences.

It's no easy task just to qualify to fight big fires managed by the federal government. Porter explained, "You have to pass the 'pack test.' That means you have to be able to carry a 45-pound pack, walking, a distance of three miles in 45 minutes.

"It's not easy."

Firefighters also must demonstrate they have the proper kind of training and experience.

But once they arrive at the site of a big blaze, they are working with firefighters from all over the country. All the firefighters manage to work well together because they have all had the same kind of training.

"We all do about the same thing,"

Durham said.

Mayfield added, "Everyone in the country is trained in the same tactics." They were each there a month.

Mayfield battled the Buzzard Complex and Kitten Complex fires in Oregon, and the Little Bridge in Washington, while Porter and Durham were at Wenatchee in Washington.

Mayfield and Porter had been to several fires out west over the years, while this was Durham's first time battling blazes across the country. Mayfield, a firefighter for more than 25 years, said he has been going out west for five years. Porter's first trip out west was 30 years ago. "Yeah, they were still using horses back then," Durham joked.



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Local Forest Rangers, from left, Mike Porter, Glen Mayfield, and at far right, Cameron Durham, with Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Patrick Mahoney, pose at the Arcadia Forest Service station. They shared their experiences fighting massive fires out west.

"And we made air drops with pterodactyls," Porter said.

"Yeah, and he was 6-foot-5 when he started!" added Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Patrick Mahoney.

For Durham's first trip, he had to fly out on his wedding anniversary. "We've only been married three years," he said. "It was hard, but we had to change plans. I wanted to get the experience."

But he enjoyed meeting different people from across the country, and hopes he can go again next year. He called the experience "a good diet plan."

West vs. East

"Forest fires out west are lot different than here," Durham said. "For one thing, they have elevations higher than

26 feet," he said. "How they manage fires and personnel is different. Wind-driven fires act a lot different, too." In addition, fires can move upslope or downslope and the terrain is much different from what Florida rangers are used to. Tall trees can create "chimneys" to spread the fire rapidly.

Humidity, too, can be as low as 9 percent, they said.

It's a challenge just laying hose with a fire like that. Porter said they were laying hose miles long, in 100-foot sections. "We had to lay hose up and down mountains, with Y (connectors) and lateral lines."

A fire complex can include several smaller fires, all managed by one team. The fires are typically named after some prominent feature in the area. For

instance, Mayfield was working at the Kitten Complex, named after the Kitten Canyon where it started.

"Vendors sometimes draw up souvenir T-shirts and sell them." He showed a photo of the Kitten Complex T-shirt, depicting an angry, fire-breathing kitten throwing flames.

The fires drove out a lot of wildlife. Mayfield said, "We had a 'pet' deer there, with twins. We were pulling a hose line and we found a fawn, with burned feet. And a deer we named 'Deborah' walked right into one of our meetings one time."

The overall experience was much different from fighting fires in Florida. Porter said they would move from one

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Council reviews personal conduct policy

By **STEVE BAUER**

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The Arcadia City Council discussed formally adopting an ordinance first introduced in 2012 that would provide rules of conduct for the council to follow.

Councilman Bob Heine wondered if the council had ever formally voted to approve the ordinance. Mayor Alice Frierson and Deputy Mayor Joe Fink recalled that although the council agreed to use it as a guideline, it was never formally voted on. Councilman Keith Keene said in the two years since the ordinance was first presented, it's become clear a code of conduct is necessary.

"I've always believed that as adults we should be able to act as such," Keene said, "but since this was first introduced in 2012 I've had a change of heart and agree we do need a code of conduct."

Keene did add a word of caution about adopting the document. "I personally find it troubling whenever we consider

a civility proclamation," he said. "At first we're all behind it, and before you know it everything goes awry."

City Attorney T.J. Wohl said although he agrees with the substance of the document, it would require rewording and a change from an ordinance to a resolution.

"The language needs to be toned down so it doesn't limit council members to what they can or cannot say," Wohl said. "What may be appropriate for one councilman would be inappropriate to another. It shouldn't be an ordinance, because as much as we may want to, we can't tell people how to act. "A resolution is a desire, an ordinance is an order."

Keene mentioned he was surprised the council had never formally adopted Robert's Rules of Order, and Fink suggested Wohl research if language can be placed in the city's code making Robert's Rules the council's de facto guidelines.

The council then voted unanimously to have Wohl come back at a future meeting with a revised version of the document.

Ministerial Association 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. There will be 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 state-of-the-art medical care when and where you need it" in DeSoto County. The meeting is primarily for church and religious leaders. County residents and community leaders should encourage their pastors and religious leaders to attend and become a part of the Ministerial Association.

Reserve soon for 1926 Arcadia film showing

By **CAROL MAHLER**

DESOTO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A short movie of Arcadia filmed in 1926 will be shown at an evening meeting of the DeSoto County Historical Society at 6 p.m. on Sept. 11, at Trinity United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 304 W. Oak St.

Pastor Jim Wade will offer an invocation in memory of those who died on that date in the 2001 tragedy. 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 until Sept. 7 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. today; or call 863-494-6607.

It is free to attend the film only, without the meal.

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he said. "At this point in the history of the hospital we need everybody — the board, the physicians, the staff and our entire community — to be focused on one goal, which should be the success of the hospital. Since that May 8 meeting, I've really agonized over how I could have done a better job, and how I can create an atmosphere that focuses on the good things we're doing and acknowledge the contributions of the physicians."

Sica then mentioned the contributions of one of DMH's newest physicians, Dr. Dipesh DeRay, who helped the hospital improve its medical records system.

"He was instrumental in the hospital receiving \$1.2 million for development of phase two," Sica said. "I don't think anybody knew that until tonight, and I think that's probably another thing I need to apologize to Dr. DeRay for not letting you guys know he contributed a great deal for us acquiring that money."

Sica ended his apology by encouraging board members to reach out to the hospital's physicians and initiate more one-on-one conversations.

Presilla, doctors spar

During the public comments portion of the meeting DeRay, who was not at the May 8 meeting, thanked Sica for the apology and for voicing his public

support for the doctors. He added, however, it shouldn't have taken four months for it to happen.

"At that May meeting, we were called a lot of things, but in short we were labeled as crooks," DeRay said. "It took approximately four months for the board and administration to formally apologize for what was said, which in my opinion should have happened on the spot during the May meeting. Whatever happened that day was not only hurtful and insulting, but we expected some level of support from someone from the hospital's administration."

DeRay said he was recruited to DMH by Dr. Wael Alokeh, who was one of the doctors targeted in the May meeting, and said if it wasn't for Alokeh's persuasion, he would not be practicing medicine in DeSoto County.

"Dr. Alokeh has an undying support for this county, and he recruited me out of Michigan. I could have gone anywhere, but Dr. Alokeh sold DeSoto Memorial to me," he said. "And that's the only reason I came here in the first place, and within 10 months I was criminalized."

"Somebody made these accusations up and in my opinion it was a staged ambush. It was extremely hurtful and unfair, and it will take awhile for us to get over it. Trust me, for every dollar that physicians like Dr. Nathan and Alokeh make, the hospital makes \$10 more. We need to see some public effort by the board and administration to support the physicians, and not label us as crooks making money at the

expense of the hospital. I was especially harrowed that after all the accusations that happened that meeting, that Board Member Dan Presilla doesn't even know who I am."

Presilla then addressed DeRay directly. "Since you called me by name, I have absolutely no idea what you're talking about," he said.

"I was not here then, but I overheard that was the case," DeRay responded.

"Well you overheard nothing. The posse attacked happily, and it was fun, we had a good time, but I have no idea in what context you were brought up," Presilla said.

"Just tell me, did you know who I was?" DeRay asked.

"How am I going to know who you are? Have you ever come over to me and said 'Dan, how are you?' Why don't you come shake my hand, doctor?"

"Do you think I have time? That's my point, I am not sitting around," said DeRay.

"And I am sitting around? You are a very interesting young man, do you know that?"

As the argument between Presilla and DeRay grew louder, Sica attempted to deescalate the situation by telling Presilla several times, "Dan, let's have lunch."

Presilla's response was direct. "No, I don't want to have lunch. What is this BS, that I've got to sit here and listen to this crap?"

DeRay then left the meeting, and several doctors in attendance spoke up in his defense, calling Presilla's comments out of line and verifying he did not know who DeRay was when his name was mentioned during the May

meeting. Presilla responded that he was verbally attacked at the meeting. "You people insulted me last time," Presilla said.

"I didn't insult you at all," said Dr. Maria Galimidi, who was at the May meeting.

"Sure you did, I didn't know who the hell you were," Presilla responded. "Now I know who the hell you are."

"The bottom line is, we're sick and tired of the way the board either does not support the doctors or behavior like this is allowed," Galimidi said.

When Board Chairman Janie Watson attempted to move on to other business, Galimidi interjected, "Yeah, everything needs to move forward, right? Let's just push everything aside and ignore it."

Board member Jerry Waters said he contacted three doctors who were at May 8 meeting within days of the event, and said his discussions were positive. "I let them know I wasn't speaking on behalf of the board, but I was just contacting them out of concern," he said. "I met personally with Dr. Alokeh. It's not that there was no support; perhaps Dr. Alokeh didn't share it with the other doctors, and I haven't shared it because I didn't feel it was appropriate to do so. I was over there as quickly as I could arrange to see him."

Board member Rose Polston also said she supports the physicians, and claimed she was caught off guard by the May meeting as well. "I was just as shocked and appalled as you were," she said. "But I can tell you it wasn't an ambush, and this board fully supports the hospital's physicians."



Kathryn J Hill Tax Collector C.F.C. DeSoto County



FLORIDA SENATE PASSES CUT IN MOTOR VEHICLE FEES

DeSoto County Tax Collector, Kathryn Hill wants you to know that motorists in Florida will be getting a break in the fees they pay to renew their vehicle registrations.

The State of Florida delayed the mailing of the September renewals because of the rate change that takes place on September 01, 2014. If you have a September birthday you will be one of the first to see the benefit. September renewals cannot be renewed until the month of September. If you have an August birthday do not wait until September to renew. If you wait, you will have to pay the old rate plus a late fee.

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Hines agrees to administrator contract

By **STEVE BAUER**

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The Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved a contract making Mandy Hines permanent County Administrator.

County attorney Don Conn said he'd reached an agreement with Hines, noting it will remain in effect until she resigns, is terminated or reassigned. Her annual salary is set at \$100,000, and per her request she will not have a county vehicle or car allowance. Hines did negotiate an option that allows her to resume her previous position of County Coordinator for a three-year period if the board votes to reassign or terminate her.

Other details of the contract include 20 weeks of severance pay if she is terminated by the board not due to crime or misconduct; 30-day written notice in the case of a resignation; and standard vacation/sick leave at the administrator rate.

"I was hopeful Mr. Conn would be able to negotiate a contract that meets the board's needs and gives Mandy some protection, and I'm delighted that we've been able to achieve that,"

Commissioner Bob Miller said.

Health Department hurting

DeSoto County Health Department Director Mary Kay Burns provided a financial update for her department, and said the possible loss of a significant grant could force the Health Department to cut hours and reduce services.

Burns said a \$375,000 emergency room diversion grant from the state runs out in June 2015, and although they have applied for a new grant, there is no guarantee it will be approved.

"We had 23,991 patients last year, and as you know 60 percent of them are no pay," Burns said. "If we don't receive this grant, we will have to cut our hours to five days a week from the current six, and we would only stay open eight hours (the Department currently is open 12 hours per day)."

Burns added that the grant loss would place additional pressure on DeSoto Memorial Hospital's ER, where most of the Health Department's patients would likely go if services were not available elsewhere. "I need you to know that this loss of funding is going to impact our

services in a significant way," she said. She also mentioned skyrocketing utility costs at its Baldwin Street location, with 2013's numbers at more than \$92,000.

Several commissioners said they would look into ways to help the Health Department receive the necessary funding to continue current levels of services, as well as having a crew inspect the Baldwin facility's air conditioning system and insulation.

