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After 26 years of service, Dan Collins retires from DeSoto Fire Rescue.

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BOCC approves tentative budget

By Steve Bauer

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved its tentative 2014-15 budget Monday, setting the stage for final approval at its Sept. 23 hearing.

Although the board approved increases in the tentative millage rate to 9 (current rate is 8.418) and an EMS

Municipal Service Taxing Unit to .9128 (current rate is .4514), it's expected the final budget will be passed with no changes to either. Tentative rates are typically set higher to allow the county room for adjustments in case of unexpected budget changes. One mill equals \$1 of tax on every \$1,000 of taxable value.

The total budget of \$57,908,067 includes \$2,044,945 to be set aside

in a reserve fund for emergency use. Commissioner Bob Miller asked Administrator Mandy Hines if she could run the county this year with no tax increases, and although she responded she could, she added that the 2015-16 budget will present a major challenge to both staff and the board if property values in the county continue to fall.

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield believed the answer is to place the tax

burden equally on all county residents. "There are two ways this board can raise revenue. One is to raise the millage, and the other is to increase taxpayers," he said. "I'd like to see us increase taxpayers by making everyone pay through a Municipal Service Benefits Unit. That would ease the burden on some of the taxpayers now."

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School Board gets a taste of new testing

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

No more sharpened No. 2 pencils.
No more filling in the circle.
No more erasures.

DeSoto County School Board members were given a taste of what standardized testing will be like for today's students. And as Laurie Graebner, Assessment Coordinator, explained, those tests will now be done entirely on computer.

The FCAT — Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test — is not dead, but dying. A small number of students who are entitled to retake the FCAT will be able to do so, but most students will be taking Florida Standards Assessments, prepared by the

American Institutes for Research, or the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, prepared by Pearson.

Graebner said sample test questions (some with accompanying answer keys) can be seen online. If you haven't been following the kinds of testing students are required to take, you might be surprised to find out what students are expected to know.

You can explore some of the tests for yourself at <http://fsassessments.org>. Click the "Training Tests" link at the bottom right of the main page, choose "Take the Training Test," click "Sign In," choose the grade (for example, pick 5) and then you'll have a choice of writing, math, or reading and language. Then be prepared for some surprises.

The sample tests are not scored, so you'll have to write down or remember your answers. Once you're done, go back to <http://fsassessments.org/training-tests> and look up the "Training Test Answer Keys" to see how well you did.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Christina Britton said there are plenty of instructions with the test to show students how to take the test, and teachers will be working with students throughout the year to familiarize them with the procedures.

"Students are using computers and other devices daily in their classrooms," she said, "so they are very familiar with them. My two-year-old picked up a tablet and immediately figured out how to play a game."

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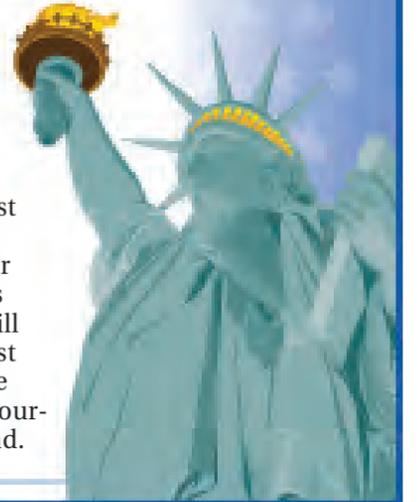
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9-11 remembrance, 13 years later

DeSoto County Fire Rescue organized a ceremony in observance of Patriot Day at 9 a.m. on Sept. 11. The ceremony will begin promptly at 9 a.m. at DeSoto Veterans Memorial Park, with a moment of silence observed at 9:03 a.m., the exact moment when the second World Trade Center Building was struck by a highjacked airplane, and the moment we knew a terrorist attack, not an accident, was unfolding. The event will involve firefighters, EMTs, law enforcement,

the American Legion, and other community organizations and leaders. The traditional 21-gun salute will take place, along with the ringing of the bell in honor of the firefighters and other first responders who lost their lives 13 years ago. There will be some guest speakers. The public is encouraged to attend.



While most students have access to a computer, tablet or phone at home, even those who do not are familiar with computers so that the method of testing is not expected to be an issue.

The tests will be given only in English. They will be given in sessions of 60 to 90 minutes, sometimes in multiple sessions or days. Teachers are going to be trained in the new testing procedures to prepare their students. Most of the test modules will be graded by computer, although the writing portions will be hand-graded. And while there are sample tests of the writing portion, no

answer keys or model answers are yet available.

Budget approved

The School Board approved a 2014-15 millage rate of 0.7480. (A mill is equal to \$1 for every \$1,000 of taxable value.) This is 2.19 percent less than the rollback rate. (The rollback rate is the rate needed, given current assessed property values, to generate the same amount of ad valorem tax revenue as was raised last year.)

The School Board also approved the 2014-15 budget of \$62,621,250.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida will consider the following ordinance at the first public hearing on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 6:30 PM and the adoption of the ordinance at the second public hearing that will be on October 28, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room 103, Administration Building 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida as follows.

AN ORDINANCE OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, REVISING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, APPLICABILITY, AND EFFECT ON EXISTING LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF SPECIFIED REVISIONS TO ORDINANCE 2012-01 AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS INCLUDING PROVISIONS CONCERNING INTERPRETATION, NOTICE, MINOR SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS AND VARIANCES OF SETBACKS, QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS, VARIOUS ZONING DISTRICTS, BUFFERS, FENCES, PARKING OR STORAGE OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, MOTOR VEHICLES, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND TRAILERS, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS, NONCONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES, DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, ACCESS POINTS, PUBLIC NUISANCES, DEVELOPMENT PERMITS AND CODE VIOLATIONS, MINOR PLATS, USES AND STRUCTURES; ADDING AND REVISING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; INCORPORATING CERTAIN ORDINANCES INTO THESE REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 2012-01 AS AMENDED HEREBY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A complete copy of the draft ordinance may be inspected and copied at the Office of the County Administrator in Suite 201 of the above-stated address between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday, through Friday.

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A Big Thank You to DeSoto County

I would like to thank the citizens of DeSoto County that supported and put their faith in me by casting a vote for, Maria Moreno. I was not elected this time, but I feel great for the hard work that we all put into making this campaign a success, and a learning experience.

Quiero darles las gracias a los ciudadanos del Condado de DeSoto por su apoyo y fe en mi mediante la emision del voto para, Maria Moreno. No fui elegida en esta ocasion, pero me siento muy bien por el trabajo duro que todos hicimos en hacer que esta campaña haiga sido un exito y una experiencia de aprendizaje.

I want to give a special thank you from the bottom of my heart to those of you that made monetary contributions to my campaign, allowed me to put a sign on your yard or property, and my family for moral support. My team of supporters; you all were great. I thank you for helping me get the word out to the community about me running for office (DeSoto County School Board District #5).



Hunger relief forum introduces Florida's 'Roadmap to Living Healthy'

By DENISE MOORE
THE MOSAIC CO.

Last week, the Mosaic Company hosted its second annual Florida Hunger-Relief Forum in Bradenton at Renaissance on 9th, bringing together local, state and national policymakers and nutrition experts to help drive advocacy and action on hunger and nutrition issues.

Keynote speaker Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services Adam Putnam announced the "Florida's Roadmap to Living Healthy" program, the first statewide map that correlates lack of access to nutritious food with poor health indicators in an advanced web-based GIS tool.

"The possibilities of this roadmap are unlimited," said Commissioner Putnam. "It will help state agencies like mine make better-informed decisions about how we use our limited resources to support Florida communities at greatest risk. This tool will also assist nonprofits, food banks and other organizations to identify gaps in resources, determine the most effective approaches and yield a greater impact on the residents of Florida."

Mosaic Senior Vice President of Public Affairs Mark Kaplan added, "With 700,000 people in Central Florida struggling with hunger and 250,000 of those children, it's important to elevate the issue today on Hunger Action Day and continue raising awareness every day from this day forward. We are pleased to have invited key leaders to the table to share their expertise and work together to find solutions to local and global hunger."

Additional keynote speakers included Mari Gallagher, an independent food researcher and author of the 2006 breakthrough study, Examining the Impact of Food Deserts on Public Health in Chicago. Gallagher addressed the implications of Florida's "Food Deserts," a growing number of rural and urban areas without ready access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food.

"Of great concern in Florida is that Food Desert issues exist in both urban and rural areas," said Gallagher. "It is great to see state and local leaders come together to address the challenges that residents in poor access areas face and work together to find solutions utilizing the new statewide web-based



PHOTO PROVIDED

FFA student volunteers from DeSoto County and elsewhere helped at the forum on hunger held last week in Bradenton. The forum, sponsored by The Mosaic Co., explored the relationship between lack of access to nutritious foods and health issues.

map tool."

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Joel Gittelsohn, PhD, medical anthropologist and one of the country's leading researchers implementing and evaluating community-based health and nutrition intervention programs, spoke about environmental interventions to improve food access. "We know that improving access to healthier food options can help to prevent obesity and other diet-related chronic diseases," he said.

A discussion panel addressed local

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Farm Market

Farmers Market returns Oct. 4

Arcadia Main Street will kick off the new season of Arcadia's Farmer's Market on Oct. 4 at the Tree of Knowledge Park in downtown Arcadia.

This is a great opportunity to showcase your home-made, handmade, homegrown products. Vendors may call 863-990-2340 to secure your spot today.

The theme of the Oct. 4 Farmers' Market is Fall Florida Style, featuring Fall produce, Fall crafts and Fall colors. To kick it off, Arcadia Main Street is sponsoring "Scarecrows on Main." This will be an opportunity for businesses, clubs and individuals to form a team and "build" a scarecrow.

Use your imagination to make a scarecrow that reflects you and your team. The hay will be provided by Bobby and Julie Fussell. Bring whatever other materials you want for your scarecrow.

The "scarecrow building" will begin at 10 a.m. in the Suntrust parking lot (where the hay will be). The scarecrows will then be featured throughout downtown Arcadia. Spots are limited — contact Main Street at 863-990-2340 to register to be part of "Scarecrows on Main."

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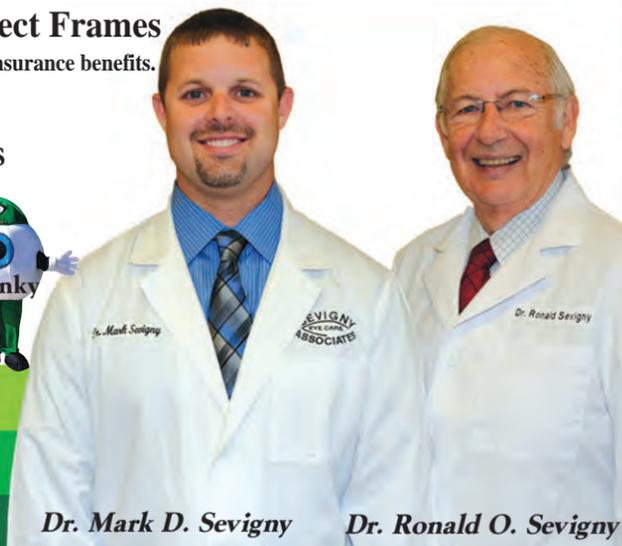
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OUR VIEW

'Yes' on hospital tax but 'no' on bickering

OUR VIEW: Hospital needs to get its own house in order to earn voters' trust — and their votes.

Last week's *Arcadian* made two things clear about DeSoto Memorial Hospital.

First, based on the many letters we've received, it's obvious people want and need a hospital here in DeSoto County. They are generally satisfied with the care and treatment they've received there. They appreciate the convenience in having a hospital nearby for diagnostics, treatment and emergency care. And they genuinely like how the hospital staff have treated them.

Second, there is a lot of friction among the hospital administration, board and doctors. There has been a lot of finger-pointing among them, a lot of name-calling, a lot of blame being placed on all sides.

We have a dilemma. Clearly, this community needs a hospital. Not only is it essential for treating emergency cases as well as providing for day-to-day diagnostics and health care, but if DeSoto County is going to attract businesses and residents for economic growth, a hospital is critical. No one will want to live here if there is no hospital.

People demand it, they expect it and they deserve it.

But our hospital seems to be clinging to the edge of a steep precipice, and the slightest breeze could topple it into the abyss.

The *Arcadian* has reported in the past about the hospital's financial crisis. The community now has a way to help DeSoto Memorial Hospital weather its serious monetary storm. In November, DeSoto voters will be asked whether they agree with a half-cent tax to go toward the hospital's mortgage.

It might have been preferable to direct the half-cent funds to what seems to be DMH's largest burden, the treatment of indigent patients. But at least by helping with the mortgage payments, it will free up other funds to address that problem. The hospital needs to get a handle on that, especially if the DeSoto County Health Department is forced to drastically cut its own services due to funding.

Residents are clear in saying we need a hospital in this community. If voters believe that, they need to support the half-cent tax in November.

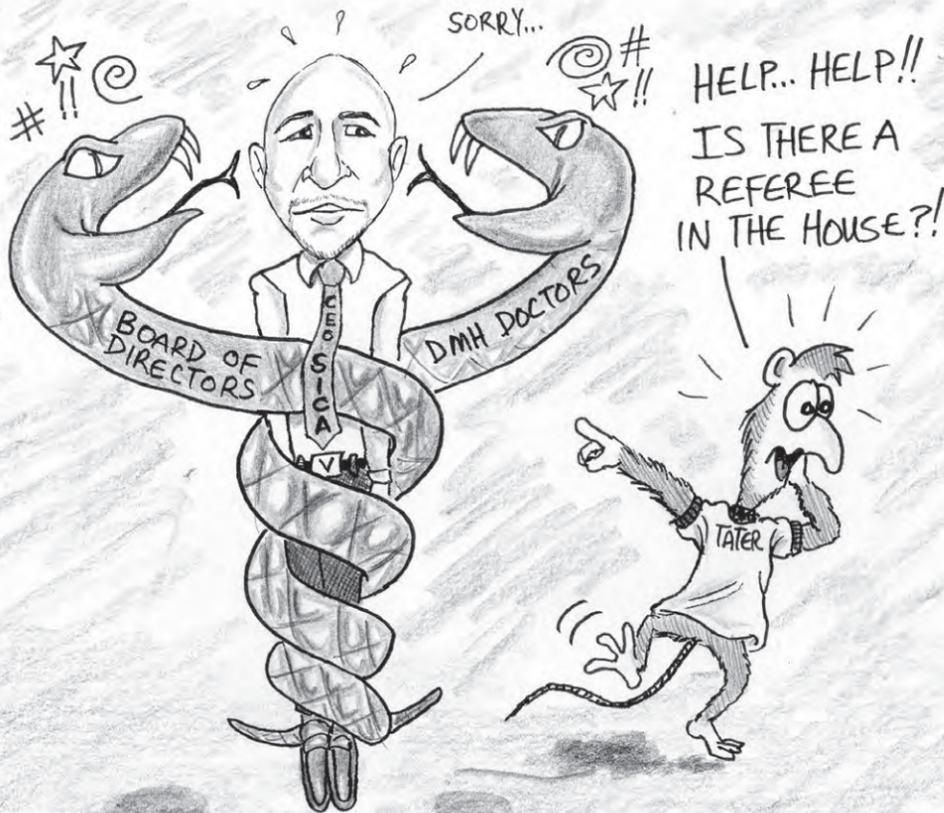
But the hospital community must do its share as well. First, the hospital has to produce a financial plan of how DMH can be saved. County Commissioners asked for DMH's plan, but the administration claimed during a recent hospital board meeting it was waiting for a written mandate from BOCC.

Voters should not have to issue any kind of written mandate — before starting a public relations campaign, before the advertising blitz, what DMH needs to do is explain to the voters their plan to save the hospital.

Second, the kind of arguing, name-calling and infighting we've seen

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NEWS ITEM: SIDE EFFECTS FROM OVERDUE APOLOGY INCLUDE IRRITABILITY, VIOLENT OUTBURSTS, AND A RASH OF INSULTS FOR DOCTORS, BOARD MEMBERS OF DESOTO MEMORIAL



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grateful for hospital

Editor:

DeSoto Memorial Hospital is needed in Arcadia, DeSoto County. I am thankful to the staff who expertly used the equipment and technology to spot the breast cancer that was silently invading my body with the intent to kill me.

Because of the swift action of DeSoto Memorial the cancer was detected and I was placed on the fast track to get rid of the killer disease. We need DeSoto Memorial and I thank God for its presence in our community.

It is my fervent prayer that we are able to keep our hospital. I applaud every doctor, nurse, technician, all support staff and administration, and every employee of our hospital.

Let's do all that we can to keep our

hospital strong.

Rev. Dr. Sharon T. Goodman
Arcadia

Hospital saved a life

Editor:

Our community is more than well served by DeSoto Memorial Hospital. Recently, my husband was taken there by ambulance. He almost refused to go as he felt his problem was only acute heartburn.

We are thankful for DeSoto County Fire Rescue and the quick-acting Emergency Room staff. The doctor listened to what my husband did *not* say, and saved his life. As a result, my husband was flown to Sarasota where he received further treatment.

The doctors and staff there were

amazed he had survived and attributed his survival to the emergency treatment he received at DeSoto Memorial.

Our family has always been treated well there and I am forever grateful for the competency of staff and exceptional care we have received at our local hospital.

Trudi Super

DMS admin, board need better communication

Editor:

Today I read the most appalling details of a public board meeting discussing the best way we could keep the doors of the DeSoto Memorial Hospital open.

Aren't Board Members, whether

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America the Beautiful, or America the Compromised?

On this, the 13th anniversary of the attacks on our Pentagon, New York City's Twin Towers, and the loss of lives in a now-memorialized Pennsylvania field, I can't help but take a long look at what is going on with our nation and its involvement with the world today during these days of military unrest. I don't have much in the line of answers and I certainly don't even have all in the information. I just know something needs to be done.

Some things are being done, I know. But we need more and we need it now, not only to end it, but to stop the spread of this cancer called terrorism that is mutating around the globe and growing. And like this disease, it needs to be eradicated.

Down through the ages and ever since the days of our founding fathers, men and women have answered the call to defend this nation, not only on our own soil during the American Revolution and during the Civil War, but to travel



Grits & Pieces

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overseas to fight wars that threaten world destruction. And those patriots didn't willingly lay down their lives for their fellow man, only to permit our country to fall because of political correctness or slothful complacency.

I've never liked that America has taken on the role as big brother and defender of so much of the world, but it's been proven time and again that it's been necessary in order to keep madmen and radicals from shedding innocent blood and overtaking entire countries. Nobody wants war except those who are power-hungry, and the religious zealots. They sacrifice their own to

get what they want and generally can only be stopped if annihilated.

If "We the People" don't find a way to stop them, how does that make us look to the rest of the world? How about weak? What do you think of that — the rest of the world seeing the mighty United States of America compromising on so many levels, without and within, just to be politically correct. I'm all about cultural diversity and free expression, which is part of what our flag stands for. But when any people or sect threaten to kill us in war or through infiltration, I say it's time the gloves come off.

Whoever thought we'd see reports of beheadings on the evening news, accompanied by taunting threats that the same will happen here in America soon? Those who make those threats hide behind not only their head coverings, but behind children, and are true cowards. And if we turn a blind eye to that, the

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Once I was a warrior

I was a young lieutenant, in the jungles of Vietnam and had more destructive power at the other end of a PRC-25 Radio than any one should ever have. I lived for months at a time in the bush. I was an Artillery Officer and a forward observer. After 11 years in the Army, I had had enough and would never allow myself to be put in a position to kill any living thing again.

I became a captain of private yachts. Big and beautiful, from 75 feet to 120 feet, they were all shining and new, but never mine. And always I would dream of one day owning my own land, away from the water. I would someday move inland, have a little house, with maybe a few acres of land. Not all cleared, I would leave trees and bushes, and it would be quiet. Just the gentle sounds of nature.

My wife was in the Army, and would eventually complete 26 years. She had joined a few years after I had left.



Friends of Horse Creek

Bob Navin

It was difficult, constant separation, sometimes for months, sometimes for over a year, but we made it, and in those few precious moments together, we would always talk of our little home, far away in the woods, quiet and serene.

And then finally the day came. I would leave the sea behind, my wife would retire, and we would find a little land and live out the rest of our years in peace and quiet. After working so many years on the southeast coast of Florida every winter, we discovered

picturesque Southwest Florida.

DeSoto County, Florida. How beautiful, how peaceful. It is the ideal combination of small town southern country living, in harmony with crop farming, citrus groves and ranching. It would fulfill our dream, become our home. We bought five acres of raw land just off of Horse Creek in Western DeSoto County. It was perfect.

Three years passed; we were happy in our new home and our new community. And then we heard about the Mosaic phosphate strip mine that is coming to Western DeSoto County and that there was nothing we could do about it. It's a "done deal," we were told. We learned about strip mining. About how overpowering it would be. Devastation and destruction were planning on moving in next door to us.

What could we do? Sell! We talked to a Realtor — she advised us that

we would lose 20 to 30 percent of the market value because of the mine. We are not rich and we are too old to start the whole process all over. Panic! Where will we go? What will we do? Can we fight?

We are told, don't worry, it's only a "temporary" land use. "Temporary," I find out, means the rest of our lifetimes.

Can I go back to the late '60s and become a warrior again? Yes, I can. I don't have artillery fire, air strikes or naval gun fire at my disposal anymore, but I can and will use something just as powerful — words.

And when someone asks me, why do you waste your time writing articles and letters to the editor, posting to Facebook, attending numerous meetings, all about Mosaic? I respond, "Because, shame on me if I don't try to do something; I may be old, but I am still a warrior."

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trends and the role of state and local food policy in combating hunger. Expert panelists included Matt Knott, president of Feeding America; Anne Palmer, Program Director, Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, Bloomberg School of Public Health; Dr. Diana Greene, Manatee County Public Schools; Hank Scott, Long & Scott Farms; and Brian West, Publix Super Markets.

"Today's event was a platform for collaboration and it was remarkable to

experience the connections being made among community thought leaders that are able to make a difference," said Knott.

The afternoon session featured an interactive community group discussion, led by Robin Safley, Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness Director with Florida's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The discussion focused on food access as an economic development tool, addressing the need for community partnerships to develop entrepreneurship, redevelopment, and agricultural growth. It also focused on strengthening and expanding community food systems through effective statewide collaboration.



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Florida's Agriculture Commissioner, Adam Putnam, center, is surrounded by student volunteers including DeSoto County FFA members during a forum on hunger sponsored by The Mosaic Co.

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- DeSoto County Fire Rescue and the American Legion will lead a ceremony starting at 9 a.m. today, at DeSoto County Veterans Memorial Park, to commemorate all those who lost their lives in the 9-11 terrorist attack 13 years ago. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- 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. Dinner is chicken breast, mashed potato and gravy, vegetables, salad and dessert. For more information, call 494-6607. (It is free to attend the film only, without the meal.)
- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 101 S. Orange Ave., from 5-7 p.m. on Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11.
- The 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, 310W. 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. Health Dept. conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- Temple Beth El – North Port Jewish Center, 33840 South Biscayne Drive, North Port, hosts an American Contract Bridge League every Thursday, at 1 p.m. at the temple. The cost is \$6 per session. We will be participating in "The Common Game." For reservations call Shelli Wetherson at 941-497-7184.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.

■ FRIDAY

- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free fresh produce to those in need at the DeSoto Housing Authority, 7 Booker T. Washington Road, from 10-11:30 p.m. on Fridays Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 14 and 28 and Dec. 12.
- On the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Arcadia Housing Authority's north side parking lot, a truck will bring free fruits and vegetables to low-income clients in Arcadia/DeSoto County. Three to five volunteers are needed each time. If you are interested in helping, call AHA at 494-4343.
- The Photography Group of DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council meets the second Friday of each month 3:30 – 5 p.m. at the DeSoto Public Library. Free and open to the public. For more information contact Karen at ksmoke@embarqmail.com.
- Peace River Civil War Round Table meets at 1:30 p.m. second Fridays monthly at the Emerald Pointe clubhouse, 25188 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. Lunch available. For more information, call 941-575-4269 or 941-639-0782.
- 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

■ 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, personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo etc.), household goods (blankets, towels, cooking and eating utensils etc.), supplies — anything a person in need might require. Any donations are gratefully accepted, including cash, to help those in real need in our community. For more information, call 444-0499.
- The DeSoto County Library Association is looking for you to donate gently used hardback nad paperback books for the annual Book Sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 8, indoors at the Fairgrounds, 124 Heard St., along with the DeSoto County Historical Society's annual Yard Sale. Drop off your donations at Mid Florida Credit Union, 128 S. Brevard Ave. Proceeds of the sale will be used for children's library programs and staff development.
- Sign-up for a new library card at the DeSoto County Library during the month of September, and receive a gift certificate for a FREE sunset cruise with King Fisher Fleet in Punta Gorda. A library card offers access to books and magazines, plus computers with Internet access, Wi-fi, e-books, audio-books, musical CDs, DVDs, online classes, databases, and more. The DeSoto County Library is located at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave, in Arcadia: 863-993-4851 or online at www.myhlc.org/des. The King Fisher Fleet is located at Fishermens Village and offers cruises, tours, fishing trips, and more. Call 941-639-0969 or check online at www.kingfisherfleet.com.
- Your clutter may be someone else's treasure, so 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, Nov. 8, at the Fairgrounds Exhibition Building, 124 Heard St. Drop off your donations on Thursdays before 1 p.m. at the Howard and Velma Melton Historical Research Library, 120 W. Whidden Street, or call 494-6607. All proceeds will benefit the Society's efforts to preserve and promote the history of DeSoto County for future generations.