Utility hookup charges on hold

Utilities Director Eddie Miller promissory note language and several payback options for new utility customers wanting to connect to county water and sewer lines, but who can't afford the upfront cost.

Miller suggested three payback options, with monthly payments added to a customer's utility bill for either one, two or three years. "I think allowing a little flexibility on our part to allow a gradual payback will be helpful with economic development," Miller said.

Although the commissioners were in favor of the payment plan, some questioned whether it should be up

to the board to decide the length of payments. "I don't really have a problem with anyone paying us back gradually, but I think it needs to be more up to the customer to decide how long they want to take to pay it back," Commissioner Elton Langford said.

The board also questioned if Miller's departmental budget could carry the upfront costs of providing labor and equipment without receiving immediate payment.

"That's a great question, but I've had discussions with Mandy (Hines) about this and I don't anticipate it being a problem for this year," he said.

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield questioned why customers won't be required to pay a higher deposit when first connecting to the county's utilities. The current deposit fee is only \$125. "Someone has to have some skin in the game besides us," he said. "I agree with financing new customers, but I'd like to see them put more money down up front so Eddie's not footing the whole bill."

After further discussion, the issue was tabled to allow Miller to work with Conn on specifics regarding language in the promissory note.

County tables Sonoma Preserve plans for now

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**

ARCADIAN EDITOR

The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners Thursday night tabled review of plans for a 999-unit residential development called Sonoma Preserve in the Lake Suzy area over concerns that notice to nearby landowners could be challenged.

DeSoto County's Planning Manager, Thomas Cookingham, presented the project to the commissioners. The developers want the 515-acre property rezoned from Agriculture-10 to Planned Unit Development. The project, located in Lake Suzy north of Courtly Manor Drive and east of S.W. Kings Row, would include mixed residential single- and multi-family units, with more than 200 acres of open space and preserve.

Cookingham said the property, which abuts the Charlotte County line on its southern border, had been zoned with a PUD overlay back in 2004, but in 2011 it was rezoned to A-10. Now the developers want to rezone it to make way for construction. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning, with several conditions such as creating a Homeowners

Association, maintaining emergency access, lighting, and turning lanes off Kings Highway. The development will be required to tie into DeSoto County's water and sewer systems.

But when commissioners asked Cookingham about how public notice was given, questions were raised. The meeting had originally been scheduled for Aug. 26, and Cookingham said notice had been published in the paper, mailed to nearby landowners and posted at the property, as required.

But the BOCC meeting had to be rescheduled because election returns were to be tallied in the commissioners' meeting room on Aug. 26, so the hearing was reset to Aug. 28.

"Was the change properly noticed in the correct time?" Chairman Elton Langford asked. Cookingham said it had been. But on further probing, Cookingham admitted notice of the revised meeting date had not been sent out to the nearby property owners (even though the new date was posted on the property and published in the newspaper).

"I don't feel comfortable with this," Langford said. "I don't want us to end up being sued over something like this."

Gabriel Quave wanted to table the proposal. "We need to get this completely right — dot every 'i' and cross every 't' — we've learned what can happen if you don't do everything exactly."

Commissioners voted unanimously to table further action pending reissuance of public notice.

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THE WASHINGTON POST

Mideast: Don't think, just panic

PAUL WALDMAN

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST

There's a new message coalescing around events in the Middle East, coming from Republicans, the media and even a few Democrats: It's time to panic. Forget about understanding the complexities of an intricate situation, forget about unintended consequences, forget about the disasters of the past that grew from exactly this mind-set. We have to panic, and we have to panic now.

The centerpiece of every Sunday news show was a sentence that President Obama spoke in a news conference Thursday. He answered a question about "going into Syria" by saying that we shouldn't "put the cart before the horse. We don't have a strategy yet." Republicans leaped to argue that Obama wasn't actually talking about military action in Syria, but about dealing with the Islamic State more generally, and who knows what else. Many in the media took the same line. The first rule of a "gaffe" is that it should be taken out of context.

So on "Meet the Press," Andrea Mitchell asked Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), "Is the president wrong to signal indecision by saying that we still don't have a strategy against ISIS?" When that didn't elicit a sufficiently strong condemnation, Mitchell pressed on: "Doesn't that project weakness from the White House?" Obviously, there's nothing worse than "signaling indecision" or "projecting weakness." Not even, say, invading a country without having a plan for what to do after the bombs stop falling.

Let's not forget that the Obama administration is already taking military action against the Islamic State by bombing its positions in Iraq. And the military is conducting surveillance flights over Syria in preparation for military action there. But to the war caucus, whose advice has proven so calamitous in the past, it's not big enough and it's not fast enough.

We should be able to agree on at least one thing: Anyone proposing large-scale military action in Iraq or Syria, or both, ought to be required to explain how and why it will achieve the goal of destroying the Islamic State and exactly why the unintended consequences that result from some kind of invasion won't be worse than those that would grow from a more carefully planned course of action. "Just start bombing already!" doesn't qualify as an explanation.

If the war advocates ever get around to thinking about those consequences, they may come up with a compelling case for why proceeding carefully is a mistake, and why the dangers of acting methodically are greater than the dangers of acting with maximal force as soon as possible. They could be right. I think most Americans would be willing to listen. But they haven't even tried to make that case. Instead, what we're hearing is a lot like what we heard in 2003: The clock is ticking, the danger is rising, if we stop to think then we're all gonna die.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Applause for Arcadia International Golf

Editor:

Why don't Arcadians support your glorious golf course more than outsiders? What if your course closed? Would your citizens see what this outstanding recreational opportunity means economically?

How would Arcadians replace this treasure? Unlikely that your awesome course would be succeeded by an Orlando-like amusement park. Improbable that your city would establish a college campus like Sarasota's New College. Or even replace your golf attraction with a Tampa-like zoo. Nor do any of these options seem more plausible than the once-proposed nudist colony.

Recognizing your powerful golfing magnet, Myakka Cityites enjoy calling your appealing course their home facility. Over the past decade, super

duper managers like diligent Don Waters and colorful Carrie Taylor have improved the course itself, the putting green and driving range. They also expanded the golf shop in terms of refreshments and special events. Now, methodical Mike Kotzker is spearheading added innovations and is even more ready to welcome year-round residents.

Since we Myakkaites benefit from all these improvements, we help sponsor golf outings and charity events. Again, we ask that Arcadia's groups and organizations enjoy and employ their own international attraction.

What's strange is that several Arcadians view a golf course in another town as their home course. This is stranger still when you realize that Arcadia International is well designed, price competitive, and open to the entire public.

Up North, my GrandSUN(sp.) has started golfing. He's gone to Disney

and the Tampa zoo. He's too young for New College. And a nudist colony?

So he's eager to play on Myakka's exceptional course ... in Arcadia. Why don't y'all join us?

Mack Goode
Myakka City

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

We need emergency room care, couldn't make it to another hospital if suffering from allergic reaction, Our community would fold, people wouldn't move here if no hospital was available.

Carmel Harrington
Arcadia

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GRITS & PIECES

Laboring over some working memories

Labor Day weeks seems like a perfectly good time to talk about laboring. No, not the baby-having kind, but the laboring known as work and jobs, and stuff of that nature. If you're not familiar with the concept, you should be. And with hands-on experience.

My earliest memories involving labor revolve around my allowance. My chores were few and simple. I made my bed, cleaned my room, took the trash out to the burn pile, and helped babysit siblings. Fed the chickens and cows sometimes too. And for all this labor, I received 75 cents. I was paid



Grits & Pieces

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weekly; very weakly, you might say.

Besides gathering soft drink bottles in roadside ditches to clean and redeem for two cents each, I labored at mowing yards once I was big enough to wrestle the push mower. I

remember charging a whopping four dollars for some yards, and my largest check for a yard was an astronomical \$14. On the side I repaired eight-track tapes for 50 cents each, but that wasn't making me rich, either.

So I did what many other boys my age have done for generations — I bagged groceries. First it was with Woods Supermarket in Nocatee, owned by the fastest-talking Georgia man I ever knew — Henry Wood. He could rattle off a hundred items and prices in his radio blurbs, it seemed,

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Precious Pearls seeks female mentors

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Precious Pearls is looking for women who can be mentors for middle-school-age girls.

The group founded by Shameka Holliman was created to empower DeSoto County girls in grades 6 through 8. Its goals are to help young girls understand their own value, develop

self-confidence and aim for success.

Holliman is seeking women who can help mentor the girls in The Precious Pearls Project. "We want about 20 mentors, as we expect to have about 20 girls in the group," she said.

The mentors would agree to a background check, and would attend a one-time orientation for a couple of hours on a Saturday. Parents will bring their daughters to the session to meet

their mentors.

After that, the mentors would be expected to talk to their mentees on the phone twice a month, and then have a once-a-month personal outing with the girl. That could be a hike together in the park, going out to lunch, or just finding a quiet place to talk. "They don't have to spend any money," Holliman said, "just spend a little time with the girls."

"We want the girls to have an adult

friend, apart from their family, someone to talk to, to talk over problems and get advice," Holliman said.

Anyone interested in volunteering to mentor a girl should call Holliman at 863-244-8482.

She also mentioned the group is going to start a book club. Her concept is that mother and daughter will both read the same book, then talk about it as a way to start a conversation.

Have library card, take a free river cruise

By **CAROL MAHLER**

Celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month at the DeSoto County Library!

When you sign up for a new library card during the month of September, you'll receive a gift certificate for a free sunset cruise from King Fisher Fleet. These hour-long cruises are available at Fishermen's Village Marina in Punta Gorda.

A library card offers access to books and magazines — plus an amazing wealth of resources for both adults and children, such as computers with Internet access, wi-fi, e-books, audio books, online classes, and databases of information for genealogists and



many others.

Linda Waters, director of the library, said, "A library card is so important

for students. Children and teens can use the library to check out books, music, and DVDs, but they can also play literacy games, watch the Saturday matinee, and attend the Lego Club, story time, Book Buddies, or Art for Kids. We have so many programs at the DeSoto County Library — just last week, we had a presentation about the history of quilts. The best part for both kids and parents is that it's all free with a library card."

The American Library Association reports, "Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning."

To sign up for a library card, you must show proof of residency in DeSoto County, and minors must be accompanied by a parent. The DeSoto County Library is located at 125 N. Hillsborough Avenue in Arcadia. For information, call 863-993-4851 or check online at www.myhlc.org/des.

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Arcadia's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOTE: All phone numbers are in Area Code 863 unless stated otherwise.

■ TODAY

- 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.
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■ FRIDAY

- Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.
- Square Dancing classes are held at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, from 7-9 p.m. every Friday. Robert at 813-601-1834 or Mary at 941-380-5336 494-2749 for information.

• 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 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.

• Boaters Get-Together meets at 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month at Nav-A-Gator Grill, 9700 S.W. Riverview Circle (off Kings Hwy/C.R. 769). For more information, call 941-627-3474.

• DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. The first Saturday of every month is Book Buddies, when children read to dogs. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.

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

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

■ SUNDAY

• 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

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

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

• The GFWC Arcadia Woman's Club meets on the second Monday of every month Sept. through May at the clubhouse in Veterans Memorial Park, 2288 N.W. American Legion Way, with a pot luck lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a meeting. Members are encouraged to bring guests. For more information call 494-2966.

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

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

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

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

• Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries,

1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.

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

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

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

■ TUESDAY

• 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.

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

• DeSoto County School Board meets at 4 p.m. for a School Board Workshop, at the School Board meeting room of the DeSoto County School District, 530 La Solona Ave., Arcadia. It will be followed by a Special Budget Meeting at 5:01 p.m., which will be followed by the regular School Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m., followed by an Executive Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

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

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

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

• 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.

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• 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

• 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. The meeting is primarily for church and religious leaders, who 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.

• Narcotics Anonymous meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Arcadia Oaks Multipurpose Room at 1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia. Open to the public.

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

• AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every 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.