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

- First Baptist Church Arcadia will be hosting a free concert featuring Jonny Diaz, an American Contemporary Christian pop artist originally from Lakeland, Fla., at 7 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the church.
- Women in Fellowship Ministry meets every second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, 256 S. Orange Ave. Be uplifted, motivated and inspired by God. Free and open to the public. Light brunch is served.
- The John Morgan Ingraham House is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month.
- 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 the second Saturday of the month, and by appointment.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Palace Promenaders meet for square and round dance from 7-9 p.m. every Saturday at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle. Art Miller, caller, and Jennie Martin, cueing. Call Jennie at 494-2749 or Mary at 941-380-5336 for information.
- Sabbath service begins at 9:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El, 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Kiddush will follow.

■ SUNDAY

- Sunday, Sept. 14, Open house 1-4 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. High Holy tickets will be available.
- Sept. 14 the Nav-A-Gator will have a farm fresh produce stand from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with vegetables, fruits, jams, jellies and more for purchase. Live music, Gary & Kerri, from 2-5 p.m. Cover charge — donate canned goods & nonperishable food items.
- 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.

■ MONDAY

- On Sept. 15, Chapter 16497 Modern Woodmen of America will meeting at 5 p.m. at King Buffet. If you plan to attend, call 494-1679.
- The DeSoto County Library Association will meet on Monday, Sept 15 at 5 p.m. in the DeSoto County Library.
- The DeSoto County Special Olympics committee meets at 3 p.m. on the third Monday every month at The Last Chapter Coffee Shop on W. Oak St. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in coaching or working with adults or youth in sports. For more information, call Joyce at 873-8219 or 494-3440.
- DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 6:30 p.m. third Monday monthly at the DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center, 2200 N.E. Roan St.
- The DeSoto County Republican Executive Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's.
- The DeSoto County Fair Association meets at 7 p.m. third Mondays monthly in the fair office on Heard Street, Arcadia.
- Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.
- The DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1425 Martin Luther King St. The center provides referrals for mainstream resources, elderly food stamps (by appointment) and computer service. Salvation Army has office space on Wed. by appointment. For more information, call 491-5683.

■ TUESDAY

- Arcadia City Council meets at 6 p.m. at the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadi
- Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, at 11

a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St. Donations gratefully accepted.

- DeSoto County Library holds story time at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Peace River Woodcarvers meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, starting Nov. 12, at the Speer Center, U.S. Highway 17 North, Arcadia. For information, contact Bill or Mary Morse at 207-418-4687.

■ WEDNESDAY

- The USS Mount McKinley Association of veterans and associated members who served aboard the Amphibious Force Flagship USS Mt. McKinley will hold its 26th annual reunion in Colorado Springs, CO Sept. 17-21. For details contact Dwight L. Jansen, 2515 E. North Altamont Blvd., Spokane, WA 99202, or phone 509-534-3649 or email djanzen4@msn.com.
- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- The Arcadia Writers Group meets from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Arcadia Village in the Cantina Clubhouse, in the small dining room. For more information, call Sarah Hollenhorst at 244-1663.
- DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. For more information visit <http://desotoartscouncil.org/index.html>.
- DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Mobile Pantry is on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Smith Brown Gym starting at 9 a.m. until the food is gone. The only requirement is to be a DeSoto County resident. Sponsored by the All Faiths Food bank of Sarasota.
- The First Marine Division Association meets at 11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday at Family Table Restaurant, 14132 Tamiami Trail, North Port. Call Carl Jones, 941-493-1408 for more information.
- Community for Seniors meets from 12:30-1:30 p.m. every third Wednesday at TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care administration building on Arcadia Avenue. Open to anyone interested in being a new member. For more information, call Lori Coker at 990-1340.

- DeSoto County Traffic Safety Team meets at 1:30 p.m. third Wednesdays monthly at the DeSoto County Commissioners room, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- Hearing Loss Association demonstrates amplified listening devices from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. third Wednesdays monthly at Charlotte County Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte. For more information about HLA meetings, call 941-624-2947.
- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.

■ THURSDAY

- South Florida State College will hold a pre-engineering information session from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 18, in Room 138/150, Dr. Norman L. Stephens Jr. Health and Science Education Center, Highlands Campus.
- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at 7th Day Adventist Church, 2865 SE Ami Drive, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.
- 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.
- USDA Commodities Distribution takes place at Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2867 Ami Drive, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You qualify if you receive Medicaid, Supplemental Social Security Income, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Food Stamps, or are eligible based on income. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center, 2200 Roan St., Arcadia. Anyone interested may attend. Talk in for the meetings is at 147.180+ DARC repeater.
- 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.

Ribbon Cutting

Join us as we introduce Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehab



For patients that have had:

- Heart attack
- Open Heart Surgery
- Stent
- Heart Failure
- Heart Transplant
- Angioplasty

Dr. Bassam Altajar,
Medical Director of Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehab,
will be on hand to lead tours and answer questions

For patients with chronic lung diseases like COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) to improve lung function.



Ribbon Cutting to be held on
September 16, 2014 4:00pm—6:00pm

In the Cardiac/Pulmonary Area (located by the Outpatient Surgery desk)

Cpt. Collins retires from Fire Rescue



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

Retired former DeSoto County Fire Chief Glenn Prescott hugs Captain Dan Collins at a party held Thursday to mark Collins' retirement. "When Dan started," Prescott said, "you had to be a plumber, an electrician, a mechanic, a little of everything." Collins is retiring after 26-1/2 years with DeSoto County Fire Rescue. • Turn to page 13 for more photos.



Cpt. Dan Collins gets a bit emotional remembering his more than 26 years at DeSoto Co. Fire Rescue. "I have to thank some people for all they have done to help me over the years," he said. "There was never a day I did not want to come to work ... until today."



Thank you to everyone for being there for me in my time of need after the passing of my mother, Almeta Cade.

Sincerely,
Diane Burroughs



Tim Alley, left, of DeSoto County Fire Rescue gives Dan Collins a plaque for having the "best hair" in the department. "There's not a single gray hair," he said.

Arcadian has tackled DeSoto housing issues for decades

By **CRAIG GARRETT**
ARCADIAN CORRESPONDENT

Ellen Davis was at the beginning of the affordable housing movement. The Arcadian woman started in the early 1980s with the elder hostel program in Fort Myers, transitioning to DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity, where she would become the nonprofit's first president.



DAVIS Davis, now 79, has led the effort to build new Habitat homes, many commercial and residential rehab projects in central and southwest Florida. She was named Habitat's Volunteer of the Year in July, building and also working the nonprofit's thrift store in

Arcadia. She has traveled the world with Habitat projects in Armenia, Brazil, Cambodia and Poland. And despite hip surgery, Davis recently finished a successful trip to Portugal, where Habitat volunteers to install piping, flooring, cement work and other upgrades in villages. Even in her advancing years, Davis pitches in with the heavy lifting. And back home, Davis in her time

away from Habitat projects volunteers in the kitchen in the local high school. There are very few spare moments in her life. The obvious question is where does a 79-year-old woman find the energy and resolve for the hard work in mixing cement and pounding nails? "I was raised on a working farm in Colorado," she said. "It builds character and respect for work."



Thank you DeSoto County for your help and vote of confidence in the primary election. Through your support I will continue to work with diligence for you, the residents of DeSoto County. Thank you and God bless, Elton A. Langford

"Planning today for tomorrow's future"

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Political advertisement, paid for and approved by Elton Langford, Democrat for County Commissioner, District 4.

A word to the wise ... from Sheriff Wise

By **SHERIFF WILL WISE**
DSCO

In June, the state legislature unanimously approved, and Governor Scott signed into law, new legislation which should be of interest to all parents and guardians of children under the age of 18. The K.I.D.S. Act became effective on Sept. 1.

K.I.D.S. is the acronym for Keeping

IDs Safe and its purpose is to give parents and guardians of young children a way to protect their identities. This young age group is the fastest growing segment of the population to become victims of identity theft.

Responsible adults are advised to open credit files for the children and then, by contacting one of the three credit reporting bureaus, request an immediate freeze/fraud alert be put on the account. Adults should

be certain the credit bureau knows the account is for a child under the age of 18, and therefore not financial liable for activity on the account. The freeze should be an indefinite one.

Additional information will be discussed in an upcoming newspaper article, or from the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The C.A.S.E. program is a partnership between the community and

the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office to protect the financial resources of all our residents from scams and frauds. If you belong to a group that meets throughout the year, consider a C.A.S.E. program. For more information about C.A.S.E. or about scheduling a presentation, call me or Lt. Curt Mays at 863-993-4700. We will be happy to assist you and put you in touch with our Volunteer C.A.S.E. Manager, Phyllis Schwartz.

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:

- William Nathaniel Blount, 26, 4900 block of N.W. Dogwood St., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$500.
- Peter Hernandez Delgado, 39, Sarasota. Charges: two counts of failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$2,500.
- Daniel Farias, 26, Zolfo Springs. Charges: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000 and home invasion robbery with firearm or other deadly weapon. Bond: \$310,000.
- Michael Lee Mathis, 19, 1600 block of 4th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft, third or subsequent offense. Bond: none.
- Loretta Chambers, 43, 1300 block of S.W. Bittersweet Drive, Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,620.
- Casey Lynne King, 34, 5600 block of N.W. Pine Ridge Drive, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$100.
- Lucas Allen Colson, 35, Wauchula. Charges: petty theft, third or subsequent offense, resisting recovery of stolen property, and driving while license is suspended. Bond: none.
- Bobby Joe Hall III, 23, 1300 block of Sugarbabe Ave., Arcadia. Charges: two counts of armed burglary of structure or conveyance, two counts of grand theft from a dwelling

\$100-\$300, two counts of grand theft of firearm, dealing in stolen property and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$64,240.

• Tammy Lorraine Martin, 51, Punta Gorda. Charges: driving while license is suspended, driving while license is expired more than 4 months, two counts of possession or use of drug equipment, and smuggling contraband (intoxicating beverage) to inmate. Bond: \$1,860.

• Frank Herbert Olmsted, 48, 8600 block of Turkey Trail, Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,120.

• Francisco Miguel Aguilar, 35, 4th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

• Clifford Allen Baldwin, 39, 6400 block of S.W. Miami Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$120.

• Enrique Barron, 18, 1600 block of S.E. Plum Drive, Arcadia. Charges: armed burglary of structure or conveyance, grand theft \$300-\$5,000 and grand theft of firearm. Bond: \$10,000.

• Simon Nelson Bazuldua, 30, 1600 block of Sugarbabe Ave., Arcadia. Charges: producing marijuana, possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$3,120.

• Lacey Layne Channel, 29, 6600 block of S.W. River St., Fort Ogden. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$7,500.

• Charlisha Nicole Franklin, 30, Riviera Beach, Fla. Charges: grand theft auto and dealing in stolen property. Bond: \$8,500.

• Matthew Brandon Gable, 22, 6600 block of N.E. Moore

Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$240.

• Glen Darren Gordan Jr., 23, 1100 block of S.W. Rainbow Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$2,000.

• David Rivera, 45, Zolfo Springs. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,150.

• Donvelles Cornelius Stone, 36, Deerfield Beach, Fla. Charges: grand theft and dealing in stolen property. Bond: \$8,500.

• Noe Benson Troncoso, 34, 1600 block of N.E. Sugarbabe Road, Arcadia. Charge: producing marijuana. Bond: \$1,500.

• Alicia Ann Veal, 18, Sarasota. Charge: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$240.

• Brooke Elaine Edwards, 21, Lake Placid. Charges: uttering a false instrument, two counts of using another's ID without consent, and grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$6,120.

• Ismael Moreno, 41, 1600 block of Jacaranda Apts., Arcadia. Charges: disorderly public intoxication and criminal mischief with damage under \$200. Bond: \$240.

• Riki Michelle Reich, 31, 6600 block of S.W. Miami Ave., Arcadia. Charges: petty theft, second offense, and resisting recovery of stolen property. Bond: \$620.

• Edelis Vazquez, 24, 100 block of Harris Road, Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended or revoked. Bond: \$120.

• Marcus Andrew Baker, 24, 2000 block of S.W. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.

• Octavious Mariel Dennis, 31, 300 block of N. 10th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$120.

• Ronald Kevin O'Brien, 60, Charlotte, Vt. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Purge: \$5,000.

• Jerald Lewis Pettet, 33, Corning, Ohio. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession or use of drug equipment and unauthorized use of public assistance over \$200. Bond: \$2,620.

• Jamie Lee Prusinski, 32, 1600 block of Cherry St., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$10,000.

• Tina Louise Shaver, 47, 6800 block of S.E. Albritton Road, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• Steven Morales Jr., 24, Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended or revoked. Bond: \$120.

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

• Antoine Terrell Furlow, 67, 1300 block of N.E. Oak St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation or community control. Bond: none.

• Dana Worth Smallridge, 57, 2600 block of Ouray Drive, Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$2,000.