■ 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.

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

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■ THURSDAY

• The Annual Title 1 Parent Involvement Meeting for High School and Middle School families only will be held Thursday, Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the DeSoto Middle School cafeteria. Families are invited to attend for refreshments and giveaways. For more information contact your respective schools

• 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.)

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

• TEAM Arcadia meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Avenue. The purpose of TEAM Arcadia is to unite community organizations and coordinate community improvement efforts.

• DeSoto County Historical Society meets at noon every second Thursday monthly at the Family Service Center annex, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia. Lunch is available for \$6 at 11:30 a.m.

• Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity meets at 6 p.m. second Thursdays monthly at the Habitat ReStore, 111 N. Polk Ave. Call 494-4118 or desotohabitat@embarqmail.com for more information.

• American Red Cross Youth Corps of DeSoto County meets second Thursdays monthly from 3:30-5 p.m. at DeSoto County High School. For more information, call at 494-2348.

• Gastric bypass support group meets at 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays monthly at Mardis Citrus on U.S. 17 S. For more information, call 990-0082 or 494-5700.

• Relaxation Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m. 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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Report: woman charged in labor camp burglaries

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office arrested Amanda Lynn Simes, 26, of the 7000 block of S.W. Fugate St., Fort Ogden, on seven counts of burglary, plus charges of grand and petty theft.

According to the arrest report, a man first reported a burglary at his residence at a migrant camp in February, noting a window screen had been cut. A set of speakers and \$50 of loose change had been taken.

In following up on the investigation in February, deputies questioned Jonathan Heath Hall. The report stated Amanda Simes was his girlfriend. Deputies secured a warrant to search where Hall and Simes lived, and reportedly found several items, recently reported



Simes

reported stolen.

They questioned Simes, who reportedly said she accompanied Hall when he burglarized several residences.

as stolen, in a bedroom. The room was so cluttered they could not walk around without stepping on some of the property. They found luggage, tool boxes, piles of clothing, plastic tubs and several Mexican passports which were

Among the locations were labor camps near the high school, McCaskill Street and Limestone Heights. She denied being involved in burglaries of migrant camps at Hull Road or Owens Street. She reportedly helped deputies identify stolen property including sets of china, shoes, jackets, CDs and stereo equipment.

The report notes several labor camps were reported to have been burglarized in the months of January and February. Most of the burglaries were conducted during daytime hours while residents were at work. Simes denied being directly involved in the burglaries, but reportedly admitted in some cases she would drop Hall off or wait in the

truck as he entered the buildings and returned with money, electronics, phones and other items.

Simes was arrested on charges of seven counts of unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure, three counts of grand theft between \$100-\$300, and two counts of petty theft. Bond was set at \$55,740 but she was released on recognizance.

Hall was previously arrested in February on 17 counts of unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, 16 counts of grand theft, 1 count of petty theft, giving a false ID to an officer, and an outstanding warrant from Manatee County.



Wright

Report: man threatened victim with baseball bat

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office arrested Kevin Edward Wright, 41, of the 1500 block of S.E. State Road 31, Arcadia, on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and armed burglary of a dwelling.

According to the arrest report, on the evening of July 5, a man was sleeping inside his home on N.E.

Floridian Circle when he heard a knock on his door. According to the witness, Wright then kicked his front door in and, armed with a baseball bat, yelled "Where is your brother?" while chasing the victim around in the house.

The victim feared Wright was going to hit him with the bat. Wright chased him out the back door, and

the victim ran to his landlord's house to call 911. He reported the tag of the truck in which Wright drove away.

Deputies located Wright, and brought the victim to his location where he identified Wright as the man who threatened him with the bat. Wright claimed the victim had threatened to shoot Wright's house.

Wright admitted going to the victim's house armed with the bat.

Wright was charged with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, burglary of a structure or dwelling with assault or battery, criminal mischief and armed burglary of a dwelling or conveyance. Bond was set at \$300,000.

Report: DeSoto school bus involved in hit-and-run

ARCADIA — A DeSoto County school bus was involved in a hit-and-run early Thursday, according to a Florida Highway Patrol report.

The bus, which had five students on board, was traveling south on U.S. 17 at 7 a.m. As the bus driver tried to turn left onto Southwest Senate Street, a vehicle attempted to turn onto U.S. 17 behind the bus, striking the back corner of the bus, the report shows.

The bus driver — Deborah Webb, 58, of Arcadia — and the students were uninjured. It's not clear what grades the students were in. The bus was a 2015 model.

The other vehicle involved in the crash fled the scene. As of Thursday afternoon, the FHP did not have any information about that vehicle or its driver.

Anyone with information is asked to call the local FHP office at 239-938-1800.

4-wheeler fatality reported

Maj. James Vitali of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office confirmed that a fatality occurred over the Labor Day weekend as a result of a single 4-wheeler accident at the Peace River Campground in Arcadia. No further details are available as of press time.

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 DeSoto County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:

- James Lesley Allen, 48, 1200 block of Harlem Circle, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$2,500.
- Rodney Lee Dakin, 47, Duetta, Fla. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- John Keith Davis, 33, 6600 block of Pine Hurst Drive, Arcadia. Charges: two counts of failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$400.
- William Franklin Driggers, 40, 5800 block of N.E. Co. Rd. 660, Arcadia. Charges: producing schedule III or IV drug and possession or use of drug equipment. Released on recognizance.
- Don Shane Frazier, 33, 7000 block of N.E. Cubitis Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- Hubert Lyons, 34, Mt. Gilead, Ohio. Charge: out-of-state fugitive. Bond: none.
- Robert Allen, 38, 1400 block of N.E. Gibson St., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$5,000.
- Alberto Cordero, 43, Winifred St.,

Arcadia. Charges: DUI with BAC .15 or higher or with person under 18, and driving without a valid license. Bond: \$1,620.

• Elfego Nolasco Mejia, 25, Lake Worth, Fla. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

• Marta DeJesus Romero, 40, Indianapolis. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

• Patrick Corey Royce, 28, 1600 S.E. West Ave., Arcadia. Charge: DUI with alcohol or drugs. Bond: \$500.

• Amanda Lynn Silman, 28, 1200 block of S.E. 1st Ave., Arcadia. Charges: felony battery and burglary with assault or battery. Bond: \$3,250.

• Rogerio Garcia, 19, 1000 block of S.E. Mills Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• Raymond Wayne Lanier, 48, 3800 block of S.E. County Road 760A, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear and failure to support spouse or child. Bond: \$1,320.

• Tammy Lorraine Martin, 51, Punta

Gorda. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and driving while license is more than 4 months expired. Bond: \$240.

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

• Amanda Brittany Jones, 23, 100 block of Asbury St., Arcadia. Charge: DUI with alcohol or drugs. Bond: \$2,000.

• R.L. Griffin, 57, 10300 block of S.W. Grape St., Arcadia. Charge: DUI fourth or subsequent offense, and failure to submit to testing. Bond: \$9,000.

• James Leslie Allen, 48, 100 block of N.E. Oak St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation or community control. Bond: none.

• Heath Lynn Fuhlman, 44, 2700 block of N.W. Eucalyptus Ave., Arcadia. Charges: petty theft and resisting an officer or merchant in retail theft. Bond: none.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman. Adam Kreger contributed to this report.

ROADWATCH

PROVIDED BY FDOT

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

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

State Route 70 Westbound (West Hickory Street) from North Lee Avenue to North Orange Avenue — State Route 70 (West Hickory Street) has been reduced from two westbound lanes to one westbound lane between North Manatee Avenue and North Lee Avenue. North Lee

Avenue, North Dade Avenue and North Manatee Avenue are closed at S.R. 70 (West Hickory Street). Use West Walnut Street as a detour. The closure is necessary while crews install a new water main. Motorists should use caution and watch for changes in the traffic pattern. This project includes installing underground utilities beneath the roadway, removing and replacing asphalt and curbs, replacing driveway entrances, repairing sidewalk and adding detectable warning surfaces at the side streets. Estimated completion is end of 2014. The contractor is Bun Construction Company.

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



We want to hear from you

Please join the City's police and community development team in a public open house-style workshop to discuss and hear ideas towards improving special event planning for Arcadia's historic downtown. Our public and private partnerships play an important role in the City successfully hosting numerous special events including the antique fairs, farmers market, car shows and holiday festivals.

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Make your voice heard and help us improve Arcadia's downtown special event planning and programs

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OBITUARIES

Almeta Cade

Almeta Cade, 71, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Friday, Aug. 22, 2014. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

Mariann Conant

Mariann "Mary" Conant, 75, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

Linda J. Davis

Linda J. "Wendy" Davis, 67, of Arcadia, Fla., loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, peacefully passed away Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014.

She was born May 7, 1947, to Harrison Roosevelt Parker and Jesse James Parker.

Wendy was the fifth of six children. She spent her early life in Gastonia, N.C. She gave birth to her daughter, Debbie Davis Jones, in 1965. Wendy married her beloved husband, Roy L. Davis, in 1970, and lived happily with him until his passing in 2010, enjoying a 40-year marriage of love and admiration. During that time, she raised her daughter and two grandchildren, William Lee "Will" Davis and Brandon Michael "Mikey" Davis. She loved gardening, caring for her animals, arts and

crafts, and getting into "mischief" with her "Partner in crime," Peggy Carter. Wendy also spent her time lovingly caring for everyone she could, relative or otherwise. She truly loved all, and will be missed by those she touched.

Visitation was conducted Monday, Sept. 1, 2014, at the Chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, at the Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Doug King of Temple Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed at Joshua Creek Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

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

Daniel L. Parkyn

Daniel L. Parkyn, a long-time resident of DeSoto County, born Oct. 28, 1938, died Sept. 1, 2014 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

OBITUARY POLICY

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

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

NEWS BRIEF

Synagogue Council Open House

On Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014, Temple Beth El - North Port Jewish Center, a Conservative Temple, will be participating in the Community Wide Synagogue Council of Sarasota-Manatee Open House. Anyone wishing to purchase High Holy Day tickets at a cost of \$125 per person should plan on coming to the Open House between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Come tour our

building and meet some of our members. If you cannot attend the open house but are interested in purchasing tickets, call the temple's office at 941-423-0300 to make arrangements.

Temple Beth El is affiliated with The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Sarasota-Manatee Synagogue Council. We are a liberal, egalitarian Conservative synagogue. For further information, call 941-423-0300 or visit www.templebethel-np.org.

GRITS & PIECES

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and never take a breath. Then I went to Tinsley's IGA for a brief time, until I got fired for being a smarty-britches to my supervisor. My early attempts at sharing humor just weren't appreciated, I feel.

From there I labored for John Reynolds, hoeing orange trees, mixing soil, and potting palm trees. By then, minimum wage had skyrocketed to a buck and a half an hour and I was rolling in the dough. I mean, I was rolling in change, trying to stay alive. Of course, gas was cheap then and I could fill up my tank for less than a fin (that's a five-dollar bill to you young whipper-snappers). John was a great boss, and he is my friend to this day, and I owe him a lot. Had to move on, though, as it didn't take too long to figure out that I didn't want to spend the rest of my days hanging onto a hoe handle.

My life's ambition? It was to be a Coast Guardsman ever since I could walk and talk, since my father spent 24 years with them and sometimes took me to work with him. My big surprise came after graduation when I found out they wouldn't take me.

I had no plan B, so I worked part

of a summer as a salesman in the automotive/household department at Grant City (sometimes called W.T. Grants) in Port Charlotte. Who besides me remembers that place? It later became what some remember as the old K-Mart, and was torn down years ago and a Publix is near where it stood, along Highway 41.

That lasted a few weeks, and then I started laboring at our local state facility, G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital, where I spent nearly 30 years before it was closed down in 2002. I performed various forms of labor there and got laid off when they pulled the plug. Three months later I was hired back at that location, which had been taken over by the Department of Juvenile Justice, and I worked another six years before retiring.