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

• Johnny Neal, 56, 4600 block of S.W. Bull Pond St., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

Legal Counsel to the Desoto County Value Adjustment Board

The DeSoto County Value Adjustment Board (VAB) is seeking applicants for the position of Legal Counsel. The VAB shall appoint private counsel who has practiced law for over 5 years and who meets the requirements of Section 194.015, Florida Statutes. Experience in real or personal property tax matters, the public records act, and the sunshine law, will be given preference.

Role of Legal Counsel to the VAB:

1. The primary role of the Legal Counsel shall be to advise the VAB on all aspects of the VAB review process to ensure that all actions taken by the VAB meet the requirements of law.
2. Legal counsel shall advise the VAB regarding:
 - a. Composition and quorum requirements;
 - b. Legal requirements for recommended decisions and final decisions;
 - c. Public meeting and open government laws; and
 - d. Any other duties, responsibilities, actions or requirements of the VAB consistent with the laws of this state.
3. No meeting of the VAB shall take place unless Legal Counsel is present.

HOW TO APPLY:

Individuals interested in applying for this position should submit a Resume showing years of experience and that demonstrating that they meet the requirements of Section 194.015, Florida

Statutes, to:

DeSoto County Human Resources
Ref: VAB Legal Counsel
201 E. Oak St., Suite 201
Arcadia, FL. 34266

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4

elected or appointed supposed to be working toward the good of which they represent? It seems to me there is more grandiose behavior instead of listening and learning on the part of some of the Board Members.

Yes, an apology should have been made by the hospital administrator for not advising the Board of facts regarding Dr. DeRay helping the hospital improve its medical records system, and the fact Dr. DeRay was instrumental for receiving \$1.2 million for development of phase two.

No wonder the hospital appears to be failing in so many ways. The lack of communication is, again, appalling.

How does board member Dan Presilla think he is helping the situation by responding to Dr. DeRay with insults? If he didn't remember saying the things Dr. DeRay referred to, maybe he should have asked to read the minutes from that meeting before responding in such a detrimental manner. How does this man suppose we will keep well trained doctors in this area if they can expect this kind of treatment from a Board Member?

This Board is responsible for so many facets to keep this hospital open and maybe this can be done if we open our ears and close our mouth on occasion unless it is to apologize. Maybe Mr. Sica should have lunch with all of the Board to bring them up to speed.

Dr. Alokah and Dr. Nathan have worked very hard to bring young doctors, with outstanding qualifications, into this area so they can keep up with our growing population, especially in the winter months. Maybe some of you haven't noticed but a good number of "snowbirds" are now deciding to be year round residents which means we need a local hospital with lab and x-ray facilities here more than ever. My husband and I have also used the services of

DeSoto Memorial Hospital emergency services and in-patient as well as out-patient. We are very appreciative of the services received from the ER doctors, nurses, lab techs, x-ray techs and volunteers. I would hate for the community to lose good health care just because the hospital Administration and Board can't get their act together.

Beverly Leveille
Arcadia

Support hospital by approving tax

Editor:

I just want to place my support behind the effort to pass an increased sales tax Nov. 4 to help DeSoto Memorial Hospital continue.

Our proximity to any other facility if DMH were to close might well cost lives. The demographics of our area make the facility being or becoming a profitable venture near impossible.

I am concerned that by the way the board of directors of DMH are appointed (five by the governor, and two appointed by the hospital district board, according to County Commissioner Bob Miller), that their fiduciary might lay with a politician in Tallahassee rather than the people of DeSoto County. I would hope this would be changeable through whatever action this would take (at either the local or state level) so that we could elect them to their office directly.

While living here my life was twice saved because of DMH. I again worry if DMH were to close, how many lives would be put at risk? If a bus load of children going to or from one of our local schools were involved in an accident, how many might be put at risk by the transport to Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, or even Wauchula?

Does anyone want to take that responsibility by not voting a for an extra half-cent?

Joseph Fink
Arcadia

OBITUARIES

Stephen Yusko

Stephen Yusko, 83, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

Carmen Whidden Albritton

Carmen Whidden Albritton, 79, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Friday, Sept. 5, 2014. Arrangements have been entrusted to Ponger Kays Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia, Fla.

Suella Hernandez

Suella Hernandez, 53, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014.

Suella was born in Lagrange, Ky., to Charles and Molly Walling Rogers.

Her family moved to DeSoto County, Fla., when she was 12 years old. She attended school here, and graduated from DeSoto County High School. Suella worked as an interpreter for the judges of DeSoto County for many years. She enjoyed cooking and baking, but above all, the quality time spent with her family. Suella was a Christian woman and had attended Nocatee Church of God.

Suella is survived by her husband of 18 years, Chino Perez Sanchez of Arcadia; son, Michael (Britany) Rogers of Arcadia; daughters, Victoria (Matt) Provau and Michaela Rogers, both of Arcadia; brothers, Fred (Patsy) Rogers, David (Terry) WhiteEagle and Frank (Carol) Blackhawk, all of Kentucky; sister, Nancye Rogers of Arcadia; sister-in-law, Nancy Rogers of Tennessee; and grandchildren, Breanne, Michael, Stephan, Wyatt and Brody. Suella was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Robert Rogers.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until the funeral service at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Arcadia. Pastor J. Stamey will officiate. Online condolences can be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

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

Vickie Elaine Murphy

Vickie Elaine (nee Hazellief) Murphy, 57, went home to the Lord, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014.



She was born Nov. 10, 1956, in Fort Pierce, Fla., to Doyle and Syble Hazellief.

Vickie had been a resident of LaBelle, Fla., for 19 years, and worked with special needs children at West Glades School near Muse, Fla. She was a member of First Baptist Church of LaBelle.

She is survived by her husband of 19 years, Ronnie Murphy of LaBelle; brothers, Dewaine (Wendy) Hazellief and Darrell (Bonita) Hazellief, both of Okeechobee, Fla., and Gene Allen (Helen) Hazellief of Fort Pierce; daughter, Margaret (Jim) Williams of LaBelle; two sons, Doyle (Emily) Rigdon of Palmdale, Fla., and Cliff Rigdon of Okeechobee; three grandchildren, Tori, James and Laine, all of LaBelle; as well as beloved nieces, Nicki (Chad) Campbell of Okeechobee, Ashley (Scooter) Arnold and Shelene (Joe) Henrion; and nephew, Travis (Fallon) Hazellief. She also loved as daughters, Sonja Kelly of Okeechobee, and Leigh Grafton of Laurel, Miss.; and she cherished the students and staff at West Glades School. Vickie was preceded in death by her parents; and son, Joshua Dewayne Rigdon.

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 N. Parrott Ave., Okeechobee.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, 2014, at the funeral home, with Pastor Frank Deery officiating. Interment will follow at Basinger Cemetery. Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at www.okeechobeehome.com.

Arrangements are by Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, Okeechobee.

John W. Smith

John W. Smith, 84, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

Rosa Pearl Scott

Rosa Pearl Scott, 57, departed this life Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, in Sarasota, Fla. She was born Jan. 18, 1957, in



Louisville, Ala., to Johnny Lee and Daisy L. Jerden Scott.

Rosa moved to Bradenton, Fla., as a young girl, with several of her siblings, where she met her first and only love of her life, Enoch

Glover. With him being a serviceman, they moved to where duty called, finally settling 36 years ago in Arcadia, Fla., where they raised their family. Rosa was of the Baptist faith.

Rosa was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister; she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially all her grandchildren. Rosa also enjoyed fishing, playing card games, and watching her favorite football team, the Washington Redskins.

She leaves to cherish her memory, Enoch Glover of Nocatee, Fla.; son, Darnell Speight of Leesburg, Fla.; daughter, Cheryl Lynn Scott (special friend, John Lloyd) of Punta Gorda, Fla.; God-daughter, Antoinette Smith of Nocatee; four brothers, Alonza (Florence) Scott of Daytona, Fla., Johnny Scott of Eustis, Fla., Larry (Sharon) Scott of Lakeland, Fla., and Gus Robinson of Clayton, Ala.; three sisters, Lola (Bobby) Durham and Viola (Bobby) Simpson, both of Eustis, and Elizabeth (Carlos) Furlow of Ocala, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a special niece named after her, "Dirty Redd." Rosa was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Minnie Lee Scott; and great-grandmothers, Lola Stewart and Viola Scott.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 11 a.m. until the funeral services at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014, at the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Homes, 50 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Pastor Gregory K. Davis will officiate. Online condolences can be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

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

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May the Lord fill your heart with love.

Prayers and percentages

When our children were in their teens, a high school senior friend (a daughter of a local pastor) was involved in a serious auto accident that threatened her ability to ever walk normally. Doctors predicted her chances to recover completely were only about one percent.

Undaunted by these precarious percentages, our youngest daughter gave this unforgettable response: "God can do a lot with one percent."

What about this kind of faith? Is it sensible to pray about situations that seem impossible or is the risk of loss of faith too great to pray about things that call for trust in God when answers to our prayers demand miracles? Perhaps a better question is about what kind of praying pleases God.

In his book, "Getting Things From God," Charles Blanchard, a former president of Wheaton College, wrote that there is not one record in the Bible of God rebuking praying people for asking too frequently or too largely, pointing out that the opposite has often been true. The problem, said Blanchard, has been that we've asked too little or didn't persevere until answers to prayer arrived.

Bible writers agree.

James urged his readers to pray in faith, saying those who doubt will receive nothing from the Lord (James 1:6-7). Some commentator then came up with a catchy slogan that makes this Biblical advice easy to remember: "We can pray and believe and receive or we can pray and doubt and go without."

Does this mean all believing prayers are answered? Not always.

If not, why not? After many years of wrestling with these questions, I have



Roger Campbell

settled on the following: We can ask God for the most, exercising faith and expecting answers. At the same time, it is important to remember that we do not always know the will of God about everything that concerns us and that His will is always best.

On those occasions when it appears we have lost out on something good we thought was coming our way, let us thank God for his perfect will. The safety net of His sovereignty may have rescued us from a serious fall.

Here's another certainty: answers to prayer are not determined by percentages based on God's ability to deliver.

I'm reminded of this when I recall sitting on an outdoor graduation platform where I was to give the benediction and watching the flawless gait of a young woman who briskly stepped up to receive her diploma after being told there was only a one percent chance she would ever walk normally again. And as that scene repeatedly visits my memory, I give thanks for the wise words of my daughter that helped me graduate to greater faith: "God can do a lot with one percent."

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

NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION/ BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER POSITION VACANCY

The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners is accepting resumes from any residents who meet the qualifications and are interested in becoming a member or alternate of the County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment. Two seats on the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment, as a member or alternate, will become available as of September 30, 2014. The Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment is an Advisory Board to the Board of County Commissioners and receives no compensation. The appointed members or alternates must commit to attend monthly meetings for the remainder of the term being vacated (January 1, 2015 and March 11, 2015). Each appointed member or alternate will be required to file financial disclosure forms annually with the DeSoto County Supervisor of Elections.

Qualifications of Members: No member of the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment may hold any elective office of, or be employed by, any municipality or County government in DeSoto County. Members of the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment must be residents of the County for at least five (5) years prior to the date of appointment. No more than two (2) members of the Commission may be from the same business, trade, or profession.

To be considered for appointment, please submit your resume and letter of interest by the close of business, no later than September 30, 2014.

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Pictured in front of Trinity UMC's new bus are Tony Barnes, Susan Barnes, Nichole Curley, Mathew Curley, Alyson Curley, Melony Mathiasen, Savannah Barney, Trent Brodewski, and Tessa Day.

Trinity offers free bus rides to church

By JIM TRIPP
TRINITY UMC

Trinity United Methodist Church in Arcadia just purchased a new church bus. The air-conditioned bus has comfortable seats and a handicap hydraulic/electric lift.

Matt Curley, the Trinity youth director, said, "A multi-purpose bus is just what this community needs."

Pastor Jim Wade added, "The church congregation pitched in with donations to buy the bus and the Trinity Men's Group paid for the terrific graphics."

Curley and the Trinity youth took the bus on a 500-mile "break-in" to Key West, Fla. They spent the weekend volunteering doing clean-up for the local police horse barns and camping.

Trinity is offering a local bus pick-up for church service starting Sept. 13.

GRITS & PIECES

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Home of the Brave is being slowly overtaken by cowardly inaction.

Think about it. Any radical group can move to the United States over a period of time and form cells everywhere. Who's to say that they've not been waiting for years now, just for the signal to activate? I'm no doomsday prepper, nor do I own an arsenal of weapons, and I certainly don't live in a bunker. But I'm aware of what can happen. As political philosopher Edmund Burke said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Let that sink in as the cancer spreads across the sea in our direction. Consider the consequences — if not for yourself, for your children and grandchildren. What kind of country and society will we be leaving behind for them? What hope of tomorrow do they have for their own children and grandchildren?

The angry side of me says we should just go over there and bomb this ISIS group back to the Stone Age in one fell swoop. After all, that's

where their thinking lies. The more rational side of me says we can do much if we are continually aggressive and effective. Of course there will be losses of innocent lives; there already is. We cannot win a war by going door-to-door, but this threat needs to be taken out soon.

Imagine your house was the whole world and that ISIS (or any terrorist group, for that matter) were a rattlesnake. You and your family are representing the world's population in this, so do you just let the snake crawl around freely and bite whomever it wishes, whenever it wants? Some might think that, "Well, he's just being a snake and doing what snakes do. They bite." No, that's not the answer. The snake needs to be done away with before it kills anybody else.

We can't sit back and try to do this nicely and with great sensitivity. We're America, remember? The United States of America, in fact. Or are we still united when it comes to rallying for the greater good of our country and the world? Ever so slowly, America the Beautiful is eroding. How long will it be until we are America the Compromised? Or America the Fallen?

The world is watching.

Dr. L. A. Fusco

Would like to thank all his family, friends and patients for their thoughts and prayers as he has recovered from a broken leg.

The office is now seeing patients. Please call to make or reschedule appointments.

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Dentist



Arts Council sells calendars of Arcadia paintings

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council has begun selling 16-month calendars (Sept. 2014 to Dec. 2015) featuring unique paintings of well known Arcadian landmarks.

Last year, DAHC held its first Arcadia Plein Air Paint-out during which artists from all over Florida painted scenes in the city in one day, framed the paintings for display, and received awards at a reception that

evening. The artists were free to choose their subjects, and the paintings ranged from the Opera House and the pink building to the youth rodeo and the old Pace River Bridge.

The paintings were photographed and used to create a special calendar. Starting with September 2014, each month features one of the paintings and a brief description on one page, with a full month calendar on the facing page. Interspersed on the pages are quotes about art and photos of some of the

artists in action, along with information about the Arts Council. The calendar covers the rest of this year and all of 2015. They are printed on heavy, glossy stock in a large size, with a hole for hanging.

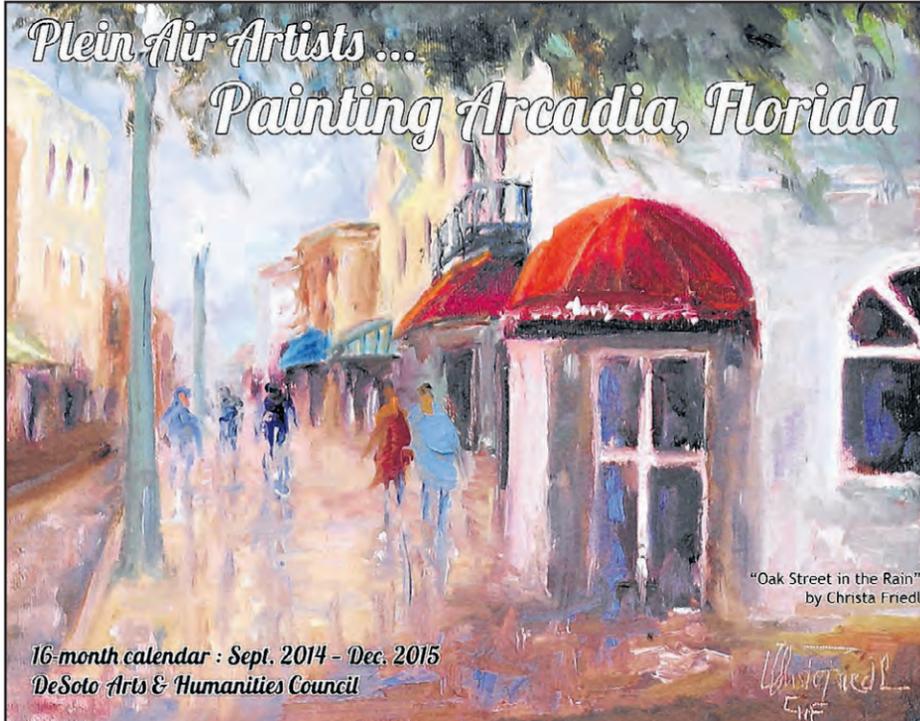
The calendars will be on sale for only \$5 each, and can be purchased at The Arcadian, Glass Antique or Not, Mid Florida Credit Union, and any DAHC member; or email desotoartscouncilinfo@gmail.com or call 863-703-0373 and leave a message.

Arcadia Plein Air Paint-out
Arcadia Horse Event (Arcadia Youth Rodeo)
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Arcadia's Youth Rodeo is now a monthly event from September through April, in which children age 4 through high school can compete in a variety of events, from goat tying and calf roping to barrel racing, bulldogging and saddle bronc riding. The finals in April involve hundreds of competitors and their families in an all-day event, ending with a banquet, and awarding trophies, saddles and belt buckles to winners. The most successful will go on to compete in the state youth rodeo, and from there they may go to the national youth rodeo. The Arcadia Rodeo Arena on Heard Street is used year-round for a variety of livestock events, including the DeSoto County Fair, as well as musical performances.



"No great artist ever sees things as they really are. If he did, he would cease to be an artist."
—Oscar Wilde



The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council's 16-month calendar features paintings of scenes from Arcadia.

October 2014

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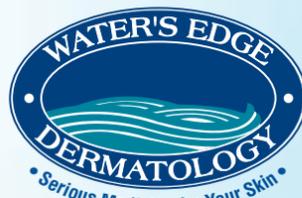
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The DAHC Plein Air calendar features a different scene each month, along with a brief description, and a month calendar with plenty of space to write in appointments or special dates.

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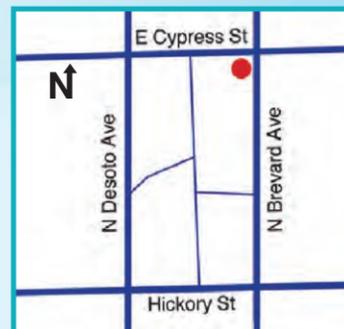


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High school pep rally tunes up school spirit



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JOHN BLACK

Spike, the Bulldog mascot (Israel Villegas), is surrounded by Katherine Perez, Sierra Pelham, Hunter Altman and Alyssa McEwen.

BUDGET

FROM PAGE 1

Commissioner Jim Selph echoed Mansfield's statement, adding it will be a challenge for the board. "This is not an easy thing to understand," he said. "Mr. Mansfield hit several things on the head about shifting the burden. I'd like to shift some things to MSBUs as well, but I don't know how easy that's going to be."

Miller then cautioned the board on potentially raising taxes. "Taxes are taxes no matter what you call them," he said. "Our citizens' pockets are lean. I want to keep the focus on this year and not talk about next year now; we know it's going to be ugly. I'm glad to know we can get through this year operating on current millage and MSTU rates and not put any more burden on the taxpayers."

After the final budget passes, Commissioner Gabriel Quave said he's interested in taking a closer look on how the county classifies its revenue. "I'm looking forward to focusing on where our revenue comes from and how it's classified," he said. "We are unknowingly misclassifying revenues and it's hurting us."

County ends PRM partnership

In other business, the board voted unanimously to enroll in the Florida Association of Counties Trust and Florida Municipal Insurance Trust for its property and casualty insurance coverage. The move marks the end of a quarter-century partnership with Public Risk Management. Miller told fellow commissioners that as a member of the steering committee responsible for reviewing the insurance agreements, it was clear that FACT and FMIT were the top choice.

"I can tell you that PRM was my favorite going into this review process, but their cost was \$200,000 more than what FACT was," he said. "Now to their credit PRM came up with a \$129,000 participation credit to make their proposal financially competitive, but it's only for one year with no guarantees beyond that. Both organizations presented to the committee, and FACT answered every question we had to our satisfaction. They also provide up to 22 percent reimbursement of our premium if our claims are low, which is a unique benefit."

Miller also noted PRM would charge the county \$36,000 just to withdraw from its program, which will be paid back over a

three-year period. The board then asked both Human Resources Director Don Kesterson and County Purchasing Director Cindy Talamantez if they were comfortable with the change, and both said they were.

After further discussion, the board voted to switch to FACT and FMIT.

Selph calls out Rooney

During Commissioner comments, Selph blasted Rep. Tom Rooney for refusing to come to DeSoto County to visit with local veterans on a variety of issues. "Congressman Rooney will not come to this county to speak with our veterans," he said. "He is the congressman for our district, and we've been asking since June for him to come talk to us, and he won't do it. I'm publicly putting Congressman Rooney on notice."

When reached for comment, Rooney's Communications Director Michael Mahaffey said the congressman's office did receive a request in June from a BOCC staff member. By that time, however, the congressman's schedule for August was fully booked.

"Given the congressman's deep commitment to serving all of the people of DeSoto, and particularly our veterans in this county, our office quickly arranged

with the commission to co-host 'Mobile Office Hours' this month," Mahaffey said. "On Sept. 19, members of Congressman Rooney's staff will be at the Board of Commissioners office building to meet with constituents who need assistance with the Veterans Association or any other federal agency. We'll be on hand to help any constituent who needs it, and we appreciate the Commission for working with us to host this event for the people of DeSoto County."

Mahaffey continued that Rooney, himself a veteran, is working hard for DeSoto veterans. "Congressman Rooney has worked tirelessly to improve veterans' services, including writing and passing legislation to bolster VA mental health treatment and access, reduce veterans' homelessness, and address the VA wait list crisis by ensuring that veterans can receive treatment at private facilities," he said. "Our office has also worked with veterans across the district, including many in DeSoto County, to resolve issues with the VA, make sure our veterans get prompt medical treatment, and ensure they receive all the benefits and services they have earned. We are always available to help any veteran in need, and if there's a veteran reading this who needs assistance, we urge you to give us a call."

ROADWATCH

Provided by FDOT

East Oak Street from Brevard Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 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.

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.

U.S. Hwy. 17 from south of SW Collins Street in Fort Ogdens to County Road 760A south of Nocatee — Work is under way to expand U.S. 17 to four lanes. Work includes clearing land for two new travel lanes to the east of the existing U.S. 17 travel lanes and drainage activities. Expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures on U.S. 17 between SW Wood Road and County Road 760A while crews are working. South of SW Collins a new northbound ramp through the median will be opened to traffic. 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.

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 State Route 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.

VIEW

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at recent board meetings is not only unbecoming and unprofessional, it erodes the public confidence that DMH can shore up its finances.

There is an obvious disconnect between the administration (and by association, the board) and the doctors who serve the hospital. We believe the doctors are here because they want to be, and because they want to save this hospital. Skilled medical experts can pretty much go anywhere they want; that these doctors

have chosen to practice here says a lot.

But they deserve to be treated like professionals. And if we don't learn how to do that, we will lose them ... and lose DMH altogether.

There are two sides to every issue, and we don't necessarily know the whole story. But we do know this kind of infighting is counterproductive. It won't be fixed by everyone taking everyone else to lunch — it's going to take serious commitment on the parts of the doctors, staff, administration and board to repair these relationships so the hospital can move forward.

To borrow an old saw, "Hospital, heal thyself."

DeSoto County 4-H holds annual sign-up day



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY AL SMOKE

DeSoto County 4-H Rabbit Club leaders Dave Williams and Jaime Dixon talk to interested students and their parents about raising and showing rabbits.

Right: Students and their parents look over displays provided by each of the DeSoto County 4-H clubs. Besides the usual animal clubs, there are clubs for youth interested in shooting sports, sign language, art, canning and cooking. The Kool Kidz Club is open to any youth, but is primarily home schooled children, and focuses on community outreach programs and service projects. Volunteers are needed to help out with existing clubs, as well as start new clubs.



Right: Kameron Turner, a returning member of the DeSoto County 4-H Canning Club helps greet new members with club leader Anna Beswick and Micaela Strickland. Students learn methods of canning and preserving food.



DeSoto County 4-H program assistant Brittany Rowan and 4-H Agent Kristie Popa check over paperwork of students signing up for the various 4-H clubs.



Hannah Jones came to sign up for the DeSoto County 4-H Cooking Club. Members learn about food preparation and safety.



Susan Hatcher is the leader for the DeSoto County 4-H Shooting Sports Club. The club teaches responsible gun handling and safety, and has won numerous awards in competitions.



Susie Ehling came out to sign up for the DeSoto County 4-H horse club, one of the most popular clubs. Youth don't have to own a horse to participate; it's a great way to learn what is involved in owning and caring for a horse.

Friends and colleagues celebrate Collins' retirement



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN



Cpt. Dan Collins, left, receives congratulations from DeSoto County Commissioners Elton Langford and Buddy Mansfield at a party held at DeSoto County Fire Rescue Station 1 for Collins' retirement after more than 26 years.



Deputy Chief Thomas Moran, left, gives Cpt. Dan Collins a plaque in honor of his 26-1/2 years of dedicated service to DeSoto County Fire Rescue at a party held Thursday at Station 1 in his honor.



A lifelong hearing impairment hasn't stopped Quay Fudge from succeeding on and off the field.

Bulldogs, Beeles knock out Lehigh

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

After the first carry of the game for Bulldog senior running back Zack Beeles, it looked like it might be a special night for the bruising fullback nicknamed "The Freight Train." Beeles took the ball on the first play and rumbled 47 yards to the Lehigh 15-yard-line.