Somewhere along the way, over 30 years ago, I started laboring at writing newspaper columns and drawing cartoons. And I think it might be my favorite kind of labor — kicking back in my pajamas at home, drinking coffee, and trying to come up with stuff like what you're reading right now. Somebody once said that we should try to figure out what we love doing best and figure out a way to make money at it, and we'd never have to work a day in our life.

All I can say is, life is good in PJville!



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The danger of too much entertainment

The late A.W. Tozer, whose many books are now considered Christian classics, once wrote a magazine article titled "The Great God Entertainment" in which he described people who are so addicted to the need of constantly being entertained that what had been intended to enable them to relax in idle times had now become idolatry.

An interesting thought! And if you think it's too far out, consider that many call their favorite actors, actresses or athletes their idols.

In 1787, Edward Gibbon completed his book, "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," giving the following reasons for its destruction: the rapid increase of divorce with the resultant undermining of the home; higher and higher taxes and the spending of public money for free circuses for the people; the mad craze for sports, which



Roger Campbell

became more and more brutal; the building of gigantic armaments, when the real enemy was within; and the decay of religious faith, which faded into formalism and became impotent.

In short, Gibbon concluded that satisfying the desires of the people for comforts and entertainment became more important than their relationship with God. Like another civilization before them described in the Bible, they "worshiped and served the creature more than the creator" (Romans 1:25).

Can this be happening to us? Think about it.

What often monopolizes our conversations when we're with friends or family? Probably famous athletes, entertainers or entertainment.

This is not to say that all entertainment is destructive or immoral. We need periodic breaks from the routines of life; time out from the daily grind. Jesus told His disciples to "come apart and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31), prompting someone to wisely observe that if we don't come apart, we'll come apart. Laughter was prescribed by wise Solomon for good health: "A merry heart does good like a medicine," he wrote (Proverbs 17:22), adding there is "a time to laugh" (Ecclesiastes 3:4). But if this laughter comes at the expense of compromising high moral standards intended to keep us on the right road, it isn't healthy at all.

We live in an age of entertaining gadgets that can be either pleasant antidotes to boredom and fatigue or dangerous influences that move us to violence, immorality and despair.

What we think, we are! And to imagine that anyone, young or old, can continually be exposed to negative input and not be affected by it is ridiculous.

The greatest danger in too much entertainment is the squandering of time. We're all given this precious gift at birth with a fresh supply each day. To make the best use of time, we must invest it wisely, worshiping and serving God, finding His will for our lives and living for the good of others. We don't have time to entertain our lives away.

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

Family Album



FAMILY ALBUM PHOTOS

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Happy birthday



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Happy 70th Birthday to John Habeck on September 10.

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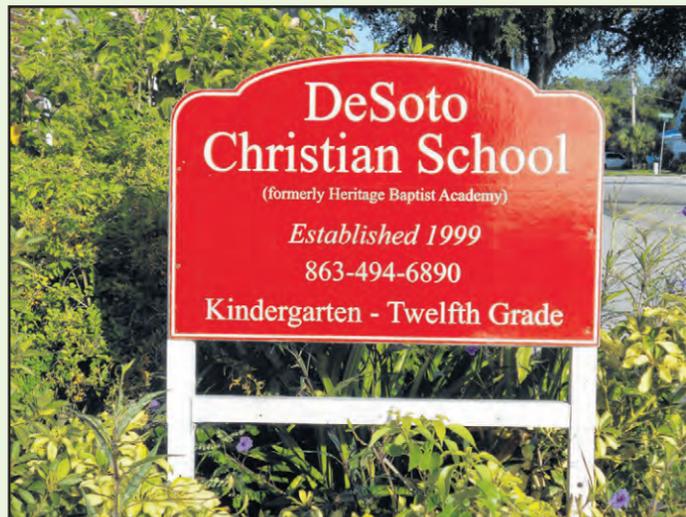
Last Saturday afternoon, Bridgette Ervin, business teacher at DeSoto County High School, and Richard Koonce, also a teacher and football, basketball and weightlifting coach at DCHS, were married. They were surrounded by family and friends as they began their new lives together. It was a beautiful ceremony, with outstanding food and music as everyone danced the night away.

DeSoto Christian School starts new year



PHOTOS PROVIDED

DeSoto Christian School began its 15th year of operation on Aug. 25. The school is located at 27 N. Polk Ave. in downtown Arcadia. It is a private Christian school operated by Heritage Baptist Church, offering kindergarten through grade 12 using the A Beka curriculum. With enrollment currently at 21 students, some of whom are pictured here, and a monthly tuition of \$50, DCS is growing. For more information, call Pastor David Bedell at 863-244-1247.



DeSoto Christian School is beginning its 15th year of operation, offering private Christian education for kindergarten through 12th grade.

Fly-in/camp-out center under construction at airport

By GEORGE CHASE

FRIENDS OF ARCADIA AIRPORT

The City of Arcadia and DeSoto County have both been working on Strategic Plans to promote business in our community. They each have their own plans but success will require them to work together in many areas.

One such effort involves our local City-owned airport that happens to be located outside the city limits within DeSoto County.

The city, county and Friends of

Arcadia Airport, Inc. have joined forces to develop a plan, proposed by Friends, which will help make Arcadia Municipal a "destination airport."

The plan calls for Friends to develop a never-used section of the airport into a "Fly-In/Camp-Out Center." The wooded area is being cleaned up by Friends volunteers. The site will offer a pilot shelter with picnic tables, a large brick paver fire pit, tent sites and a horse shoe pit. Once finished the facility components will be donated to the City Airport by Friends.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY GEORGE CHASE

An area of the Arcadia Airport is being cleared so that pilots can fly-in and camp at the airport in order to enjoy weekend activities in town.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY JOHN BLACK

Connie Telesco of Punta Gorda gives her Doberman Dexter a treat for his good performance. Dexter competes in the Master Class.

Turner Center a hit for competitive dog owners



Susan Flower, left, of Riverview, Fla., holds a Havanese named Willow while handler Kristy Lohman holds Chiodo, a Yorkshire Terrier. Competitors from across Florida converged in Arcadia to try their dogs' skills over hurdles and down ramps in agility events.



Christy McDonald of Fort Myers helps her 7-year-old English Springer Spaniel, Daphne, practice on one of the hurdles at the Turner Center last weekend. The Treasure Coast Dog Agility Club held a competition there over four days.

The time to plan for disaster is now

SUBMITTED By THOMAS MORAN
DeSoto Co. FIRE RESCUE

September is National Preparedness Month and it should remind us of the importance of preparing for hurricanes and other types of disasters. The 2014 NPM theme is: "Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare." It has been 10 years since hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne affected Florida. Flooding, tornadoes and wildfire are other hazards to be prepared for.

The most valuable lesson for us today is that the time to prepare for the next emergency or disaster is now. Each week in September, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will focus on a specific area of preparedness. National Preparedness Month culminates on Sept. 30 with America's PrepareAthon!, a national day of action to encourage individuals, businesses, organizations and communities to take part in preparedness activities.

• Week 1 – How to ... Reconnect with

Family After a Disaster. Do this by creating a family emergency communication plan, and by knowing how you will contact family and friends before, during and after a disaster.

• Week 2 – Know How To ... Plan for Specific Needs before a Disaster. Do this by understanding your emergency preparedness specific needs and by putting together a written emergency preparedness plan

• Week 3 – How to ... Build an Emergency Kit. Build a basic emergency supply kit or have supplies you

need in case of an emergency. Create hazard-specific emergency supply kits.

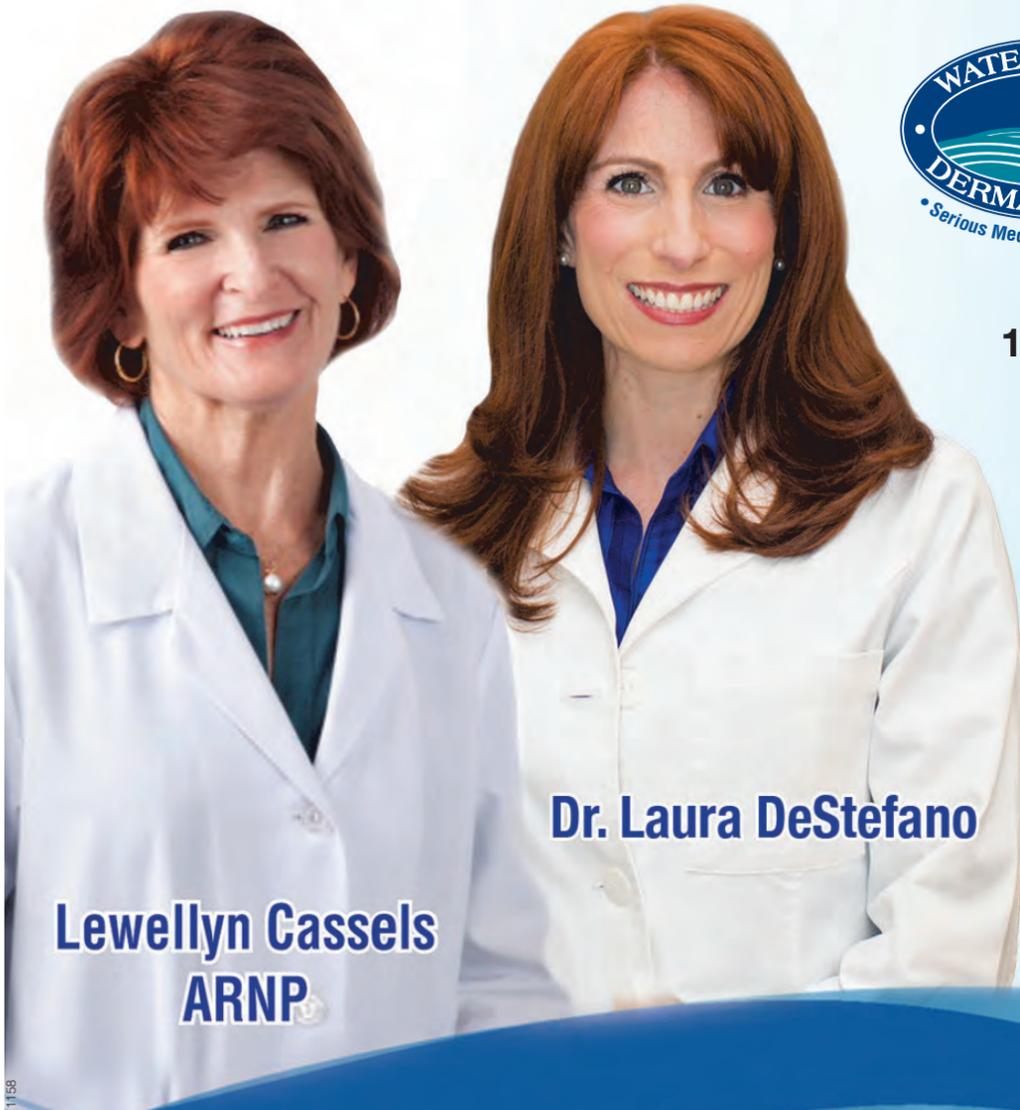
• Weeks 4 and 5 – How to ... Practice for an Emergency. Just like fire drills, you can practice for any type of emergency. Involve your family, neighbors and friends.

Visit www.ready.gov or www.listo.gov for emergency preparedness resources such as a family emergency plan and a guide on building emergency kits. Find events near you, and register your preparedness activity at www.ready.gov/prepare.

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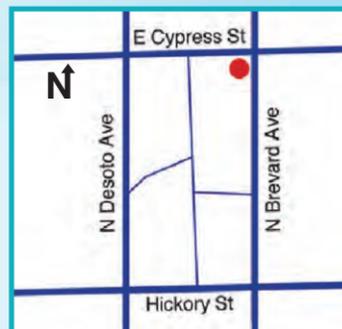


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FORESTRY

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camp to another — “we were always moving” — to follow the fire. They might have to go six days without showering. “Imagine a bunch of guys with no showers for six days,” he said.

They were always on the lookout for venomous critters, too. “One day we went by a sign for rattlesnake habitat. Later on, one came into camp where a bunch of guys were smoking.”

Some days are filled with hard work, Durham said, such as cutting brush to make a fire line — it’s all hand work, and they have to cut big firelines there because, with tall trees and steep topography, a fire can easily jump a line.

They might be called upon for different jobs, depending on conditions. One day, Porter said, “they started us out filling sandbags because of so much rain. The fires burn the vegetation off the hillsides and there’s nothing left to hold it.”



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Camp life

The work is hard and the living situations have their own challenges. Porter said all the firefighters are in a camp that may include from 1,200 to 4,000 people. When possible, they may set up a camp in a school, but Mayfield had one at a fish hatchery. They are working 16-hour days sometimes, starting at 6 a.m. and they may not get back to camp until 9 p.m.

There is a trailer with 12 shower facilities on board, and you may have to wait a long time to shower — or choose between eating or showering.

Some camps have pretty good food — others, said Porter, “need to go to cooking school.” One of the camps had pastrami sandwiches 11 days in a row. Sometimes, at a “spike camp” (one far removed from the main camp, in tents), the food comes in buckets — “sometimes it’s three hours to get there and by then it’s not hot,” said Mayfield. “Also sometimes you’re eating MREs (military-style Meals Ready to Eat) for days. “And don’t eat the beef brisket MRE,” he said. “It tastes like Alpo.”

Then there was the time they were served dinner by an appreciative Indian tribe in Spokane, Wa. “They served us 300 wild-caught salmon,” Durham said. “They were very good.”

The equipment comes from all over the country, too. Mayfield said they had fire engines from Alaska and South Carolina on some of the fires he saw. Managers will send out a nationwide alert as to what equipment they need, and companies from all over the country can respond.

Working away from home

When local firefighters battle federally-managed blazes, they can go on state time — which means it does not count against their own vacation but the pay is not as good — or they can use their own vacation time and work as an independent contractor, in which case the pay is much higher.

While the money is good, the toll on families can be a challenge. Porter said sometimes you are at a fire where there’s no phone service and you can’t reach your family for several days. Back in Florida, Mahoney tries to stay in touch with the families and make sure they’re OK, and he passes along information. Porter said his wife had surgery while he was gone, and he regrets not being able to be there for her.

Yet the people who live in the areas where they’re working are very appreciative. “They are so grateful,” Porter said. “Sometimes they bring us fruit or cookies, or they sit outside their houses with ‘thank you’ signs as we drive by.”

“Sometimes they ask where you’re from,” Mayfield added. “They’re always surprised when we tell them we’re from Florida. But it’s rewarding to help those people who need us.”

The damage from a major fire is apparent on the near hillside as well as distant slopes.



Flames lick up the trunks of tall trees and can be spread when trees fall. Fire lines to prevent the spread of fires have to be wide.



Smoke from a nearby fire billows like fat, white clouds, signaling the approach of the flames.



Thick gray-brown smoke blots out the sky as a raging fire approaches.

American Legion lists new officers



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JACKIE TUCKER

Barbara Field, left, American Legion Auxiliary 8th District president, installs Jackie Tucker as President of the American Legion Auxiliary K11 for this year.



Pictured are the newly installed officers of American Legion Post K11 for the 2014-15 year: Commander Gary Carter, First Vice Commander Robert Thomas, Second Vice Commander Carl Turner, Third Vice Commander Edward Lyne, Adjutant Lee Gallagher, Finance Officer Jerry Stidham, Chaplain James O’Leary, Historian Harry Coleman, Sergeant-at-Arms Ronald Kocher, and Executive Committeemen James Howk, Charles Caldwell and Tim Hagar.



Doug Deierlein, right, presents a special plaque to outgoing American Legion Commander Art Southwell for reaching 98 percent membership by June 30.



American Legion Auxiliary member Sue Freeland, left, in back, is pictured with Auxiliary volunteers who have helped throughout the year with many of the projects: from left, Diane Day, Jesse Alford, and back right, Eliza Evans.



Doug Deierlein, left, commander of American Legion District 8, installs Gary Carter as the new Commander of American Legion Post K11.



American Legion Auxiliary officers for 2014-15 are, from left, Chaplain Hattie Brown, Sergeant-at-Arms Marcella Beckwith, and Vice-President Mary Lyne.

PLANS

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Two projects approved

The county did approve Special Exceptions for two other projects. Walt Johnson and Eugene H. Turner Jr. sought approval to open an airboat operation with a small convenience store on the Peace River across the road from the Nocatee Boat Ramp. The 22-acre parcel, located on the north side of County Road 760 between Adventure Way and the river,

has an existing pavilion, boat ramp and store building. Johnson and Turner plan to offer air boat rides, with the pavilion and store serving mainly boating customers.

The operation would run during daylight hours, not at night. There would probably be two airboats. Commissioners unanimously approved the Special Exception.

Commissioners also approved a Special Exception for 1,500-foot playground at the Iglesia Christiana Pacto de Fe, located on S. Hillsborough Ave. east of the Arcadia Rodeo Arena.

Commissioners also approved slight increases in the non-ad valorem

Municipal Service Benefit Unit payments for three lighting districts. The increases are needed because the costs of providing electricity to light these areas have risen. The payments are made by each lot owner. Assessment increases are \$10/lot a year for Golden Melody, \$4 for Harlem Heights, and \$7 for Kings Crossing.

Gerry Barnes, on behalf of the Alliance of Lake Suzy Homeowners Association, questioned how the costs were determined, and wondered why condos were assessed the same amount as single family homes. “We are already paying unsightly rates for

water and sewer,” she said. Debra Goodson, MSBU coordinator for the county’s Administrative Services department, said the cost is based on what it costs the county to provide lighting in that area and said the money collected is used only for that purpose.

Langford noted the MSBU was approved by the majority of landowners. Commissioner Bob Miller said all landowners are assessed the same because they all benefit equally from having street lighting in the neighborhood.

The board unanimously approved the MSBU increases.

The Peace River offered the perfect setting for two friends' alligator hunting adventure.



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North Port too much for Lady Bulldogs

By **DAVE BREMER**
SPORTS WRITER

In a match where both teams had opportunities to take control, the North Port Bobcats outdueled the Lady Bulldogs 3-1. A lack of ball control by DeSoto combined with strong blocking by North Port sealed the victory for

the Bobcats.

DeSoto started the night struggling with its serve receive, along with adding attack errors to their woes. Coach Laura White found herself calling a second timeout with her team down 19-10. A string of strong serving, however, helped the Bulldogs quickly turn the game around. A Kacey Steyer kill gave Datasia Wallace the serve with the Dawgs down 22-15. Wallace served up two aces before North Port got the ball back. A quick sideout gave the serve to Courtney Bonnville with the Bulldogs down 23-18. The Bulldogs then ran off seven straight service points to steal the set 25-23.

The second set started well for the Bulldogs as they built an early 9-5 lead and it looked like it might be an easy night for DeSoto. But North Port wasn't ready to fold, scoring eight straight points to swing the momentum. DeSoto hung around near the end of the set, but attack errors and timely kills by North Port's outside hitter

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Bethany Bonville shows her serving form, scoring four service aces in a match against North Port. It was not enough, however, as the Bulldogs lost 3-1.



PHOTOS BY DAVE BREMER

Josie Deriso tries to tip the ball around a North Port double block in the middle. The Bulldogs dropped the match 3-1 against the Bobcats.



After a comeback win in the first set, Coach White goes over strategy with her team before the second set. North Port rallied back to win the next three sets to steal the match from the Bulldogs.



Libero player Lucero Perez goes down low to pass a ball in a volleyball match against North Port. The Bulldogs lost the match 3-1.



Bethany Bonville and Josie Deriso team up to put up a block against a North Port attack. North Port went on to win the match 3-1.

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I sincerely appreciate the support that you gave me with your vote in last Tuesday's primary election. With your help, we will now move forward to the general election on November 4, 2014. I ask for your continued support as we begin anew the campaign for the general election. Thank you again for your confidence, support and your vote this past Tuesday in the primary election.

JV girls rally for first win

By **DAVE BREMER**
SPORTS WRITER

After an opening season loss to Lake Placid, two nights later Coach Nora Cail and her junior varsity volleyball squad traveled to North Port for their second match of the year. Cail hoped to see any kind of improvement after the Lake Placid loss. "We obviously worked on passing and serving in practice, but I'd be happy to see anything improve after that first game," Cail said before the game. It didn't happen right away, but Cail's team showed progress and then some, winning the match 2-1.

The first set saw the Lady Bulldogs pick up where they left off at Lake Placid. Errant passes, two net violations and two bad serves forced Cail to call her first time out with the team down 9-4. Miscues continued for the Bulldogs, who were down 18-7 before the girls did a little better job of keeping the ball in play near the end while losing 25-14.

Even Cail couldn't say exactly what changed after the first set, but a whole new team came out for the rest of the night. "I know I was disgusted with them after that first set," she said. "They just came out and got an early lead and started having fun winning." Service aces by Shea Lipe and attack kills by Heather Murphy gave the Bulldogs an early 6-1 lead. A kill by Murphy sent her to the service line, where she served four straight service aces to give the

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PHOTOS BY DAVE BREMER

Shea Lipe and Malysa Jeter go up for a block against a North Port hitter in a recent JV volleyball match. The Bulldogs won the match 2-1.



JV setter Shea Lipe has on her game face during a recent match against North Port. The Bulldogs defeated the Bobcats 2-1.



Keirsten Barrera shows off her serving form in a volleyball match against North Port. The JV Bulldogs won the match 2-1.

Below: Bailey Bryant goes low for a pass against North Port. The Bulldogs got their first win of the early season 2-1.



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We are a special project planned by Kristen Spahr, Marketing Director of DeSoto Memorial Hospital. She has encouraged and inspired us to participate in a healthier life-style. She has recorded our weight and will monitor each week through November 27, 2014.

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This will be promoted locally and around the state to invite other community and county residents to come to DeSoto and be part of these days of celebration, respect and honor, December 4-7, 2014.

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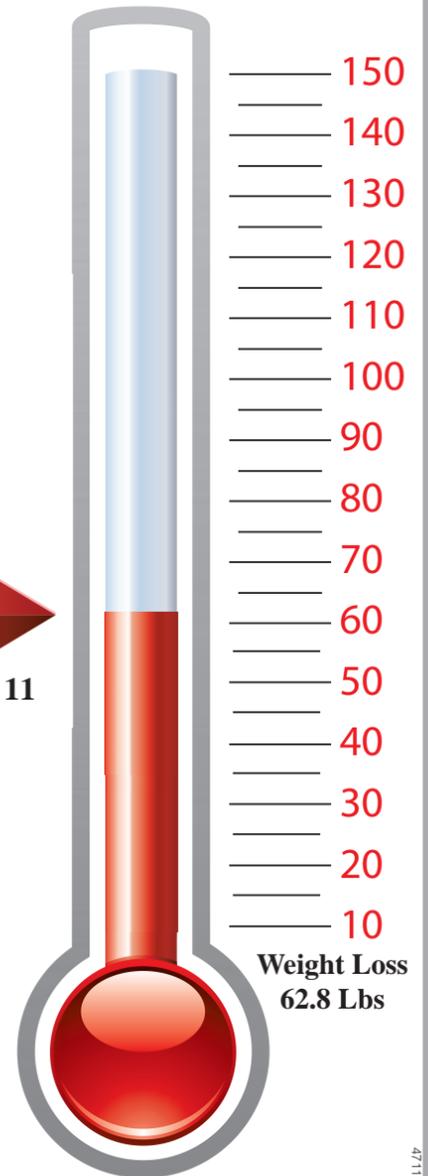
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Mother Nature 1, Bulldogs 0

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

The DeSoto County High School varsity football game against the Lake Region Thunder was canceled last Friday due to excessive lightning strikes and heavy rain that fell for over an hour.