"Ya, I think that was my longest run ever," said the rain-soaked Beeles. A couple of plays later and Beeles was standing on unfamiliar real estate to give the Bulldogs an early 7-0 lead. "It was actually the first time I've scored in high school. I scored a lot in middle school but that was my first on varsity," he said.

The touchdown was the opening salvo in a 27-8 win over the visiting Lightning. During the past four seasons the Bulldogs have won their opener twice and the other two losses were by a point to Lake Region last year and by two points to Sebring in 2011.

Reggie Jones added a spectacular 26-yard run on a third-and-14 play to give the Bulldogs a 14-0 lead with just barely over half of the first period played. The talented quarterback rolled to his right and couldn't find a receiver, so he tucked

DeSoto County's Zack Beeles picks up 47 yards on his first carry in the 27-8 win over Lehigh Sept. 5. Beeles led the team with 104 yards on 13 carries for two touchdowns.



the ball under his arm and cut across the field. He put a fake on the final tackler around the 15 and it was nothing but green grass in front of him.

With just a couple of minutes left in the first half the light towers went dark. As the band played, the cheerleaders and players were a mere shadow on the field. Within 15 minutes the lights were back on and the Lightning moved the ball down

the field, but an interception in the end zone by Anthony Lee on the final play of the half gave the Bulldogs a 14-0 lead at the break. Lee was another one of the defensive players with several big plays in the game.

Dawgs pull away

Lehigh scored in the third quarter with a touchdown and two point conversion

to cut the lead to six, but the Bulldogs responded by going back to Beeles, who scored from the Lehigh 9-yard-line to give DeSoto a 20-8 lead.

Kicker Cesar Barajas missed the extra point. He wasn't to blame, however, as the Bulldogs only had 10 men on the field and the uncovered Lehigh player got a hand on the kick. There was confusion on the field as the Bulldogs were unsure if they should call timeout or not.

As the extra point team came off the field DeSoto County Head Coach Matt Egloff told them, "If that happens again, don't snap it. Just take the (delay of game) penalty." Barajas has been perfect in all extra point and field goal attempts this season and has a strong leg, so the extra five yards wouldn't have affected him.

The Bulldog defense held Lehigh on a fourth down attempt to give the Bulldogs the ball deep in Lightning territory. The Dawgs then moved it to the 8-yard-line on the final play of the third quarter. Dawayne Hearn took it the final eight yards on the first play of the final period to give the Bulldogs all they needed to pick up their well deserved 27-8 win.

The DeSoto County defense was

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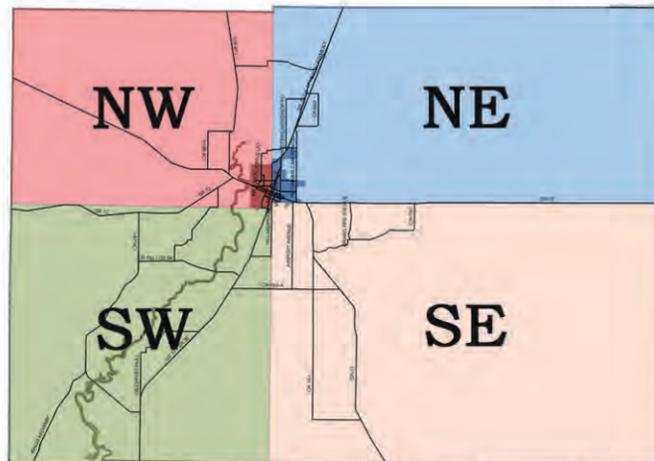
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The cheers that can't be heard

By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

There's nothing like hearing your son's name called on the public announcing system at a football game. Parents feel like standing and saying, "That's my boy, a chip off the old block." For the athlete on the field it's a sense of accomplishment that says, "Hey, somebody noticed what I did."

To hear the crowd and your teammates cheer when you make a big play pushes your adrenaline up a notch. To score on a 30-yard run to put your team ahead or to win the game is a feeling not everyone knows. The cheers from your teammates as you cross the goal line and the spontaneous roar from the fans is something Hollywood movies are made of.

What if you can't hear those cheers or your name booming over the loudspeakers? What's it like to see your teammates and the fans cheering, but you hear nothing? Welcome to the silent world of DeSoto County football player Quay Fudge.

Fudge, who turned 16 on Labor Day, is a wide receiver and defensive back for the Bulldogs. He was taken to the doctor at age 2 when his mother noticed that he wasn't as responsive to voices and sounds as he should be. Doctors discovered that Fudge had a distinct hearing loss which couldn't be fixed by an operation and can only get worse over time. "I just keep my hopes up that it will stay where it is and not



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Quay Fudge smirks at the camera as he prepares for football practice. You can see by his smile that he is about to do or say something funny.

get worse," Fudge said.

The likeable junior wears hearing aids while on the basketball court for the Bulldogs and he describes his hearing at maybe half the level of what the others hear. For football with its collisions and contact, it's not possible to wear the hearing aids so he's learned how to read lips.

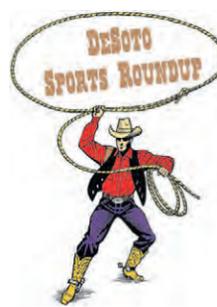
Ability shines through

Former middle school football coach Monty McLeod told the story of an early season practice when he didn't

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DeSoto Sports Roundup

By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN
SPORTS WRITER



DeSoto County High School

The varsity boys' golf team lost to both Hardee and Port Charlotte in a Sept. 2 match, and their Sept. 4 match against Palmetto and Hardee was halted due to

weather conditions. Justin Dameron shot a season low and personal best three-over-par

39 in the Sept. 4 contest.

The junior varsity football game against Hardee was canceled due to lightning and has been rescheduled for Oct. 23.

The JV and varsity volleyball teams have split every match so far this season. Against Lake Placid the JV lost 2-0 but the varsity

won 3-1. Against North Port the JV won 2-1, but the varsity was bumped 3-1. With Port Charlotte visiting on Sept. 2, the JV won 2-0 and the varsity was shut out 3-0. In their first district game, the JV lost 2-1, but the varsity took a big step toward defending

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DeSoto County's Tajahs Jackson draws a crowd as he totes the pigskin inside the Lehigh 10-yard-line for a Bulldog first down. Zack Beeles (42) took the ball the final 9 yards of real estate on the next play for his second touchdown of the game in the 27-8 Bulldog win in their home opener.

Bulldog golfers in full swing

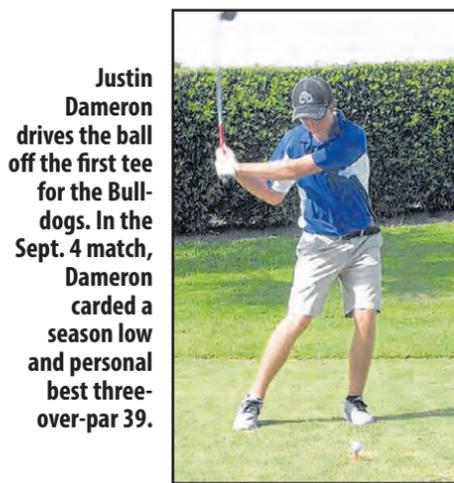


Freshman David Herbert takes a few warmup swings before the Bulldogs' match against Hardee and Port Charlotte.

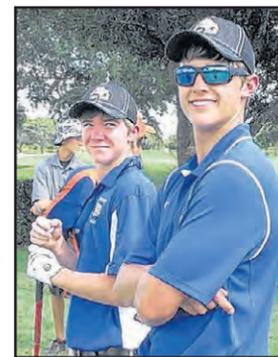
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DeSoto County Boys' Golf Coach Mike Klossner tells Clayton Cassells which hole he will start at in their meet with Hardee and Port Charlotte. Waiting for their directions are Cody Martell and Riley Mizell in the background.



Justin Dameron drives the ball off the first tee for the Bulldogs. In the Sept. 4 match, Dameron carded a season low and personal best three-over-par 39.



Justin Dameron (left) and Bailey Turner, both seniors on the DeSoto County golf team, wait for their opponents to tee off in their Sept. 2 meet at The Bluffs golf course.

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Weather cancels JV football opener

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

It looks like Mother Nature is not a fan of DeSoto County High School football. The fall practices have been cut short due to lightning strikes, so the teams have practiced in the gym and in the Turner Center. With so much work being done indoors, Varsity Head Coach Matt Egloff said, "We might be a pretty good arena league team."

The junior varsity team had their first game canceled a couple of weeks before the season began when Lake Placid informed the school that they would not be coming to meet the Bulldogs in their opening game. Mother Nature gets a pass there since she had nothing to do with that.

What started as a light drizzle prior to the Bulldogs' game against Hardee quickly turned into a steady downpour, and it was mixed with a generous mixture of thunder and many lightning bolts. The storm just sat over Arcadia and continued to drench the area. At 8:15 p.m., DeSoto County Athletic Director Jarrett Zolkos informed both teams that the game would be postponed and would be made up Oct. 23.

That puts the JV team two games behind everyone else as far as getting playing time and working the plays. With only four sophomores on the squad, the rest of the team is made up of untested freshmen who have yet to see any live action after six weeks of conditioning and practice.

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The Bulldog JV football team sat on the benches in the locker room waiting for the rain to go away. It never did and the game against Hardee was moved to Oct. 23.



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Who would have thought that this would be the Bulldogs' highlight of the game, as they took an early lead against Port Charlotte only to lose in three straight sets.

Lady Bulldogs sunk by Pirates

By **STEVE KNAPP**

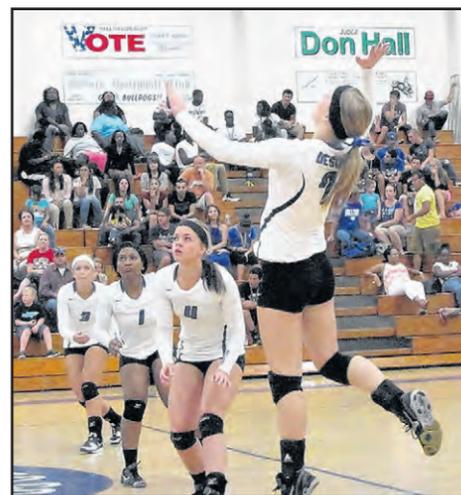
ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

Everything was in place for a big DeSoto County varsity volleyball win over the visiting Port Charlotte Pirates in the season home opener. The Pirates hadn't won a match all season; in fact, they had only won one set as they struggled to find a new identity after losing six seniors to graduation.

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Cassidy Furr (5) and Josie Deriso attempt to block this Pirate shot. Port Charlotte got their first win of the season with a 3-0 whipping in the DeSoto County home opener Sept. 2.



DeSoto County's Micaela Roberts goes on the attack as teammates (left) Kacey Steyer, Datasia Wallace and Kaitlin Steyer look on.

Check next week for Medical Report Card!!

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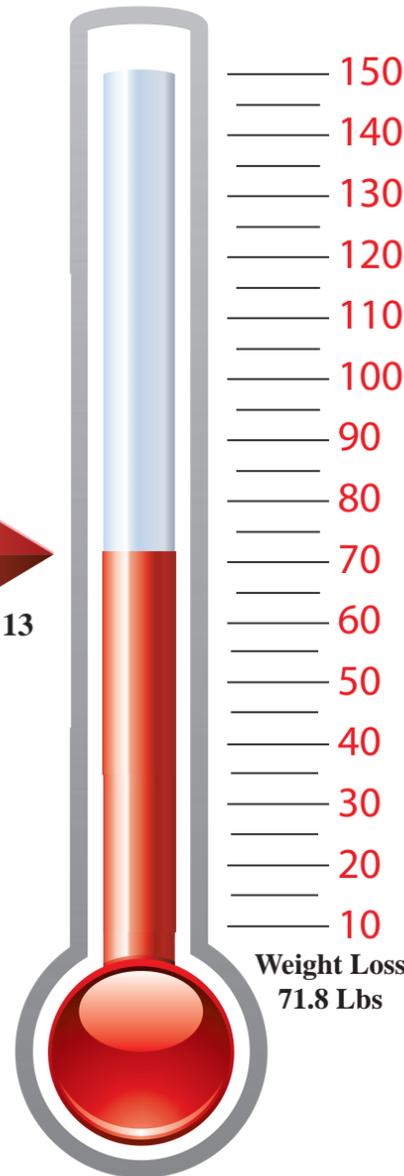
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BULLDOGS

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outstanding, with Turner getting three sacks and KeyShawn Smith also getting an interception. Smith had a second pick late in the game but it was nullified by a penalty on the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs also blocked two kicks. Other than a few bad snaps from center, the Bulldogs didn't fumble at all and with a wet ball all game long that's a remarkable feat.

Turner should have been wearing a Lehigh jersey with a running back's number on it because he was in the Lightning backfield on nearly every play. He said, "I felt we played pretty good on defense tonight, we all were hustling right to the ball. It feels pretty good to play a game."