The home opener won't be rescheduled, so while the DeSoto County High School Bulldogs remain undefeated on the field, they are winless against Mother Nature. The Bulldogs lost 19-18 to Lake Region last year in

the season opener but were looking forward to meeting them on their own turf to avenge the loss.

Bulldogs Head Coach Matt Egloff was frustrated with the rainout. "It was a very winnable game for us, but now we have one less game under our belts. We don't know how we would have stacked up with them after last week's game and we needed to see what we need to work on," he said. "This actually was a good week of practice for us. It doesn't mean we would have played well, but you could tell the kids were trying to do

the right things."

The squad is guaranteed to see lightning again tomorrow night, as they play host to the Lehigh Lightning. The Bulldogs game against Lehigh was postponed last year because of lightning at the Lehigh field. That game was played on Saturday morning, and with a small roster the Bulldogs pulled out a 36-35 win on a last-minute interception deep in Bulldog territory by Dequan Richardson.

Richardson was hurt on the play and missed a couple of games after that. The Bulldogs also lost Oscar Alfonso and Caleb Blackwood to injuries that caused them to miss several games, too. By the end of the game with just a few healthy bodies left, the Bulldogs looked like the famous picture of the Revolutionary war with the fife player, drummer and flag holder limping off to battle.

Lehigh lost last week 30-27, blowing a 20-0 halftime lead and allowing 24 fourth quarter points to Palmetto Ridge, including the game-winning pass with 47 seconds remaining.

The game will be played at 7 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium. If you are unable to make it to the game you can hear all of the action on WFLN radio 1480 AM.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

Bulldogs Coach Matt Egloff had his team back on the field with a Labor Day practice after the opening game of the season was canceled due to lightning strikes in the area. "I sure would have liked to have seen where we were at since the Kick Off Classic," he said. "We had a good week of practice."

BULLDOGS

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Aspen Davidson gave the Bobcasts a 25-19 victory.

The third set was all North Port, with DeSoto playing very flat. The Bobcats seemed to know where the Bulldogs were going with the ball and had a solid block waiting. Davidson kept knocking down kills from the outside attack, accumulating 15 for the night. North Port walked away with a 25-14 win and seemed in total control of the game.

Unlike the other three sets, there were no long momentum runs in the fourth. The biggest lead by either team was three points throughout the set. With DeSoto down 24-23, Courtney Bonville served up one of her five service aces, and Bethany Bonville followed it up with a kill to give the Bulldogs a 25-24 lead. With Davidson in

the back row for North Port, it looked like the Bulldogs were in position to win the set, but Davidson got two of the Bobcat's final three points with kills out of the back row, giving North Port a 27-25 win.

Bethany Bonville managed 12 kills out of 51 attempts for the Bulldogs while facing a strong double block all night. "I've got to work on hitting around the block better," she said after the game.

White saw it more as a domino effect. "Bethany had a hard time hitting around the block because the sets were inside," she said. "The sets were inside because the setter was setting passes that were way off target, which brings us back to passing. We've got to learn to play lose and low."

White hopes her team makes the proper adjustments by Thursday, when they open up district play at Sebring.



PHOTO BY DAVE BREMER

The Lady Bulldogs cheered on their teammates during introductions before their match against North Port. The Bulldogs won the first set, but dropped the next three.

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Bulldogs an 11-2 cushion. From there the Bulldogs held steady in their play, and North Port added some service errors of their own to give DeSoto multiple opportunities to finish the game with a 25-9 win. It was the team's first set victory of the year.

The third set was a continuation of the second. Lipe and Murphy had three kills collectively and DeSoto built an early 5-0 lead. North Port quickly fell apart with their first two servers committing service errors, and the Bulldogs took advantage to build a 9-2 lead. The Bobcats had a slight surge near the end of the game closing the score to 13-8, but an attack and passing error gave the Bulldogs a 15-8 victory, their first of the young season. Murphy had the hot hand, contributing three kills and eight service aces out of 11 attempts in the two sets.

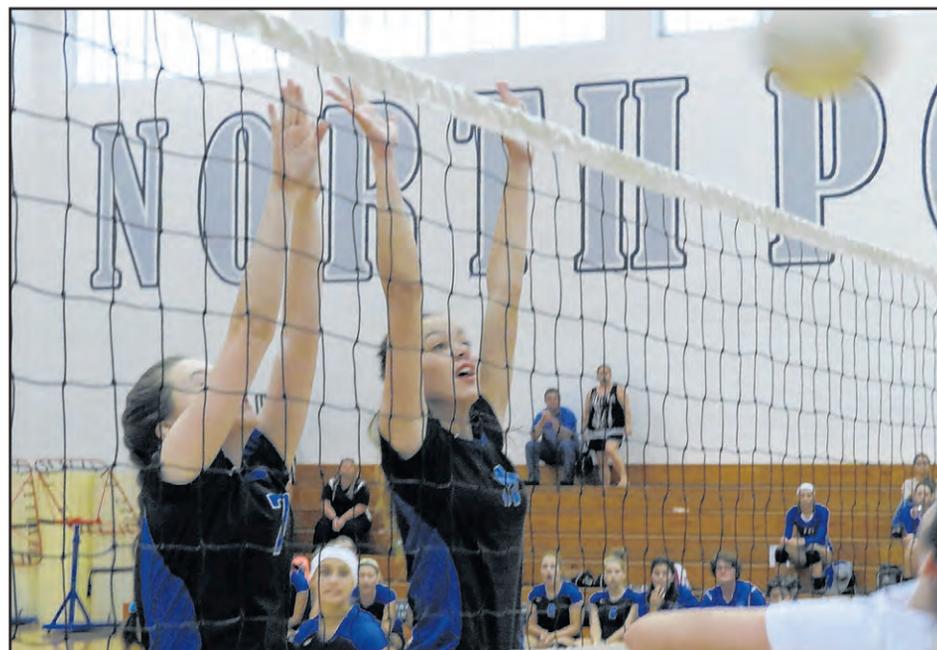
When Murphy was asked about the sudden change, she just smiled and said, "I don't know, we just wanted to win."

Cail saw the same thing. "They're a young team; we're likely to have five freshmen and one sophomore on the court at any time," she said. "I think they got that lead and figured out they could win."



PHOTOS BY DAVE BREMER

Shea Lipe tosses up a serve to begin a match against North Port. The junior varsity Bulldogs lost the first set but came back to win the next two to take a 2-1 victory for their first win of the season.



Samantha Kilgore and Cassie Rodgers put up a double block against a North Port hitter in a JV volleyball match. The Bulldogs won the match 2-1.

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Ribbon cutting celebrates new batting cages

The Big Dog Club Athletic Boosters and DeSoto County School District celebrated the grand opening of a DeSoto County High School baseball and softball batting facility. Improvements to the batting cages and warm up areas were made possible by a grant from Mosaic.

“Business partners, like Mosaic, are vital. We are grateful for their support,” said DeSoto County School District Superintendent Karyn Gary. “We applaud the Big Dog Club for spearheading this project in support of DeSoto County High School



PHOTOS BY DAVE BREMER

DeSoto County School District Superintendent Karyn Gary presents a plaque of appreciation to Mosaic Public Affairs Manager Heather Nedley.

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The DeSoto County High School covered batting facility includes lighting, netting and artificial turf in addition to room for storage.



DeSoto County High School has a new covered batting facility for baseball and softball use. A ribbon cutting for the facility was held by the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce last week.

A gator hunting adventure

SUBMITTED BY LARY SMOCK

Hunting foursome Ryan Locklear, Tommy Beasley, Mike Gregg of Meadville, Penn., and Lary Smock of Fort Ogden tagged two alligators during a recent hunt. What an exciting hunt to harvest two gators on the Peace River in DeSoto County! The first gator was taken Aug. 16 and measured in at eight feet. The second was tagged on Aug. 18. Our hunt had it all: Frayed nerves; bent arrows; broken harpoon; tangled lines; close calls with whipping gator tails; and over an hour fight to bring the 500-pound monster into the boat.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Ryan Locklear, left, and Larry Smock.

Ryan Locklear, left, Mike Gregg and Tommy Beasley with a nice eight-foot alligator.



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Respectfully
Danny Via

These great pets need furr-ever homes



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

This little ball of fuzz is a male Long-haired Chihuahua/Pomeranian mix, tan with chocolate features (and one foot with all white toes). He is about 9 weeks old and has a sweet personality. He was picked up as a stray with his littermate, and he deserves a good home. If you would like to adopt this little fuzzball, call the DeSoto County Animal Services at 863-993-4899.



Lala is a black female Papillon/Poodle mix. She is 4 years old and is spayed. Her owner had to surrender her for health reasons and now she is looking for another good home. She is house-trained and she even "dances." If you can give Lala a good home, stop by to see her at Animal Control, 2048 N.E. McKay St.



Remington is a steel blue male domestic shorthair kitten, about 10 weeks old. He is a bit shy but appreciates a little attention to bring him out of his shell.



Tippy is a male Chihuahua/Manchester Terrier mix. He is 10 months old and is tri-color. He's very playful and energetic and does not like to hold still for photos. To adopt Tippy, call 863-993-4855.



This pretty yellow Long-haired Chihuahua/Pomeranian mix is the sister to the other Pom/Chihuahua mix. They were found together as strays and she is also about 9 weeks old. Visit the DeSoto Animal Control office at 2048 N.E. McKay St.



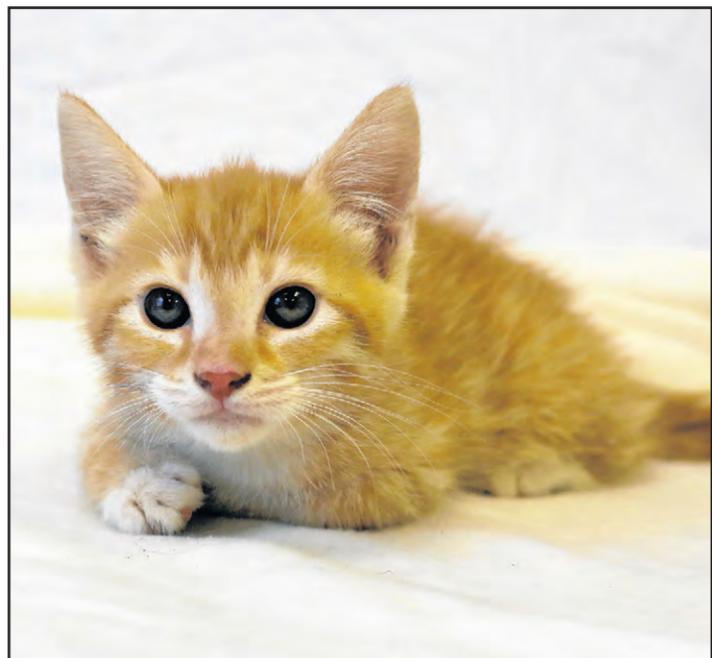
Sterling is a silver-gray female kitten, about 9 weeks old. She purrs readily and is very playful.



Reggie is a Beagle/Dachshund mix with a great personality. He is estimated at one to one-and-a-half years old and was found as a stray. The black and tan dog gets along well with other dogs and walks well on a leash.



Nanook was found as a stray near the Turner Center. He is a mature Husky, 9-11 years old, and is well mannered and good on a leash. He has already been neutered and would be good in an adult household.



Jelly is an orange and white male domestic shorthair kitten. He is about 8 weeks old and was found as a stray.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS
3010**

SEEKING WITNESSES to an accident that occurred at the intersection of Hwy 70 & Airport Rd in Arcadia on Aug 22nd around 7:30am. Please call 813-371-3887

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**NOTICE OF ACTION
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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 review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Published 8/14/14, 8/21/14, 8/28/14 & 9/4/14 131159 3073731

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
3122**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2009-CA-001176
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2007-OPT1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-OPT1, Plaintiff,
vs.
JEFFREY PACHECO; SUSAN PACHECO, Defendants).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 18, 2014, and entered in 2009-CA-001176 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2007-OPT1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-OPT1 is the Plaintiff and JEFFREY PACHECO; SUSAN PACHECO 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 25, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 8, TIER 6, A.W. GILCHRIST'S EAST END ADDITION TO ARCADIA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 27, AND IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 48.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 20th day of August, 2014.
Mitzie McGavic
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance: Please contact DeSoto County Jury Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. Telephone:

(863) 993-4876. At least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. Published 9/4/14 & 9/11/14 331723 3082638

NEED CASH?