The offense picked up 221 yards, with Beeles leading the way with 104 on just 13 carries. Those yards came compliments of the big boys on the offensive line. As Beeles said, "Oh ya they opened some holes tonight." Beeles was named "The WFLN radio player of the game" and also was named athlete of the week.

Egloff was also very happy with the



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Oscar "The Cuban Assassin" Alfonso leads the DeSoto County defense off the field after stopping Lehigh on a fourth down try. The Bulldogs won 27-8 in their first game of the season.

offensive line's performance. "You have to give credit to those guys. They played well tonight. I want to be positive because we won, but there were so many things we left out there on the table," he said. "We have to learn how to capitalize on those things we get. It took everyone on that sidelines to win that game. It was not just one player, it was a team effort."

Part of that team effort includes the linemen. Earnest Robinson, Stefan Williams, Chace Higgins, Rayshawn Stroman and the true freshman Kendhl Stewart are the guys up front, with Hunter Browning filling in for everyone to give them a break. Tomorrow the Bulldogs travel to

East Lee County which is just a little over an hour from Arcadia. Last season the Bulldogs tamed the Jaguars 47-28. It will not be as easy for the Bulldogs this season as they need to stay focused and continue to execute on both sides of the ball.

The Jaguars had their first game of the season canceled as did the Bulldogs. They then lost to a very good Cape Coral team 50-13 after trailing 48-7 at the half. They gained more yards on the kick returns than they did on offense. Last week was their bye week so they have had extra time to prepare for the Bulldogs. If you can't attend the game then listen to WFLN 1480 am for all of the action.

WEATHER

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Missed games a financial hit

The JV is on the road tonight and then return home on Sept. 18 to host Fort Meade (weather permitting of course!). The loss of the games has a financial impact on the school. Even though the games are not played, the referees still get paid and there are personnel who sell tickets and work

the gate who also receive payment. In addition, there are costs associated with lining the field.

Zolkos said, "Missing out on a varsity home game costs us about \$10,000. When you consider the gate admission and the parking charge along with the money that isn't made in the concession stand, it adds up in a hurry. For the Kick Off Classic we took in something like \$2,000 just on the parking charge. For a JV game there is no parking charge, but a good draw like Hardee means about \$2,000 at the gate alone with another \$1,000 the concession stand would make." The

concession stand is run by the Junior class and the Blazing Blue Band.

This lack of income from just the first varsity and JV game could total around \$13,000. That money is a primary revenue source that trickles down to other athletic programs. This loss of income could mean that a team may not get new uniforms or any new equipment that is needed.

The varsity football team only has two more home games this season. Homecoming is Sept. 19 when they host Booker, and their final home game is Oct. 20 against Hardee.

ROUNDUP

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their district championship with an exciting 3-2 win.

- The varsity football team finally got onto the field this season and turned out the lights on the Lehigh High Lightning 27-8.

Upcoming games

- The varsity football team travels to East Lee tomorrow night, where they will try to make it two wins in a row. If you can't be at the game be sure to listen to all of the action on WFLN 1480 am radio or on your computer. The Bulldogs tamed the Jaguars last season 47-28.

- Girls' golf will be home Sept. 16 as they host Lake Placid at 4 p.m. at The Bluffs.

- The boys' golf team is at home today at 4 p.m. as they take on the Booker Tornadoes at The Bluffs.

- The JV football team is away tonight as they hopefully will be able to actually get onto the field to play a game. They play Sebring at 7 p.m. and then return home to host Fort Meade at 7 p.m. on Sept. 18.

- Cross Country boys' and girls' teams will travel to Moore Haven today for a 4:30 p.m. match and then will be at North Port Sept. 20 starting at 8:50 a.m.

- The volleyball teams will be at Hardee Sept. 16 as they play their third straight district match. On Sept. 20 the varsity team will be in a tournament at Riverdale and the JV team will travel to North Port to also play in a tournament.

DeSoto County Middle School

- The middle school softball team will play their first game under a new coaching staff as they host Sebring at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 16.

- The football team is also playing for new coaches after the retirement of Monty McLeod. Meet the coaches at the Fall Scrimmage BBQ this Saturday, Sept. 13 at 4:30 p.m. Then come out to see the team as they host Sebring the following Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. For more info call 863-990-8272.

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on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 142014CP000087 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **CAROLYN S. LONG**, PROBATE DIVISION JUDGE: JAMES S. PARKER Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CAROLYN S. LONG, Deceased, File No. 2014CP000087, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the Will, the qualifications of the Personal Representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against the Decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER

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BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is September 11th, 2014.
PAUL BENNETT SEUSY, P.A.
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Florida Bar No. 0690252
/s/ Dennis C. Long.
Personal Representative
12649 Hill Road
Waterford, PA 16441
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
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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, Defendant(s).

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

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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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 2010-CA-000197 Bank of America, National Association Plaintiff, vs. PAUL ALEJO; RAQUEL ALEJO A/K/A RAQUEL E. ALEJO; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Florida, will on the 14th day of October, 2014, at 11:00 AM, at 115 East Oaks St, Arcadia, FL 34266, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Desoto County, Florida:
LOT 26, BLOCK "C" OF THE MEADOWS OF ARCADIA, AN UNRECORDED PLAT MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST. SUBJECT TO A 30 FOOT EASEMENT ON THE EAST SIDE FOR ROAD, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES. ALL LYING AND BEING IN DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 2004 MOBILE HOME VIN # N811374A AND VIN # NS11374B.
pursuant to the Final Judgment

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entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above. Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale. WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 25th day of August, 2014.

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

Mitzie W. McGavic
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ B. Wynn
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.

142012CA000567CAAXMA
M & T BANK
Plaintiff

Vs.
SIDNEY ALBRITTON, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES A. ALBRITTON; ET AL
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 20, 2014, and entered in Case No. 142012CA000567CAAXMA, of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for De Soto County, Florida. M & T Bank, Plaintiff and SIDNEY ALBRITTON, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES A. ALBRITTON; ET AL, defendant. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash DeSoto County Courthouse 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL, SALE BEGINNING AT 11:00 a.m. on this 30th day of September, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

BEGIN AT THE SE CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S 85 DEGREES 30' 17" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 789.46 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SAME LINE 263.77 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 14' 07" WEST, 338.52 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 25' 17" EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 263.42 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 17' 57" EAST, 338.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO COUNTY ROAD R/W ON SOUTH SIDE. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2826 SOUTH EAST REYNOLDS STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266 AS DESCRIBED IN MORTGAGE BOOK 599, PAGE 2560.

Property Address:
2826 SE REYNOLDS ST, ARCADIA, FL 34266
A person claiming an interest

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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 4th day of September, 2014.

By: /s/ B. Wynn
As Deputy Clerk
This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065. **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 DeSoto County Jury Office, 115 East Oak Street Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**

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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
Clerk of Court
By: /s/ B. Wynn
as Deputy Clerk Published 9/4/14 & 9/11/14 228541 3082707

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,
v.

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;

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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, GRANTEEES, 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 3082681

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, 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

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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 9/4/14 & 9/11/14 121980 3082700

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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 #: 14-22-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

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All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **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
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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: UNIT NUMBER 1004 OF HERON POINTE OF DESOTO COUNTY, A CONDOMINIUM, PHASE 11, ACCORDING TO THE CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 233, PAGE 176 AND AS AMENDED, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO APPERTAINING AND SPECIFIED IN SAID CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION.

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
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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.

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 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

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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
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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: 264
Issuance Date: MAY 30, 2008
Tax Deed File #: 14-26-TD
Description of Property: THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 19, BLOCK, 1 SECTION 10, SUNNYBREEZE HARBOR, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 84.

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

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **OCTOBER 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
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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 NOCA-TEE, FLORIDA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 80.

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

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

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **OCTOBER 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 8/21/14,
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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 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 8/21/14,
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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: 2312
Issuance Date: MAY 30, 2008
Tax Deed File #: 14-29-TD
Description of Property: LOT 6, BLOCK "M", FOREST PINE ESTATES, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 20

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

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

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **OCTOBER 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
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DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 8/21/14,
8/28/14, 9/4/14 & 9/11/14
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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
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DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,
Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: 8/21/14,
8/28/14, 9/4/14 & 9/11/14
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 1472
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012
Tax Deed File #: 14-31-TD
Description of Property: LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK "E", OAK CREST SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC

RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1975 TWIN MANOR DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME. IDENTIFICATION #T25221462A AND IDENTIFICATION #T25221462B.

Names in which assessed:
DANIEL CENDEJAS
1130 NE POLK AVE
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
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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

Board Updates - August 2014

The School Board of District of DeSoto County, Florida, gives notice of its intent to repeal its existing policies and adopt or update new policies as shown below.

Existing policies proposed for addition, revision, or deletion to current School Board Policy:
1060 - Incapacity of the Electd Superintendent (new), 5114 - Nonimmigrant Students and Foreign Exchange Programs (revised), 6322 - Construction Contracting and Bidding (new), 1419.01 - Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans (delete), 1419.02 - Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans (revised), 3419.01 - Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans (delete), 3419.02 - Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans (revised), 3419.01 - Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans (delete), 4419.02 - Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans (revised), 2280 - Physical Education (revised), 3410 - Compensation (revised), 1430 - Leaves of Absence (revised), 1430.04 - Personal Leave (New), 1430.05 - Illness - or Injury-in-Line-of-Duty (new),

1430.06 - Vacation Leave (new), 1430.07 - Military Leave (new), 1430.08 - Professional Leave (new), 1430.09 - Jury/Witness Duty Leave (new), 3430 - Leaves of Absence (revised), 3430.04 - Personal Leave (New), 3430.05 - Illness - or Injury-in-Line-of-Duty (new), 3430.06 - Vacation Leave (new), 3430.07 - Military Leave (new), 3430.08 - Professional and Sabbatical Leave (new), 3430.09 - Jury/Witness Duty Leave (new), 4430 - Leaves of Absence (revised), 4430.04 - Personal Leave (New), 4430.05 - Illness - or Injury-in-Line-of-Duty (new), 4430.06 - Vacation Leave (new), 4430.07 - Military Leave (new), 4430.09 - Jury/Witness Duty Leave (new), 5410.01 - Promotion, Acceleration, Placement and Retention (revised), 5200 - Attendance (revised), 2440 - Summer Programs (revised), 2261.03 - Annual Report Requirements (revised), 5830 - Student Fund-Raising (revised), 8500 - Food Service Program (revised), 8510 - Wellness (revised), 8540 - Vending Machine (revised), 8550 - Competitive Food Sales (revised), 9211 - Parent Organizations, Booster Clubs, and Other Fund-Raising Activities (revised), 1217 - Weapons (revised), 3217 - Weapons (revised), 4217 - Weapons (revised), 5772 - Weapons (revised), 7217 - Weapons (revised)

Purpose and Effect: To update the policies, conform policies to current legislation, consolidate similar policies on the same subject, eliminate redundant and obsolete language, and make policies easier to find, understand and use. Once adopted, the new policies will be electronically published, hyperlinked and keyword searchable.

Authority: F.S. 1001.41(2); 1001.42, 1001.43, 1012.23
Summary of Statement of Estimated Regulatory Cost: No statement of estimated regulatory costs has been prepared. Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative, must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

Any affected person may request a public hearing on the proposed repeal and adoption of these policies. Such requests must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent, within 21 days after the date of publication of this notice. Any material pertinent to the issues under consideration submitted to the Superintendent within 21 days after the date of publication of this notice or submitted between the date of publication and the end of the last public hearing shall be considered by the Board and made a part of the rulemaking record. Action on the rule repeal and adoption will occur at a future School Board meeting, which shall be separately noticed.

The Person to be contacted Regarding the policies is: Dr. Karyn E. Gary, Office of the Superintendent, 530 LaSolana Ave, Arcadia FL, 34266; telephone 863-494-4222.

Any person who decides to appeal a decision with respect to a matter considered at the hearing is hereby advised that, for such purpose, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the meeting is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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530 LaSolana Ave, Arcadia FL, 34266; telephone 863-494-4222 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
By Dr. Karyn E. Gary, Superintendent of Schools and Secretary to the Board.
Published 9/11/14, 9/18/14, 9/25/14, 10/2/14
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF
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Pursuant to Section 324 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know act of 1986 (EPCRA), the following information is available to the public upon request during normal business hours by contacting the Florida, District VII, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for Hazardous Materials.

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555 East Church Street
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Bartow, Florida 33831
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Planting the fall vegetable garden

One of the challenges of Florida vegetable gardening is learning when to plant each crop. Fall begins our vegetable growing season. Instead of thinking of it as one long growing season, think of it as three “windows” for growing either warm season or cool season crops. The fall warm window extends from mid August to mid December — the average date of our first killing frost. Our cool season window is mid October to late March. Mid February to mid May is our second warm window.

Growers of commercial warm season crops have already started planting. Warm season crops are those that cannot tolerate even the lightest of frosts. Warm season crops include beans, cucumbers, corn, eggplant, melons, okra, peppers, southern peas, squash, sweet potatoes and tomatoes. Check the days to harvest for each vegetable before planting to be sure there’s still time to grow the plant to harvest size.