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, 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
CASE NO.: 13-CA-793
FIRST STATE BANK OF ARCADIA, Plaintiff,
vs.
JIMMIE D. TUCKER and UNKNOWN TENANT #1, Defendants.

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 22, 2014 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Door of the DeSoto County Courthouse, Arcadia, Florida at 11am on October 28, 2014, the following described property located in DeSoto County, Florida:

The North 672 feet of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 39 South, Range 23 East, DeSoto County, Florida, less the West 680 feet thereof together with and subject to an easement for ingress and egress over the South 60 feet of the North 672 feet of the West 740 feet of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said Section 10. Subject to road right-of-way. ALSO KNOWN AS: PARCEL 2 OF TAGGART SUBDIVISION, as per Minor Plat Book 1, Page 57, Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
Dated this 25th day of August, 2014.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
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By: /s/ B. Wynn
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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,
vs.
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

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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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2013-CA-000648 01

SUNCOAST CREDIT UNION, a federally insured state chartered credit union, Plaintiff,

vs. ROBERT L. OWENS, III, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JOYCE J. OWENS, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOYCE J. OWENS; RAYMOND L. OWENS; RONALD L. OWENS; NANCY D. OWENS; ELIZABETH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1; TENANT #2, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of DESOTO County, Florida, the Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in DESOTO County, Florida described as:

THE SOUTH 43 FEET OF LOT 5, BLOCK 8, IN A.S. WATSONS SOUTHWEST ADDITION TO ARCADIA, FLORIDA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 95 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

and commonly known as: 22 Watson Avenue, Arcadia, Florida 34266, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on the South steps of the Courthouse, 115 E. Oak St., Arcadia, FL 34266, on October 2, 2014, at 11:00 A.M. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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

Dated this 25th day of August, 2014
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk Published
9/4/14 & 9/11/14 282862
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 14-CA-51

FIRST STATE BANK OF ARCADIA, Plaintiff,
vs.
GILBERT E. COAN, individually,

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

and GILBERT E. COAN, as Trustee of the COAN TRUST Dated March 26, 1996, and LAKE JACKSON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, Defendants.

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 22, 2014 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Door of the DeSoto County Courthouse, Arcadia, Florida at 11am on November 18, 2014, the following described property located in Highlands County, Florida:

Parcel No.: S-23-34-28-02A-00A0-0050
Unit 5, Building A, of Lake Jackson Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium recorded in O.R. Book 629, Page 686 and amended in O.R. Book 707, Page 250, and amended in O.R. Book 764, Page 92 and amended in O.R. Book 1212, Page 762 and amended in O.R. Book 1369, Page 742, all of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

And the following described properties located in DeSoto County, Florida:

Parcel No.: 08-39-25-0000-0121-0000

The South 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 less right of way of State Road 763 on the East side and less 50 feet right of way on the South side, of Section 8, Township 39 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida.

Parcel No.: 23-38-24-0412-0000-1360

All of Block 3 and 4, of Wright Carlton's Addition to Nocatee, Florida, a subdivision according to the Plat or Map thereof, as recorded in the Office of Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for DeSoto County, Florida, in Plat Book 1, Page 21 and C-5, Page 43. Less and except: Begin at the SW corner of said Block 4; thence North along the West line of said Block 4, 120.37 feet; thence N 89°02'40" E, 133.70 feet; thence S 0°05'08" W, 120.24 feet to the point on the South line of said Block 4, thence S 88°59'13" W along said South line of said Block 4, 133.52 feet to the said Point of Beginning.

Parcel No.: 25-37-24-0012-0230-0100

All of Lots 12 and 13 of Mershon's Re-Subdivision of Block 23, Original Survey of Arcadia, 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 6, Page 28. Less and Except additional right-of-way to State of Florida, Department of Transportation as described in Case #94-046-CA, O.R. Book 325, Page 100, Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida.

Parcel No.: 25-37-24-0012-0230-0120

The South 1/2 of Lot 10 and all of Lot 11, Block 23, Original Survey of Arcadia, 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 1, Page 67.

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 25th day of August, 2014.

MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
Clerk of Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
as Deputy Clerk Published
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TAX DEEDS 3132

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **PPF HOLDINGS III, LTD** 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: 1649
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012
Tax Deed File #: 14-22-TD
Description of Property: LOT 19, BLOCK "C", 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.

Names in which assessed:
LORA MAE SAMS
4576 NW COUNTY RD 661
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 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 9/4/14,
9/11/14, 9/18/14, 9/25/14
112132 3080371

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **PPF HOLDINGS III, LTD** 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: 211
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012
Tax Deed File #: 14-23-TD
Description of Property: LOT 19, BLOCK "C", 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.

Names in which assessed:
HON F CHOO
151 ALLWORTHY STREET
PORT CHARLOTTE, FL 33954

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 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 9/4/14,
9/11/14, 9/18/14, 9/25/14
112132 3080386

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **PPF HOLDINGS III, LTD** 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: 801
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012
Tax Deed File #: 14-24-TD
Description of Property: LOTS 31 AND 32, HARLEM HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 82.

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.**

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Names in which assessed:
KENNETH E WICKS
1490 SW HARLEM CIRCLE
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 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 9/4/14,
9/11/14, 9/18/14, 9/25/14
112132 3080388

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

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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 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 3077418

TAX DEEDS 3132

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.

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

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: 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: 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

Names in which assessed:
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

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: 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

Names in which assessed:
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: 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.**

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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
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 ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT
TO: Daniel A NewsomeGraves Sites, LLC
Case No.: 147250-14-FC
Arcadia, FL
An ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT to suspend or revoke your license (s) and eligibility for licensure and appointment has been filed against you. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57 (1) and (2), Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for same with Julie Jones, the DFS Agency Clerk. Filing with the Agency Clerk may be accomplished via U.S. Mail, express overnight delivery, hand delivery, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail. The address for overnight delivery or hand delivery is Julie Jones, DFS Agency Clerk, Department of Financial Services, 612 Larson Building, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0390. The fax number is (850) 488-0697. The email address is Julie.Jones@myfloridacfo.com. If a request for hearing is not received by October 16, 2014, the right to a hearing in this matter will be waived and the Chief Financial Officer will dispose of this case in accordance with the law. Published 9/4/14, 9/11/14, 9/18/14 & 9/25/14 373699 3082690

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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

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ARIES — Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, take the high road when you find yourself in the midst of a disagreement with a friend. It may be tempting to stick to your guns, but the disagreement is nothing too significant.

TAURUS — Apr 21/May 21
Much is going on, Taurus, and you have trouble zeroing in on a focal point. Unless you make a list of all you want to accomplish, you may get lost in the shuffle.

GEMINI — May 22/Jun 21
You sometimes change your moods on a whim, Gemini. But lately you have been more steadfast in your convictions. This behavior will continue for some time.

CANCER — Jun 22/Jul 22
Don't make any rash moves in the next few days, Cancer. For whatever reason your common sense meter is a little off. You may want to run ideas past a trusted friend for a while.

LEO — Jul 23/Aug 23



Leo, unless you try you will never be able to tell if something is within your capabilities. Do not be afraid to fail. It's better than putting in no effort at all.

VIRGO — Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you're wearing your heart on your sleeve this week. Don't worry, as your willingness to share your emotions will endear you to others.

LIBRA — Sept 23/Oct 23
There are only so many hours in the day, Libra. You need to pick and choose your activities accordingly. You likely will not be able to squeeze everything in.

SCORPIO — Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, if you want to get involved in something, then by all means give it your best shot. If

it's something foreign to you, let others take the reigns until you're more comfortable.

SAGITTARIUS — Nov 23/Dec 21
A new perspective is all you need to feel better this week, Sagittarius. A change of scenery or even looking to an old friend for advice can make a real difference.

CAPRICORN — Dec 22/Jan 20
The friends you thought you could count on turn out to be the real deal, Capricorn. Just see what they have in store for you this week. You will be so surprised.

AQUARIUS — Jan 21/Feb 18
It is okay to have strong opinions, Aquarius. But respect the opinions of others who may disagree with your point of view. Learn how to walk away from pointless situations.

PISCES — Feb 19/Mar 20
There's more to the story than meets the eye, Pisces. Quick judgement may land you in hot water. Wait for the dust to settle.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4

As a senior citizen with health problems, keeping DMH open is a must, not only the ER but all the other services, X-ray etc. Please consider our needs. In an emergency time is important.

Harry Coleman
Arcadia

It would be a tragedy to not have an ER. Also the lack of lab work and diagnostics. It would be a big loss of lost jobs and a blow to the economy for DeSoto.

Carolyn Edwards
Arcadia

Everyone needs a hospital at some time in their life and I sure do hope it's close. Please keep the hospital in Arcadia. If I or my husband has a heart attack, I'd like to know that it was close by for resuscitation. I also don't want to travel far.

Jan M. Bartholomew
Arcadia

Having a vibrant ER and regional hospital is critical to DeSoto County. A hospital is a magnet for medical services and specialties we all need. Without DMH, lives would be in danger.

Steve Hanlon
Arcadia

DeSoto County provides many Arcadians with employment here at DeSoto Memorial. I am a single mother and depend highly on my employment here. I also attend college and find it to be one of the best opportunities to advance my career.

This hospital offers a variety of services not only to Arcadians but the Hardee County area as well. So therefore, without DMH not only would it impact our townspeople

but surrounding areas too. I can not afford to be unsure of my future so I'm depending on this hospital to be up and operating to provide for myself, my family and our community.

Rita Apac
Arcadia

I have worked at the hospital for four years. Many people will be unemployed [if the hospital closes].

It takes 45 minutes to an hour to get to another hospital. Many people come here to get treatment in IV therapy, X-ray or lab work.

Danielle Philbrook
Arcadia

The hospital is needed to provide medical services and care to the community, including unpaid indigent care. The hospital is also needed to attract and retain people (including especially snowbirds) and businesses to the community, all of whom contribute to the local economy and tax base.

Jonathan Wuthrich
Arcadia

DeSoto County has a high number of elderly members that live here year-round and seasonally. These people need a hospital close to home for care. DMH is also an employer to many people in Arcadia. Without a hospital for care, I think many people will stop coming to Arcadia seasonally.

Montgomery Winslow II
Arcadia

Most Arcadians do not have the means to travel to another county for emergencies or treatment.

Kenneth Burnset

We (my husband and I) moved here to be close to doctors and a hospital. It would be a real burden if we lost this hospital. We have

used the emergency four times and for several tests [because of the] convenience.

Royal and Carol Olsen

We need a hospital in DeSoto County for employment. Snowbirds will choose another location with a hospital available, less revenue for the city with less population due to decreased employment available and decrease health care. Property values will decline.

Cynthia Brooks
Arcadia

We need DeSoto Memorial Hospital. My birth took place there and I've had three operations there, all successful, and the care I received there was excellent. How can we keep expert doctors here if the hospital closed?

We need expert intelligence in Administrative Management and plenty of prayers for guidance in order to keep the hospital open.

Charles L. Durr
Arcadia

I would use the hospital for emergencies, lab work, mammograms, X-rays. I really feel we need a hospital in DeSoto County.

Jennifer Morton
Arcadia

It is the only hospital that is near in this area. It also employs a lot of people that live in the community. A big change in administration would make a big difference for this hospital.

Ermelinsa Rios
Arcadia

The drive [to another hospital is too far]. We need an emergency room here.

Brittany Skinner
Arcadia

We need a hospital in DeSoto County.

Mary Dow

LIVESTOCK PRICES

Reported by the Arcadia Stockyard for the week of August 27

Weight	Price per cwt.
Steers — Medium and Large Frame	
175-275	\$410-530 (avg. \$445.08)
275-350	\$355-430 (avg. \$375.11)
350-425	\$300-360 (avg. \$318.24)
425-500	\$247.50-310 (avg. \$266.96)
500-575	\$235-262.50 (avg. \$243.68)
575-700	\$220-252.50 (avg. \$230.92)
Steers — Light and Medium Frame	
175-275	\$320-430 (avg. \$388.59)
275-350	\$295-365 (avg. \$334.21)
350-425	\$250-305 (avg. \$282.72)
425-500	\$220-255 (avg. \$236.85)

500-575	\$211-237.50 (avg. \$224.33)
575-700	\$185-225 (avg. \$209.85)
Heifers — Medium and Large Frame	
175-275	\$355-480 (avg. \$378.90)
275-350	\$300-350 (avg. \$315.87)
350-425	\$242.50-330 (avg. \$261.10)
425-500	\$230-260 (avg. \$239)
500-575	\$215-270 (avg. \$227.90)
575-700	\$200-270 (avg. \$221.11)
Heifers — Light and Medium Frame	
175-275	\$295-365 (avg. \$330.93)
275-350	\$247.50-305 (avg. \$276.76)
350-425	\$220-247.50 (avg. \$236.31)
425-500	\$212.50-235 (avg. \$224.53)
500-575	\$200-220 (avg. \$211.25)

575-700	\$184-207.50 (avg. \$192.81)
Slaughter Classes	
Cows:	
Boners 1100-1900	\$110-126 (avg. \$114.10)
Lean 850-1200	\$97-115 (avg. \$105.18)
Low Dressing: 800-1100	\$85-107 (avg. \$98.07)
Shells: 650-800	\$68-91 (avg. \$79.27)
Bulls:	
High Dressing: 1300-2000	\$125-145 (avg. \$132)
1000-1299	\$105-126 (avg. \$114)
Low Dressing: under 1100	\$105-120 (avg. \$113.69)
Totals: — 2,390; calves — 2,082; cows — 262; bulls — 46	
Slaughter cows were \$1 to \$3 higher; slaughter bulls were steady. Feeder steers over 300 pounds were \$8to \$12 higher and heifers over 300 pounds were \$5 to \$7 higher.	

Aloe vera—the healing medicinal plant

Aloe vera is often referred to as a miracle plant for its ability to soothe and heal wounds, especially burns, and for relieving aches and pains. The aloe family contains over 200 species. Aloe barbadensis is the botanical name of the plant grown for its medicinal uses. The plant has been used medicinally since ancient times. Historical references dating back to 1500 B.C. mention its use for medicinal and cosmetic purposes. Cleopatra's beauty was attributed to the use of aloe gel.

Aloe grows naturally in dry regions of Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. This member of the lily family is a semi tropical perennial succulent.

Aloe plants are known as xerodids because they are able to completely close the pores or stomata on their leaves to avoid the loss of water, making them very drought tolerant. When a leaf is broken off, the outer cells of both the plant and the broken piece seal off the wound to prevent moisture loss.

Aloe has thick stiff lance-shaped leaves with a sharp tip and spiny edges. They vary from a grayish green to bright green, and there are also striped varieties. There are tiny miniatures to plants that grow to 2 feet in diameter.

Aloe will produce blooms in late winter or early spring. Watch for a leafless stem emerging from the base of the plant. The stem will be topped with a cluster of buds that open into yellow or reddish pink tube shaped blooms that are favored by hummingbirds.

Aloe vera may be grown as an outdoor plant in Florida, or as a potted plant. It needs good sun exposure to remain healthy. It may have difficulty in wet locations. Plant in areas where it will



Over the Garden Gate

Al & Karen Smoke

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receive some protection from heavy rains, such as under a roof overhang with gutters to direct rain away from the foundation area. It should receive shade at least part of the day.

When grown as a potted plant, use a light potting medium formulated for succulents and water only when the soil is dry 2 inches deep or the leaves begin to look a bit withered.

The plant is easy to propagate. New shoots or pups are sent out from the base of the plant and are easily separated. Aloe has a shallow, spreading root system. Sprinkle soil with Epsom salts to help roots get established. Aloe's fertilizer needs are low, and it will thrive in most soils as long as it has good drainage.

During the winter months, the plant will become somewhat dormant, and utilize very little moisture. Aloe will be injured by freezing temperatures, but will come back when warm weather returns. Cover with a blanket, or bring potted aloe indoors.

When growth resumes in spring, use



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY AL SMOKE

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a light application of bloom fertilizer or blood meal to encourage blooming. Watch for mealybugs and fungus on leaves, especially if plants are crowded. Treat mealybugs by misting plants with isopropyl alcohol in late afternoon. Remove diseased leaves, and spray the plants with liquid copper to control fungus during the rainy season. If aloe is planted in full sun and kept thinned properly, fungus and insects should not be a problem.

Aloe seems to be able to speed wound healing by improving blood circulation through the area and preventing cell death around a wound. It also appears that aloe gel has properties that are harmful to certain types of bacteria and fungi. The mucilaginous gel contains at least six natural antiseptics, which are able to kill mold, bacteria, fungi, and viruses.

Although used in its natural form for centuries, it wasn't until after WWII that a method of preserving the gel was devised. A chemical engineer visiting Florida in 1942 was impressed with its healing ability after a friend broke off a piece and gave it to him to apply to his sun burnt skin. In 1947, Robert M. Stockton moved to Florida to work on a method of preserving and stabilizing the gel.

Aloe vera is now a common ingredient in cosmetics, skin creams, cleansers, shaving preparations, shampoo and sunscreen. Its healing abilities are attributed to the polysaccharides and other compounds in the gel. It is widely recognized as harmless with no side effects. A very few people may experience a mild allergic reaction to it such as stinging or rash. Interestingly, in people who have allergic reactions to other substances, if they are able to tolerate aloe, it often relieves their other allergic reactions.

As a treatment for burns, it helps reduce pain and the chance of infection and scarring, while encouraging the healing process. However, aloe should not be applied if infection is already present, because it may trap bacteria and allow it

to multiply. Use a sunscreen containing aloe for preventing sunburn. Use the gel from a leaf, or an ointment containing aloe for treating mild sunburn. It is also great for relieving the itch of poison ivy or other rashes, insect bites and jellyfish stings.

The juice may be extracted and taken as a general tonic to aid in digestion and bowel problems. Prepare your own by combining fresh aloe gel, water and fruit juice or sweetener in a blender. The juice may help heal ulcers, and is said to bring relief from arthritis, sore throat and sinus problems. The juice is also useful as a shampoo.

Substances in aloe may improve the ability of the pancreas to produce insulin. Diabetics should consult with a physician before using aloe vera products. If you want to take aloe juice medicinally, look for commercial, certified organic juice made from the gel only.

Cutting leaves from the plant does not harm it, as the plant quickly seals off the wound. Use a sharp knife to cut lower leaf blades close to the ground level. Older, larger leaves contain the most potent gel. Cut off the tip and spiny edges, and then peel off the outer skin.

You may notice a yellowish sap or latex directly beneath the skin. The sap is bitter and should be rinsed off. The latex has been used in laxative preparations, but because it might cause cancer and is hard on the kidneys and could lead to serious kidney disease and even death, it has been banned by the FDA since 2002.

The transparent goopy gel in the interior of the leaf is the healing substance. Simply scrape off and apply to the skin, or lay the entire peeled leaf over a wound. Wrap unused leaves in saran wrap and store in the refrigerator; they'll stay fresh about 2 weeks. Once you discover the healing power of aloe, you will want to always have this plant on hand.

For tips on forty ways to use aloe, visit <http://health.howstuffworks.com/wellness/natural-medicine/herbal-remedies/amazing-aloe-vera.htm>



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Harvesting is under way across Florida

FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31

Weather Summary

According to Florida's Automated Weather Network, rainfall ranged from no rain to 4.11 inches this past week. Pierson (Volusia County) received the most rain with 4.11 inches, followed by Lake Alfred (Polk County) with 3.63 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 79 percent drought free this past week. The highest temperature was 97 degrees in Lake Alfred (Polk County), Pierson (Volusia County) and Sebring (Highlands County). The lowest temperature in the state was 63 degrees in Mayo (Lafayette County).

Fruit and Vegetables

Southwest Florida received scattered showers throughout the week.



Vegetable growers in southwest Florida continued planting melons, tomatoes, peppers, squash, preparing land and laying plastic for fall crops. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included okra, boniato, and malanga; being harvested included okra, boniato, avocado and longan.

Field Crops

There was an average of 6.6 days suitable for field work, down slightly from 6.7 days the previous week. Hay, corn, soybeans and peanuts were being harvested in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida. Isolated fields in the Panhandle have received scattered showers this past week. Lack of rain placed stress on corn, soybeans and peanuts. Army worms were still a problem in parts of the Panhandle. Peanut condition was mostly good for the state. Sugarcane fields in Palm Beach County were being prepared for planting.

Livestock and Pastures

Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good. Cattle were heat stressed.

Citrus

Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and generally heavy. All but one station received some precipitation. Eleven stations received more than an inch and three received more than two inches. Pierson (Volusia County) received the most at 4.11 inches, followed by Lake Alfred (Polk County) with 3.63 inches. North Port (Sarasota County) recorded the least with 0 inches of precipitation. Daytime high temperatures were hot, reaching the mid to upper 90s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated August 26, the entire citrus-producing region in Florida remains drought-free.

Next season's crop is progressing well. Growers and caretakers are applying summer oils, fertilizing, irrigating, and in some cases resetting new trees.



PHOTOS BY DAVE BREMER

County Commissioner and Big Dog Club President Bob Miller addresses the community members before the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Community members help dedicate the new covered batting cage facility at DeSoto County High School.

NEW

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athletics. This is a great example of community involvement."

The remodeled cages are now covered by a building complete

with lighting, netting and artificial turf in addition to room for storage. The improvements will now allow players to participate in batting practice out of the weather and keep equipment out of the elements. In addition to the grant from Mosaic, Baxley Electric, Florida Power & Light and Partin Concrete

provided additional support for the improvements.

"This facility will be a tool our baseball and softball programs will utilize for years to come to further sharpen their batting skills, training players to hit like a Bulldog," said County Commissioner and Big Dog Club President Bob Miller.

"Mosaic recognizes the importance and value of investing in the communities where our employees live and work. We support our local youth in the classroom and on the field and look forward to seeing how these improvements benefit the players' experiences," Mosaic Public Affairs Manager Heather Nedley said.

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DeSoto County High School Bulldog Football



Quia Fudge puts his helmet on as all of the DeSoto County football players get back to work at Monday's practice. Their season opener last Friday was canceled due to lightning.



Bulldog senior Anthony Lee shows a towel that was given to him that shows the spirit and pride there is to be a DeSoto Bulldog.



Deionte "Juice" Turner and Stefan "Thumpa" Williams bang heads as the Bulldogs prepare for their home game tomorrow against Lehigh High School.



Bulldog quarterback Reggie Jones pitches to running back Taj Jackson in practice Monday afternoon. As usual for this season, the practice was cut short by lightning near the school.

WFLN 1480 News Radio - No Player of the Week. Game Cancelled

2014 - 15 DeSoto Bulldogs Varsity Football Schedule

			SCORE
08/22	7:30pm	Port Charlotte	L6 - 33
08/29	7:00pm	Lake Region	Cancelled
09/05	7:00pm	Lehigh Acres	
09/12	7:00pm	@ East Lee	
09/19	7:30pm	Booker	
09/26	7:00pm	@ North Port	
10/03	7:30pm	@ Bayshore	
10/10	7:00pm	@ Frostproof	
10/17	7:30pm	@ Southeast	
10/30	7:00pm	Hardee	
11/07	7:00pm	@ Braden River	

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