Vegetable transplants are showing up in stores now. Smith’s Ranch and Garden grows their own transplants, and they are time-tested varieties that are known to grow well in our area.

Most gardeners want a few tomato, pepper and eggplant plants. If you’ve had trouble with root-knot nematodes, these plants can be a challenge. Growing in containers filled with a commercial potting mix is one solution. Another technique some gardeners use is drenching the soil at planting and several times during the growing season with a solution made by mixing a few tablespoons of sesame oil in water with a few drops of mild dish detergent. Shake to emulsify and then drench the soil. The sesame oil is said to repel the nematodes.

If you’re a basil lover, plant seeds now for a quick crop. Harvest before the first frost. All types of beans, cucumbers, squash and corn may be planted now until mid-October. Beginning gardeners often plant too much of a single crop. A 20 foot row of beans will yield 8 to 10 pounds of beans in 50 to 60 days. Pole beans yield a bit more, 12 to 15 pounds over a slightly longer period.

If you want to grow your own transplants of cool season crops, now is the time to get them started. We use self-watering planter boxes. These boxes come with a tube of pelletized fertilizer that is normally placed down the center of the planter after it is filled with potting mix. Each box can accommodate only two to four transplants. To convert to starting transplants, fill the container to within about 2 inches of the rim, wet the mix and firm it down. Sprinkle three tablespoons of slow release fertilizer pellets,



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Al & Karen Smoke

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either a balanced blend or one with high phosphorus for good root development. Fill the container to the rim and tamp the mix down. Plant seeds by gently pressing into the surface. Don’t plant too many, 20 to 30 seeds will be enough. Try to space the seeds evenly. One technique is to use the eraser end of a pencil to pick up one seed at a time. If you plant more than one variety per planter, divide the area by placing a strip of masking tape across the box and label with what you have planted in each area. Keep the water reservoir filled at all times. When the plants have two sets of true leaves, carefully lift individual plants with a wedge of soil and plant in the garden.

Our favorite easy cool season crop is broccoli. Set young plants 18 inches apart. At first the little plants will look lost, but crowding plants limits their growth and increases insect problems. Use a dilute liquid fertilizer to get them off to a good start, then side dress every other week with a light dusting of granular fertilizer or your choice of organic fertilizer. Frequent small applications of fertilizer will keep plants growing strong. Soil should be moist when applying fertilizer, or sprinkle lightly immediately after applying.

From seed, broccoli takes about 75 to 90 days to produce a crop; transplants will produce a crop in 55 to 70 days. A single plant will produce about a half to one pound of broccoli. For a continuous harvest, set plants out every 30 days from now through February. Some varieties are bred to produce a single large head; others will produce smaller side shoots continuously after the main stalk is cut.

Collards are another easy sure crop. Six to 10 plants will satisfy even a collard lover. Collards aren’t too particular about soil, and are fairly drought tolerant, though they’ll grow best in soil that is evenly moist and will benefit from nitrogen fertilizer. Seeds germinate in five to seven days. Thin to 9 inches apart.

When plants are about 12 inches high, harvest every other plant. These tender baby greens will require a minimum of cooking. Harvest leaves from the bottom up, and plants will remain productive all season long. Each time you harvest, give plants a bit of fertilizer to encourage more growth. When plants are well spaced, aphids are seldom a problem. If aphids do get the upper hand, spray plants with a soap solution — either a commercial spray or one made from mild liquid soap.

If you’re not a collard lover, try growing kale. This leafy green has a more delicate flavor and young leaves may be eaten raw or stir fried for a quick nutritious vegetable dish. Kale is also a great addition to soups — simply tear leaves into small bits and add during the last 15 minutes of cooking. We like the curly leaf varieties — they also seem to be less prone to aphids.

Other cool season crops may be started from seed now or through the end of November, including beet, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard, onion, parsley, radish, spinach, sweet pea, Swiss chard and turnip. Some of these crops should be direct seeded, others may be grown from transplants.

For information on additional crops to plant consult The Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide available at www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh021 or the DeSoto County Extension Office. You’ll find recommended varieties for our climate as well as specific planting instructions.



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Our favorite easy cool season crop is broccoli. Start your own transplants now, or purchase started plants toward the end of the month through November. From seed, broccoli takes about 75 to 90 days to produce a crop; transplants will produce a crop in 55 to 70 days. A single plant will produce about a half to one pound of broccoli. Frequent small applications of fertilizer will keep plants growing strong.



Oriental greens are a good cool season crop. Most of these versatile greens are good raw in salads or lightly stir fried. Wait until the end of the month to begin sowing seeds. Oriental greens sometimes do not transplant well, but if plants are shaded when first set out they will thrive.



Most gardeners want a few tomato, pepper and eggplant plants. If you’ve had trouble with root-knot nematodes, these plants can be a challenge. One thing you can try is drenching the soil at planting and several times during the growing season with a solution made by mixing a few tablespoons of sesame oil in water with a few drops of mild dish detergent. Mulching the soil and growing French marigolds may also help control nematodes.

Heavy rains, hot temps through most of Florida

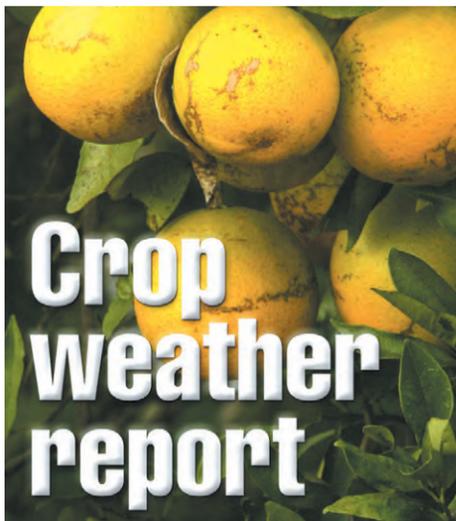
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPT. 6

Weather Summary

According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network, rainfall ranged from 0.22 to 6.83 inches this past week. Live Oak (Suwannee County) received the most rain with 6.83 inches, followed by MacClenny (Baker County) with 6.38 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 69 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 69 to 96 across the State. The highest temperature was 96 degrees in Dover (Hillsborough County), MacClenny (Baker County), and Avalon (Orange County). The lowest temperature in the state was 69 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County), Quincy (Gadsden County), and Joshua (De Soto County).

Fruit and Vegetables

Southwest Florida received scattered showers throughout the week.



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

malanga and bitter melon.

Field Crops

There was an average of 6.4 days suitable for field work, down slightly from 6.6 days the previous week. Farmers in Escambia County finished harvesting corn. Cotton was in fair condition across the Panhandle, with some hurt by disease. Army worms were still a problem in parts of the Panhandle as was white mold on peanuts. Peanut harvest has not begun in the Panhandle, but had started in Dixie County. Peanut condition was mostly good for the state. Sugarcane planting in Palm Beach County had started.

Livestock and Pastures

Rain in Jefferson County improved moisture levels for pastures this past week. Okeechobee County had many pastures with standing water and cattle look well hydrated. Statewide, the cattle

and pasture condition was mostly good.

Citrus

Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and heavy. All stations received some precipitation. Twenty-one stations received more than an inch and six received more than three inches. Lake Alfred (Polk County) received the most at 5.06 inches, followed by St. Lucie West (St. Lucie County) with 4.58 inches. Palmdale (Glades County) recorded the least precipitation with 0.22 inches. Daytime high temperatures were hot, reaching the low to mid 90s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated Sept. 2, abnormally dry conditions have returned to the western production area. All other citrus producing regions in Florida remain drought-free.

Next season’s crop is progressing well. Growers and caretakers are mowing, irrigating, treating existing trees affected with greening, and giving care to new resets.

LADY BULLDOGS

FROM PAGE 17

The junior varsity Bulldogs blasted the hapless Pirates in the earlier contest by a two set total of 50-17. The enthusiasm was high, and the big home crowd cheered on the varsity squad.

The Bulldogs jumped out to an 8-1 lead as Bethany Bonville, who led the team with 14 kills, started the game off with a blast that went untouched on the Pirate side of the court. Nobody would have believed that big lead would be the highlight of the evening for the girls in blue and white.

From there on out the Bulldogs' Titanic hit the Pirates' iceberg and slowly took on water as they sunk to a disappointing

three-set loss 25-22, 26-24 and 25-18.

Errors abound

Nearly every facet of the game took a dive as several back court balls were missed, passes were sent off mark and serve returns were adventures by themselves as the Bulldogs put on a lackluster performance for their home fans.

The Bulldogs kept it close in game two, with the score tied nine times. Kacey Steyer blasted one of her 11 kills, giving the team hope in a modest two-point run to tie the contest at 17.

Trading leads and after a long rally tied the score at 22, Josie Deriso's soft put back gave the Bulldogs a 23-22 lead. After tying the set at 24, the Pirates put up the final pair of points on the scoreboard to take a 2-0 set lead.

The final game started the same as

the previous two sets, with the Bulldogs taking an early lead. The Pirates broke an 8-8 tie with five points to take a 13-8 advantage. Lucero Perez brought the Bulldogs back to within a point at 13-12 and they later tied the game at 15.

Then the team took on water faster than they could bail it out, with Port Charlotte going on a 10-3 run to send the surprised and disappointed Bulldogs to their first loss in front of their home crowd.

"I just keep talking to them about having heart and desire out there. I see it from a few players, but I didn't see it from all six girls when they were out there," Head Coach Laura White said. "Port Charlotte didn't want that ball to hit the ground, and they played awesome. We have the mentality that we'd rather let the ball hit the ground rather than dive for it. We didn't have many aces against

them because they wanted it more than we did. There is a long list of things we need to work on tomorrow (in practice). Our middles need to play a factor in the game."

White had a long pause when asked if there was anything positive that could be taken from the match. "Kacey (Steyer) had a decent night and of course Bethany (Bonville) did a bang up job, but that was about it," she said.

Steyer said the team needs to work on covering better. "We just didn't cover, that's our main problem," she said. "Our defense wasn't good. This was aggravating. We should have won, that was ridiculous!"

Bonville added, "We need to work on our blocks. When that one girl (Pirate player) hit the ball she was always right between our middles so we have to work on closing our blocks."

FUDGE

FROM PAGE 16

know of Fudge's impairment.

"I was getting on the boys after they messed up a play and I was yelling at them pretty good. Everybody was looking at the ground or off in the distance and trying not to make eye contact with me," he said. "As I'm explaining what they did wrong I kept noticing one player leaning around his teammates in order to make eye contact with me. I thought it was strange so I yelled, 'Fudge what are you looking at?' The players told me he was deaf and was reading my lips. Wow, did I ever feel bad for yelling at him. I put him at linebacker and he was one of my best players."

Middle school basketball coach Eric Shea said, "I put him at the position where I put my best athlete and he didn't let me down. He's a player."

Fudge tells what it is like to have a hearing loss. "When my teammates are talking or if the ref tells me something I can hear a mumble-like sound off in the distance but I can't make out what

they are saying," he said. "Against Port Charlotte we called a fake punt but I didn't hear it and thought we were punting. I didn't mess up the play but whoever made the call didn't call it loud enough so I didn't know."

Fudge makes up for his lack of hearing with his athleticism and intelligence on the football field and basketball court. Bulldogs basketball coach Richard Koonce says, "He's a highly intelligent young man. He's above so many other players as far as intelligence goes. He sees things that others don't and he's developed his other senses. He's a special kid."

Wade Huckaby coaches football but sees Fudge in his classroom, too. "He's a gem. He brings a different energy to the classroom," he said. "He brings the class to a different level. He's smart and real aware of what is going on around him and in the entire classroom. He's funny too. The little thing he does with his lip, I don't know what it is, but he makes me laugh. He's a good kid at home and helps his mom out a lot. He's a pretty squared away young man."

Fudge could have used his hearing impairment as an excuse in both the



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DeSoto County Head Coach Matt Egloff talks to the team as Quay Fudge reads his lips. Egloff said, "He's a very athletic kid and a good kid, too."

classroom and in sports. He's taken his loss and turned it into a positive thing. He's showed others that you can overcome obstacles in life if you want it bad enough.

"I just try to do my best at whatever I do," he said. "If someone else has a problem like I do, then they can see that I overcame it and they can, too. Maybe I can give hope to someone else."

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DeSoto County High School Bulldog Football



DeSoto County Kicker Cesar Barajas drills the final point of the game through the uprights in the 27-8 September 6 win over Lehigh. The holder is Anthony Lee.



Leading the DeSoto County defense were Deionte (Juice) Turner and Oscar (The Cuban Assassin) Alfonso as they forced a fumble on this tackle.



Anthony Lee takes his pads off as the game clock ticks down to zero. Lee made several good tackles and intercepted a pass in the end zone to stop a Lehigh drive at the end of the first half.



Earnest (Dreadhead) Robinson and Stefan (Thumpa) William

WFLN 1480 News Radio - Player of the Week #42 Zack Beeles

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	W27 - 8
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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